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### Academic employment

2008–	Dickason Professor in the Humanities, Stanford University
2004–	Professor of Classics and (since 2012) of History, Stanford University
2003–2004	Associate Professor of Classics, Stanford University
2002	Visiting Associate Professor of History, University of Chicago
2000–2002	Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Chicago
1999–2000	Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Classics and Social Science History Institute, Stanford University
1996–1999	Moses and Mary Finley Research Fellow in Ancient History, Darwin College; Invited Lecturer, Faculty of Classics; Senior Member, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge
1990–1995	‘Vertragsassistent’ and University Lecturer in Ancient History, Department of Ancient History, University of Vienna

### Fellowships and secondary visiting positions

2020	Visiting Scholar, Lund University (remotely)
2017–2018	Fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
2017–2018	Visiting Scholar, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University
2017	‘Gastprofessor’ (Visiting Professor), Faculty of Law, University of Zürich
2016	Guest Professor, Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen
2015–2016	Stanford Humanities and Arts Enhanced Sabbatical Fellowship, Stanford University
2013–2021	Catherine R. Kennedy and Daniel L. Grossman Fellow in Human Biology, Stanford University
2011	Visiting Distinguished Professor in World History, New York University Abu Dhabi
2010	Visiting Professor, Department of History, Columbia University, New York
2007–2008	Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford
2005–2006	New Directions Fellow of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
1999	‘Gastprofessor’ (Visiting Professor), Department of Ancient History, University of Innsbruck
1998	‘Maître de Conférences Invité’ (Visiting Professor), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
1995	Erwin Schrödinger Fellow of the Austrian Research Council; Visiting Scholar, Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
1994	Visiting Scholar, University of Cambridge; Ordinary Member of the Senior Combination Room, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge

### Academic degrees

‘Habilitation’ in Ancient History, University of Graz (1998); Ph.D. in Ancient History, University of Vienna (1993); M.Phil. in Ancient History, University of Vienna (1989)

## Monographs

*In the beginning: why ancient history matters and how to make it new*, Princeton University Press: Princeton, accepted for publication. c.300 p.

*Escape from Rome: the failure of empire and the road to prosperity*, Princeton University Press: Princeton, 2019 (Princeton Economic History of the Western World). XX + 670 p. (Audiobook by Recorded Books, 2019. Paperback edition 2021. Chinese Traditional translation: Acropolis, 2022; Italian: LUISS University Press, 2022. Under contract: Chinese Simplified – Gingko Book Co; Turkish – Vakıfbank Kultur Yayınları).<sup>a</sup>

*The great leveler: violence and the history of inequality from the Stone Age to the twenty-first century*, Princeton University Press: Princeton, 2017 (Princeton Economic History of the Western World). XVIII + 504 p. (Audiobook by Tantor Audio, 2017. Paperback edition 2018. Korean translation: Eco Livre, 2017; German: WBG Theiss, 2018; Portuguese: Almedina, 2018; Spanish: Editorial Crítica, 2018; Chinese Simplified: China CITIC Press, 2019; Italian: Il Mulino, 2019; Japanese: Toyo Keizai, 2019; Russian: AST Publishing, 2019; Czech: Argo, 2020; Portuguese Brazil: Zahar Editoria, 2020; French: Actes Sud, 2021; Chinese Traditional: Linking Publishing, 2023; Turkish: Fol Kitap, 2024. Under contract: Polish – Glowbook).<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Association of American Publishers 2020 Prose Awards Category Finalist. *Financial Times* Best Books of 2019 (Economics); *Evening Standard* Best Books of 2019; *Aspects of History* Books of the Year 2020; *LibreMercado* Los libros del año 2020; *Times* paperback picks April 17, 2021; *Business Insider* College summer reading list books 2021; *Pitchfork Economics* summer reading list 2021; Carnegie Europe 2023 summer reads. News coverage: *Atlantic*; NPR 'On Point'; *Weekendavisen*; *L'Express*; *Helsingin Sanomat*; *Klassekampen*; WLS Radio; ABC RN; *Profil*. Podcasts: *Tides of History*; *Science Salon*; *John Howell Show*. Web interview: *Rorotoko*. Reviews: R. Colville, *Times* October 19, 2019; F. Fernández-Armesto, *Wall Street Journal* October 24, 2019; P. Stothard, *Financial Times* December 14, 2019; M. Carter, *Air Mail* December 14, 2019; P. Parker, *Le Point* January 8, 2020; P. Thonemann, *Times Literary Supplement* January 31, 2020, 4-5; R. Owen, *Tablet* February 6, 2020; C. Rudbeck, *Axess magasin* 2020/1, 79-81; M. Aaltola, *Talouselämä* February 21, 2020; T. Jones, *Christian Century* February 28, 2020; P. Wallace, *Choice* March 2020; S. Davies, *Reason* March 2020; P. Temin, *EH.Net* March 2020; D. Lynch, *America* March 2020; P. Lemieux, *Regulation* 43 (2020), 59-61; T. Wig, *Klassekampen* June 13, 2020; H. Derks, *H-Soz-Kult* June 29, 2020 (retracted July 6, 2020); A. Marcone, *sehpunkte* 20 (2020); A. Aksiim, *Sirp* July 31, 2020; N. Alarcón, *El Confidencial* September 19, 2020; P. Brown, *New York Review of Books* September 24, 2020; B. Fauconnier, *Klio* 102 (2020), 793-796; G. Pech, *Central Asia Business Journal* 11.3 (2020), 25-28; F. Verhagen, *Opuscula* 13 (2020), 236-238; P. Turchin, *Cliodynamics* 11 (2020), 77-87; J.-L. van Zanden, *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geschiedenis* 17 (2020), 176-179; L. Fernández-Galiano, *Arquitectura Viva* February 28, 2021; J. Hall, *European Journal of Sociology* 61 (2021), 537-541; J. Morgan, *Mises Wire* February 24, 2021; P. Tedesco, *Jacobin* February 25, 2021; *Hislibris* September 2, 2021; R. Hodges, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 34 (2021), 408-416 (with my response 998-999); M. Koyama, *Journal of Economic Literature* 59 (2021), 634-650; B. Reilly, *Journal of World History* 32 (2021), 547-549; B. Ward-Perkins, *Journal of Greek Archaeology* 6 (2021), 424-425; M. Taylor, *Michigan War Studies Review* September 14, 2022. Notices: M. Olasky, *World Magazine* January 16, 2020; S. Simon, *Survival* 63 (2021), 214-215.

<sup>b</sup> • Shortlisted for Cundill History Prize 2017, *Financial Times* & McKinsey Business Book of the Year 2017, and Wissenschaftsbuch des Jahres 2019. *strategy+business* Best Business Book 2017 (Economics); M. Wolf's *Financial Times* Summer Book of 2017; *Economist* Books of the Year 2017 (Economics and Business); *Financial Times* Best Books of 2017 (Economics); CNBC Best Business Books of 2017; *BBC History Magazine* Books of the Year 2017 (Global). Other end-of-year lists for 2017: *New York Times*; *Wall Street Journal*; *El Cultural*; HCSS; *History Workshop*; *Le Devoir*; Microsoft; *Moneyweb*; *Nasdaq*; *Project Syndicate*; *World*; *Zeit*; *Zenda*. *Politico* summer reading list 2021; *Lire* Les 100 livres de 2021.

• c.200 media reports, print, radio and TV interviews, and podcasts (listed at [web.stanford.edu/~scheidel/Leveler.pdf](http://web.stanford.edu/~scheidel/Leveler.pdf)).

• Panel at the European Social Science History Conference 2018, Belfast, UK, April 5, 2018. Reviews: *Kirkus Reviews* December 15, 2016; N. Ekdal, *Dagens Nyheter* January 18, 2017; G. Clark, *Wall Street Journal* January 21, 2017; M. Mazower, *Financial Times* February 10, 2017; G. Altschuler, *Huffington Post* March 1, 2017; *Economist* March 4, 2017; V. Bateman, *Times Higher Education* March 9, 2017; A. Reeves, *Nature* March 16, 2017; C. Kilian, *Tyee* March 16, 2017; P. Mason, *Guardian* March 29, 2017; I. Morris, *BBC History Magazine* April 2017; J. Pinheiro da Fonseca, *Exame* April 1, 2017; *New Yorker* April 10, 2017; D. Castañeda, *Nexos* April 27, 2017; M. Koyama, *Public Choice* May 18, 2017; L. Betzig, *Human Nature* May 19, 2017; D. Cohen, *Exame* May 27, 2017; A. Mingardi, *Economic Affairs* 37 (2017); B. Weston, *Choice* 54.11 (2017); M. Mann, *Millennium* July 18, 2017; G. Collyer, *New Scientist* July 26, 2017; E. Bencivenga, *Il Sole 24 Ore* July 30, 2017; V. Hanson, *Inference*, August 2, 2017; T. Kuran, *Foreign Affairs* August 15, 2017; A. Comegna, *Cato Journal* 37.3 (2017), 580-585; E. Hoff-Elmari, *Agenda Magasin* August 17, 2017; N. Bailey, *World Affairs* 180 (2017), 142-145; S. Wilson, *Business History Review* 91.3 (2017), 589-592; G. Lancaster, *Political Studies Review* September 14, 2017; M. Ericson, *Smedjan* September 15, 2017; A. Offer, *Times Literary Supplement* September 22, 2017; T. Ravaska, *Talous ja Yhteiskunta* 2017/3, 33; H. Atanasov, *Economic Alternatives* 2017/3, 486-488; I. McLennan, *Spear's* October 17, 2017; J. C. Scott, *London Review of Books* October 19, 2017; H. Höjer, *Forskning & Framsted* October 20, 2017; P. Kain, *Česká poztice* November 8, 2017; T. Lepeltier, *Sciences Humaines* November 11, 2017; E. Campanella, *Project Syndicate* December 8, 2017 = *Il Sole 24 Ore* January 30, 2018; D. Rollison, *Social History* 43 (2018), 126-128; E. Bengtsson, *Dagens Arena* January 10, 2018; B. van Bavel, *Economic History Review* 71 (2018), 369-370; B. Luber, *Milieu* February 1, 2018; A. Montenegro, *Espectador* February 3, 2018; B. Turner, *Law and Liberty* February 12, 2018; R. Iacono, *LSE Review of Books* February 23, 2018; T. Jackson, *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog* April 4, 2018; J. Mota, *El País* April 20, 2018; P. Brooke, *Le Point* April 2018; R. and O. Avi-Yonah, *Michigan Law Review* 116 (2018), 1001-1018; L. B. Muñoz, *Acepremsa* May 14, 2018; S. Wally, *Pro Zukunft* May 17, 2018; R. Bessel, *New Global Studies* June 23, 2018; J. Milloy, *Labour* 81 (2018), 318-319; M. Lak, *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis* 15 (2018), 124-126; D. Hoyer, *Cliodynamics* 9 (2018), 130-142; P. N. Stearns, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 49 (2018), 141-142; L. Gilhaus, *sehpunkte* 18 (2018); D. Valero, *ViaNews* August 3, 2018; S. Günther, *Historische Zeitschrift* 307 (2018), 140-141; U. Fölsing, *Frankfurter Allgemeine* September 24, 2018; P. Rusiñol, *Alternativas Económicas* 64, November 2018; L. Siebentag, *Private Banker* November 27, 2018; A. Faktorovich, *Pennsylvania Literary Journal* Fall 2018; M. J. Watts, *American Historical Review* 123 (2018), 1583-1595; U. Hafner, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* December 20, 2018; K. Chatziathanasiou, *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 16 (2018), 1376-1380; A. Warburton, *Akkadica* 139 (2018), 83-108; M. Linartas, *trAndeS* working paper 6, 2018; L. Kesztenbaum, *La Vie des Idées* January 7, 2019; H. von Trotha, *Deutschlandfunk Kultur*, January 14, 2019; M. Buggeln, *H-Soz-Kult* January 24, 2019; R. Mischke, *Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* January 27, 2019; A. Piliavsky, *Anthropology of this Century* 24 (2019); A. Jähne, *Neues Deutschland* March 21, 2019; C. R. Payne, *Journal of World-Systems Research* 25 (2019), 200-205; J. Power, *New York Journal of Books* May 13, 2019; C. Pfluger, *Zeitpunkt* May 27, 2019; D. Phillips, *Mediterranean Studies* 27 (2019), 120-122; P. de

*Death on the Nile: disease and the demography of Roman Egypt*, Brill: Leiden, Boston and Cologne, 2001 (Mnemosyne Supplement Volume 228). XXX + 286 p.<sup>c</sup>

*Measuring sex, age and death in the Roman empire: explorations in ancient demography*, Journal of Roman Archaeology: Ann Arbor, MI, 1996 (Journal of Roman Archaeology Supplement Volume 21). 184 p.<sup>d</sup>

*Grundpacht und Lohnarbeit in der Landwirtschaft des römischen Italien*, Peter Lang: Frankfurt a. M., 1994. XIV + 281 p.<sup>e</sup>

## Edited volumes

[with P. F. Bang and C. A. Bayly †] *The Oxford world history of empire*. Oxford University Press: New York, 2021. 2 vols. XXVIII + 552 p., XXXII + 1318 p. (Translations under contract: Chinese Simplified – Ginkgo Book Co.; Korean – Book 21 Publishing Group).<sup>f</sup>

*The science of Roman history: biology, climate, and the future of the past*, Princeton University Press: Princeton and Oxford, 2018 (paperback edition 2019). XVIII + 258 p. (Chinese Simplified translation under contract with Social Sciences Academic Press).<sup>g</sup>

[with J. Bodel] *On human bondage: after Slavery and social death*, Wiley-Blackwell: Malden MA, Oxford and Chichester, 2017. XIV + 314 p.<sup>h</sup>

[with A. Monson] *Fiscal regimes and the political economy of premodern states*, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2015 (paperback edition 2018). XVI + 586 p.<sup>i</sup>

*State power in ancient China and Rome*, Oxford University Press: New York, 2015 (paperback edition 2021). XVIII + 303 p. (Chinese Simplified translation: SDX Joint Publishing, 2020).<sup>j</sup>

Zwart, *International Review of Social History* July 8, 2019; E. L. Rivera, *Cuadernos de Economía* 77 (2019), 655-661; B. Rodríguez-Satizabal, *Revista de Historia Industrial* 28 (2019), 179-180; W. Easterly, *Journal of Economic Literature* 57 (2019), 955-971; O. Godechot, *European Journal of Sociology* 60 (2019), 510-516; V. Calzolaio, *Italiani* January 22, 2020; D. Ivanov, *European Societies* 22 (2020), 149-151; C. N. Focacci & F. Maccelli, *Pandora Rivista* March 27, 2020; F. Greco, *Giornale di Puglia* April 4, 2020; J. M. McKinney, *International Studies Review* 22 (2020), 714-715; P. Ferreira de Souza, *Quatro Cinco Um* September 11, 2020; M. Ferrario, *Atlante* October 6, 2020; J. Jaroš, *Kulturazi* October 20, 2020; J. Alberg, *European Legacy* October 30, 2020; J. Rákosník, *Econom* December 10, 2020; Y. Bousenna, *Socialter* February 1, 2021; V. Radier, *L'Obs* February 4-10, 2021, 14; M. Meunier, *La Croix* February 5, 2021; C. Jaigu, *Le Figaro* February 11, 2021; F. Godguin, *L'Humanité* February 16, 2021; C. Chavagneux, *Alternatives Économiques* March 12, 2021; J. Lukavec, *Denik N* March 12, 2021; A. Reverchon, *Le Monde* March 12, 2021; *Revista IMEF* March 19, 2021; J.-M. Daniel, *L'Express* April 11, 2021; J.-P. Tirouflet, *Ouest France* May 1, 2021; J.-P. Champseix, *En attendant Nadeau* May 13, 2021; D. Garet, *Silence* 500, June 2021; F. Damour, *Études* July 2021; L. Testot, *Sciences Humaines* 339 (2021); Y. Poulin, *Nuit Blanche* 164 (2021); E. Berg, *Esprit* December 2021; B. Tobagi, *Maremosso* October 26, 2022; L. Barrows, *Comparative Civilizations Review* 88 (2023), article 17.

<sup>c</sup> Reviews: A. Jördens, *Historische Zeitschrift* 276 (2003), 132-133; A. Marcone, *Athenaeum* 91 (2003), 701-702; D. W. Rathbone, *Population Studies* 53 (2003), 115-116; J. A. Straus, *Chronique d'Égypte* 78 (2003), 352-354; V. Nutton, *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 77 (2003), 693-695; A. Zuiderhoek, *Mnemosyne* 56 (2003), 246-250; C. Adams, *Classical Review* 54 (2004), 512-514.

<sup>d</sup> Reviews: R. Bagnall, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 8 (1997), 871-878; D. Montserrat, *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 35 (1998), 243-248; M. Pammer, *Historicum* 51 (1998), 6-9, with my response 52 (1998), 6-7; R. Alston, *Classical Review* 49 (1999), 512-514; R. Saller, *Population Studies* 53 (1999), 271; J. Straus, *Chronique d'Égypte* 74 (1999), 188-190; I. Morris, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 31 (2000), 83-84; C. Perassi, *Aegyptus* 80 (2000), 297-300; M. Clauss, *Klio* 83 (2001), 536-537; L. Wierschowski, *Gnomon* 74 (2002), 555-556.

<sup>e</sup> Reviews: D. P. Kehoe, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 9 (1996), 389-394; C. Schäfer, *Münstersche Beiträge zur antiken Handelsgeschichte* 15, 2 (1996), 106-110; H. Brandt, *Historische Zeitschrift* 264 (1997), 160-161. Notices: *Rivista storica dell'antichità* 25 (1995), 274; *Index* 25 (1997), 755.

<sup>f</sup> Review chapters: N. Horesh, *Explorations in world history*, Palgrave Macmillan: Singapore, 2023, 23-64. Review articles: J. Osterhammel, '“Imperiolegie”? Neues nach der *New Imperial History*,' *Neue Politische Literatur* 67 (2022), 229-248; B. D. Shaw, 'Global empires and the Roman imperium,' *American Journal of Philology* 143 (2022), 505-534; C. Noreña, 'The problem(s) of empire,' *Journal of Roman Studies* 114 (2024), forthcoming. Reviews: S. Kana, *History* 107 (2022), 611-616; E. Pereira, *Revista de História da Sociedade e da Cultura* 22 (2022), 279-285; W. Rafter, *Choice* July 2022; S. Gouguenheim, *Le Moyen Age* 129 (2023), 215-237.

<sup>g</sup> Reviews: T. Glomb, *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 4 (2017 [2019]), 286-288; S. Bernard, *Phoenix* 72 (2018), 176-179; H. Eckardt, *Current World Archaeology* 90 (2018); W. V. Harris, *Historische Zeitschrift* 307 (2018), 786-789; K. Krakowka, *Current Archaeology* 344 (2018); J. Corke-Webster, *Greece and Rome* 66 (2019), 142-143; B. Rossignol, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2019.03.22; B. Graham, *American Journal of Archaeology* 123 (2019), <https://www.ajaonline.org/book-review/3831>; P. Jones, *Classics for All* June 12, 2019; B. Russell, *Journal of Greek Archaeology* 4 (2019), 479-481; A. Prieto, *Inference* December 12, 2019; J. Cutright, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 33 (2020), 642-645; B. Mota, *Euphrosyne* 48 (2020), 500-502; C. Szabó, *Journal of Ancient History and Archaeology* 8 (2021), 144-146.

<sup>h</sup> Review: K. Vlassopoulos, *Journal of Global Slavery* 3 (2018), 319-325.

<sup>i</sup> Review article: P. T. Hoffman, 'Public economics and history,' *Journal of Economic Literature* 55 (2017), 1556-1569. Reviews: R. Van Dam, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2016.04.37; J. Howard-Johnston, *English Historical Review* 133 (2018); G. M. Feinman, *Cliodynamics* 13 (2022).

[with P. F. Bang] *The Oxford handbook of the state in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean*, Oxford University Press: New York, 2013 (paperback edition 2016). XII + 555 p.<sup>k</sup>

*The Cambridge companion to the Roman economy*, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2012 (paperback edition 2012). XIV + 443 p.<sup>l</sup>

[with A. Barchiesi] *The Oxford handbook of Roman studies*, Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2010 (paperback edition 2020). XVIII + 947 p.<sup>m</sup>

*Rome and China: comparative perspectives on ancient world empires*, Oxford University Press: New York, 2009 (paperback edition 2010). XVI + 240 p. (Chinese Simplified translation: Jiangsu People's Publishing House, 2018; Korean translation under contract with Think n Paper Publishing House).<sup>n</sup>

[with I. Morris] *The dynamics of ancient empires: state power from Assyria to Byzantium*, Oxford University Press: New York, 2009 (paperback edition 2010). XVIII + 381 p.<sup>o</sup>

[with I. Morris and R. Saller] *The Cambridge economic history of the Greco-Roman world*, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 2007 (paperback edition 2012). XVI + 942 p.<sup>p</sup>

[with S. von Reden] *The ancient economy*, Edinburgh University Press: Edinburgh, and Routledge: New York, 2002 (paperback edition 2002). XXII + 282 p.<sup>q</sup>

[with P. Siewert, S. Brenne, B. Eder and H. Heftner] *Ostrakismos-Testimonien I: Die Zeugnisse antiker Autoren, der Inschriften und Ostraka über das athenische Scherbengericht aus vorhellenistischer Zeit (487-322 v. Chr.)*, Steiner Verlag Stuttgart: Stuttgart, 2002 (Historia Einzelschrift 155). 555 p.<sup>r</sup>

<sup>j</sup> Reviews: F.-H. Mutschler, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2015.09.24; A. W. Irvin, *Classical Journal* 2016.9.11; S. Günther, *Historische Zeitschrift* 306 (2018), 512-513.

<sup>k</sup> Reviews: S. Burstein, *Choice* 50 (2013), 2079; D. Paiva, *Res Antiquitatis* 4 (2013), 151-158; U. Walter, *Sehepunkte* 13 (2013), no.10; J. M. Kelder, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 71 (2014), 630-635; D. T. Potts, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2014.01.47; M. Sommer, *Historische Zeitschrift* 299 (2014), 731-732; K.-J. Hölkamp, *Klio* 97 (2015), 293-295. Notice: A. C. Hagedorn, *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 125 (2013), 699.

<sup>l</sup> Reviews: P. Thonemann, *Times Literary Supplement* 5758, August 9, 2013, 10-11; W. V. Harris, *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 27 (2014), 660-664; C. Holleran, *Journal of Roman Studies* 104 (2014), 290-291; C. M. Rice, *Economic History Review* 67 (2014), 593-595; C. Rosillo López, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2014.01.35; K. Ruffing, *Historische Zeitschrift* 299 (2014), 436-437; K. Verboven, *Classical Review* 64 (2014), 543-545; A. Zuiderhoek, *Ancient History Bulletin Online Reviews* 4 (2014), 94-96.

<sup>m</sup> Reviews: M. Bettini, *La Repubblica* September 1, 2010, 42; A. Kühr, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2011.04.43; G. Chamberland, *Museion* 11 (2011), 126-130; M. Szymanski, *Eos* 98 (2011), 312-316; H. Zehnacker, *Revue des Etudes Latines* 89 (2011), 432-434.

<sup>n</sup> Review article: P. Vasunia, 'The comparative study of empires,' *Journal of Roman Studies* 101 (2011), 222-237. Reviews: C. Kelly, *Times Literary Supplement* 5557, October 2, 2009, 8; H. J. Kim, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.04.66; J. Löffl, *H-Soz-u-Kult* 2009-2-232; N. Horesh, *China Review International* March 22, 2009; E. Adler, *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 17 (2010), 617-621; L. de Ligt, *Journal of Global History* 5 (2010), 511-513; F.-H. Mutschler, *Classical Review* 60 (2010), 535-537; L. L. Brice, *Journal of World History* 22 (2011), 362-364; H. Bruhns, *Anabases* 13 (2011), 309-312; J. Farrell, *Sino-Platonic Papers* 208 (2011), 60-63.

<sup>o</sup> Review article: P. Vasunia, 'The comparative study of empires,' *Journal of Roman Studies* 101 (2011), 222-237. Reviews: A. Cameron, *Anglo-Hellenic Review* 40 (2009), 24; C. J. Tuplin, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.10.14; E. K. Bacon, *Journal of World History* 21 (2010), 734-738; C. Foss, *Classical Journal* online 2010.03.03; U. Østergard, *Journal of Political Power* 4 (2011), 465-471; D. P. Tompkins, *Classical Review* 61 (2011), 166-169; T. Harrison, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 56 (2013), 126-128.

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<sup>q</sup> Reviews: N. Morley, *Anglo-Hellenic Review* 26 (2002); R. Osborne, *Ancient West and East* 1, 2 (2002) 504-506; K. Ruffing, *Münstersche Beiträge zur antiken Handelsgeschichte* 21, 2 (2002), 98-99; P. F. Bang, *Classical Review* 53 (2003), 151-153; E. E. Cohen, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2003.11.23, with my response 2003.11.24; M. Silver, <http://www.eh.net/bookreviews/library/0570.shtml> (January 3, 2003); C. Grey, *Prudentia* 35 (2003), 202-203; S. Drakopoulou-Dodd, *History of Economic Ideas* 3 (2003), 109-114; D. T. Engen, *Ancient History Bulletin* 18 (2004), 150-165.

<sup>r</sup> Reviews: D. Whitehead, *Classical Review* 53 (2003), 400-402; J. Engels, *Historische Zeitschrift* 277 (2003); G. Németh, *Klió: történettudományi szemlélő folyóirat* 12 (2003), 52-55; H. Maeno, *Journal of Classical Studies* 53 (2005), 146-149; G. Thür, *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte* 122 (2005), 423-425; K. Kinzl, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2006.07.58.

*Debating Roman demography*, Brill: Leiden, Boston and Cologne, 2001 (Mnemosyne Supplement Volume 211). X + 242 p.<sup>s</sup>

P. Garnsey, *Cities, peasants and food in classical antiquity: essays in social and economic history*, edited with addenda by W. Scheidel, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1998 (paperback edition 2004). XVIII + 336 p.<sup>t</sup>

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- Inaugural NIAS Lecture, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Amsterdam (NL), April 11, 2018.

'The first rise and fall of the one percent: ancient inequality in global context'

- 13th Annual Raoul Bertrand Lecture, Classics Department, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA, March 14, 2018.

‘The great leveler: violence and economic inequality from the Stone Age to the future’

- Science and Society Lecture, Institute of Science and Technology Austria, Klosterneuburg (Austria), March 29, 2017.

‘Disease, medicine, and demography in the ancient Roman world’

- Inaugural Distinguished Lecture, Center for the Social History of Medicine, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an (China), May 27, 2016.

‘The Lives of the Twelve Hundred Caesars: Roman emperors, global comparisons’

- First Annual Distinguished Lecture in Ancient History, California State University Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, May 5, 2015.

‘The origins of inequality’

- Distinguished Lecture, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Toulouse (France), December 19, 2013.

‘The first fall of the Roman empire’

- Ronald Syme Lecture, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, Oxford (UK), October 31, 2013.

‘ORBIS: the Stanford geospatial network model of the Roman world’

- Annual Antony and Isabel Raubitschek Stanford AIA Memorial Lecture, Stanford, CA, May 24, 2013.

‘The long reach of antiquity: Rome, China, and modernity’

‘Redrawing the map of the Roman world’

- 15th Annual Christopher Roberts Lecture, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, September 21-22, 2012.

‘The Lives of the Twelve Hundred Caesars: Roman emperors, global comparisons’

- Hyde Lecture, Graduate Group in Ancient History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 29, 2012.

‘The impact of empire: Rome and (far) beyond’

- Second Impact of Empire Lecture, Nijmegen (NL), December 17, 2010.

‘The wolf and the dragon: empire in ancient Rome and China’

- Settle-Cadenhead Memorial Lecture, Department of History, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK, November 6, 2008.

[with R. Saller] ‘Biology or culture? Understanding the ancient family’

- Harper Lecture, University of Chicago Alumni Association, San Francisco, CA, May 4, 2002, and Palo Alto, CA, May 5, 2002.

## Keynote lectures

‘Price and prejudice: the valuation and profitability of enslavement in comparative perspective’

- Keynote lecture, Conference *Profitability and economic rationality of slavery in a historical perspective*, Università degli Studi di Torino, Turin (Italy), March 20, 2024.

‘Without Europe: a maximal counterfactual’

- Keynote lecture, Conference *Big counterfactuals of macro-political history*, Arthur Lewis Lab for Comparative Development, University of Manchester, Manchester (UK), March 24, 2023.

‘Covid-19: effetti della pandemia su diseguaglianza e ingiustizia’

- Lezione magistrale, Festivalfilosofia 2022, Sassuolo (Italy), September 17, 2022 (by Zoom).

‘War, growth, and another great divergence’

- Keynote lecture, Conference *The economic history of war*, Center for Economic History, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, March 25, 2022 (by Zoom).

‘War, hegemony and imperial peace: why did Rome succeed where others failed?’

- Keynote lecture, 12th Korea-China-Japan Symposium on Ancient European History, Seoul (Korea), October 23, 2021 (by Zoom).

‘The ancient historian on the tightrope’

- Keynote lecture, Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, April 24, 2020 (by Zoom).

‘The great leveler’

- Public lecture, *Social inequality: what has work got to do with it?*, Internationaal Instituut voor Sociale Geschiedenis, Amsterdam (NL), November 21, 2019.

‘A brief history of inequality’

- Keynote address, Ranieri Colloquium on Ancient Studies *Inequality: ancient and modern*, New York University, New York, NY, March 7, 2019.

‘Why, throughout world history, only violence and catastrophes have consistently reduced inequality and what this implies for our future’

- Keynote lecture, 16th Annual Global ARC, Boston, MA, October 22, 2018.

‘The great leveler – the history of inequality’

- Concluding plenary lecture, World Bank Human Development Forum 2017, World Bank, Washington DC, May 11, 2017.

‘The original one percent: classical antiquity and the global history of inequality’

- Keynote lecture, Annual conference of the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest, Olympia, WA, March 18, 2016.

‘City-state, republic, empire: what was the Roman Republic really like?’

- Keynote lecture, Humanities West, San Francisco, CA, October 24, 2014.

‘The long reach of the ancient past: China, Rome, and modernity’

- Keynote & Dean’s lecture, International forum *Comparative studies of ancient Eurasian empires: political, institutional and economic aspects*, University of Melbourne, Melbourne (Australia), August 22, 2014.

‘Building for the state: a world-historical perspective’

- Keynote lecture, *Landscapes of empire: public building and labour organization in ancient states*, Fourth International Conference of the National Research Network “Imperium & officium: comparative studies in ancient bureaucracy and officialdom,” Universität Wien, Vienna (Austria), November 27, 2013.

‘Comparing ancient worlds: past, present and future’

- Plenary lecture, Fourth International Conference on Ancient World History, Nankai University, Tianjin (China), June 18, 2012.

‘The Roman emperor in the wider world’

- Plenary lecture, Triennial conference of the Hellenic and Roman Societies, Cambridge (UK), July 26, 2011.

‘Coin quality, coin quantity, and coin value in early China and the Roman world’

- Keynote lecture, International numismatic conference *Coinage from Japan to the Mediterranean*, Oriental Society of Australia, University of Sydney, Sydney (Australia), July 17, 2009.

‘Epigraphy and demography: birth, marriage, family, and death’

- Plenary lecture, XIII International Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, Oxford (UK), September 4, 2007.

‘Contextualizing disease in the ancient world’

- Keynote address, International conference *Disease in global environmental history*, York University, Toronto (Canada), March 9, 2007.

## Invited lectures

‘Gab es ein globales Altertum?’

- Institut für Geschichte, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Würzburg (Germany), June 25, 2024.
- Zentrum Altertumswissenschaften, Universität Zürich, Zürich (Switzerland), November 29, 2023.

[with P. Bang] ‘World history as the future of Roman history? Prospects and challenges’

- Departement Altertumswissenschaften, Universität Basel, Basel (Switzerland), November 28, 2023.

‘In the beginning: why ancient history matters and how to make it new’

- Department of History and Classical Studies, University of Aarhus, Aarhus (Denmark), September 22, 2023.

‘Was ist denn eigentlich Alte Geschichte?’

- Historisches Seminar, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich (Germany), May 24, 2023.

‘Inequality and the endless dance of technology and power’

- Antwerp Interdisciplinary Platform for Research into Inequality, University of Antwerp, Antwerp (Belgium), April 23, 2021 (webinar).
- Department of History, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, April 16, 2021 (webinar).

‘Does ancient history have a future?’

- Department of Classics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, February 19, 2021 (webinar).

‘Ungleichheit vor, während und nach Covid-19’

- Carl-Schurz-Haus, Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut, Freiburg (Germany), February 2, 2021 (webinar).

‘The great escape: how the fall of the Roman empire made the modern world possible’

- Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad (Pakistan), February 24, 2023 (webinar).
- Department of History, Chinese University of Hong Kong (China), September 22, 2022 (webinar).
- Department of Political Science, Lund University, Lund (Sweden), December 9, 2020 (webinar).

‘Wie ermöglichte der Untergang des Römischen Reiches die Modernisierung der Welt?’

- Universität Regensburg, Regensburg (Germany), June 3, 2020 (webinar).

‘Frisches Blut: die römischen Kaiser in globalhistorischer Sicht’

- Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna (Austria), November 25, 2019.

[with G. Walterskirchen] ‘Migration and Krisen des gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalts’

- Österreichischer Integrationsfonds, Vienna (Austria), May 6, 2019.

‘Flucht aus Rom: der Bruch mit der Antike und die Entstehung der modernen Welt’

- Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna (Austria), November 19, 2018.

‘Economic inequality from the Stone Age to the future’

- Center for Global Humanities, University of New England, Portland, ME, April 30, 2018.

‘What have the Romans ever done for us?’

- Department of Classics, New York University, New York, NY, April 25, 2018.

‘The past and future of global inequality: the North vs the South’

- Department of Sociology, McGill University, Montreal (Canada), March 23, 2018.

‘A few lessons on the role of violence in reducing inequality throughout the ages’

- John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 26, 2018.

‘Was Ungleichheit reduziert?’

- Bruno Kreisky Forum, Vienna (Austria), November 21, 2017.

‘Modern globalization in pre-modern context’

- Central Intelligence Agency, Langley, VA, October 5, 2017, September 13, 2018, February 15, 2019, September 16, 2019.

‘Why (only) Rome?’

- Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University, New York, NY, September 29, 2017.

‘The great leveler: economic inequality from the Stone Age to the future’

- Hewlett Foundation, Stanford, CA, November 29, 2017.
- London School of Economics, London (UK), November 27, 2017.
- Università Bocconi, Milan (Italy), November, 20, 2017.
- Central Intelligence Agency, Langley, VA, October 5, 2017 and September 13, 2018.
- Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, George Mason, VA, October 4, 2017.
- Skeptics Society, Altadena, CA, June 11, 2017.

‘Escape from Rome: the failure of empire and the making of the modern world’

- Legal History Forum, Law School, Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 27, 2018.
- Yale-NUS College, National University of Singapore (Singapore), September 7, 2017.
- Gravensteen Lecture Series, Rijksuniversiteit Leiden, Leiden (NL), March 31, 2017.

‘Was reduziert Ungleichheit? Eine pessimistische Weltgeschichte von Arm und Reich von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart’

- Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna (Austria), March 27, 2017.

‘Verletzliche Allmacht: das römische Kaisertum im welthistorischen Vergleich’

- Zentrum für rechtsgeschichtliche Forschung, Universität Zürich, Zürich (Switzerland), March 21, 2017.

‘The history of inequality’

- Berkeley Population Center and Department of Demography, University of California – Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, March 2, 2017.

‘The great leveler: violence and economic inequality from the Stone Age to the present’

- Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, New York, NY, February 15, 2017.

‘Ancient demography’

- Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima (Peru), October 31, 2016 (online).

‘The great leveler: violence and the global history of inequality’

- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (China), May 31, 2016.
- Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen (Denmark), April 20, 2016.

‘China, Rome, and the First Great Divergence’

- Renmin University Distinguished History Lecture Series, Renmin University, Beijing (China), May 30, 2016.

‘The Stanford ancient Chinese and Mediterranean empires comparative history project’

- Capital Normal University Jointly Sponsored Comparative Workshop ‘Ancient Rome and China,’ Capital Normal University, Beijing (China), May 30, 2016.

‘The science of ancient history’

- GICS-Stanford-Fudan Seminar, Fudan University, Shanghai (China), May 26, 2016.

‘Stanford ORBIS: creation, use, and prospects’

- Shanghai Normal University Guangqui International Center for Scholars, Shanghai (China), May 25, 2016.

‘Wealth and income inequality from prehistory to the present’

- School of Economics and Management, Lund University, Lund (Sweden), May 3, 2016.

‘Roman emperors in global context’

- Department of Greek and Roman Studies, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC (Canada), March 17, 2016.

‘Rule from the margins: Rome’s Illyrican borderlands emperors’

- Department of Greek and Roman Studies, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC (Canada), March 16, 2016.

‘The First Great Divergence: ancient empires and the path to modernity in East and West’

- Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, December 1, 2015.

‘Rom, Europa und Asien vor und nach der Spätantike: die “First Great Divergence” als zentraler Wendepunkt der Weltgeschichte’

- Applied History Lecture, Universität Zürich, Zürich (Switzerland), March 26, 2015.

‘The (ancient) ‘West’ and the rest: early labor regimes in global perspective’

- Neubauer Collegium Working Group on Comparative Economics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 10, 2014.

‘The long reach of antiquity: China, Rome, and modernity’

- Kaplan Institute for the Humanities and Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, October 9, 2014.

‘Quantitative models for ancient historians’

- Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, October 7, 2014.

‘Roms Grenzlandkaiser: wie, warum und wozu?’

- Departement Altertumswissenschaften, Universität Basel, Basel (Switzerland), September 23, 2014.

‘Ungleichheit beseitigen: eine gewaltsame Geschichte’

- Zentrales Kolloquium des Doktoratsprogramms Geschichte, Universität Zürich, Zürich (Switzerland), September 22, 2014.

‘The first fall of the Roman empire’

- Classical Lecture Society, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February 25, 2014.

‘Borderlands emperors: how, why, and what for?’

- Ancient Mediterranean Studies Program, University of California – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, February 4, 2014.

‘The Orbis project: reconstructing communication networks in the Roman empire’

- Université Toulouse II – Le Mirail, Toulouse (France), December 18, 2013.

‘Always follow the money: what public revenue and expenditure tell us about the nature of the Roman empire’

- Classical Lecture Society, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February 26, 2014.
- Department of Classics, University of Reading, Reading (UK), October 30, 2013
- Economic and Social History Seminar, All Souls College, Oxford (UK), October 29, 2013.

‘Slavery and forced labor in early China and the ancient Mediterranean’

- Ancient Mediterranean Studies Group, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, October 6, 2014.
- School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh (UK), June 3, 2013.

‘Redrawing the map of the Roman world’

- Sciences, Humanities and Arts Network of Technological Initiatives, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 25, 2013.

‘Des Kaisers neue Kleider: 1500 Jahre römischer Monarchie im globalen Vergleich’

- Institut für Geschichtswissenschaften, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin (Germany), December 5, 2012.
- Historisches Institut, Universität zu Köln, Cologne (Germany), June 28, 2012.
- Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Freiburg (Germany), June 26, 2012.

‘Orbis: ein Netzwerkmodell der römischen Welt’

- Institut für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, Linz (Austria), December 3, 2012.
- Historisches Seminar, Universität Zürich, Zürich (Switzerland), November 30, 2012.
- Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Freiburg (Germany), June 27, 2012.

‘ORBIS: the Stanford geospatial network model of the Roman world’

- Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University, Providence, RI, April 16, 2012.
- Graduate Group in Ancient History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 28, 2012.

‘The Lives of the Twelve Hundred Caesars: Roman emperors, global comparisons’

- Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 26, 2013.
- Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University, New York, NY, September 23, 2011.

‘Early demography’

- Social Science Research Workshop, New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi (UAE), March 1, 2011.

‘The quality of life in classical antiquity’

- American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Athens (Greece), November 23, 2010.

‘Does ancient history matter? The rise and demise of universal empire in Rome, Europe and China’

- Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, November 2, 2010.
- Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University, Providence, RI, October 26, 2010.
- Classical Studies, McGill University, Montreal (Canada), October 7, 2010.

‘The rise and demise of universal empire: Rome, Europe, and China’

- Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA, March 3, 2010.

‘The two Great Divergences: Eastern and Western Eurasia from ancient political convergence to modern economic divergence’

- Onderzoekinstituut voor Geschiedenis en Cultuur, Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht (NL), October 14, 2009.

‘The wolf and the dragon: empire in ancient Rome and China’

- Istituto Italiano per la Storia Antica, Rome (Italy), April 23, 2009.
- Department of Classics, University of Texas, Austin, TX, March 12, 2009.
- Ancient Borderlands Research Focus Group, University of California – Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, February 5, 2009.

‘No laughing matter either: income, growth and inequality in the Roman economy, or why the Romans needed a sense of humor’

- Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Graduate Group, University of California – Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, October 2, 2008.

‘Sex and empire, monogamy and polygyny’

- Department of Classics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, September 19, 2008.

‘New currents in the study of the ancient economy’

- Department of Economic History, Lund University, Lund (Sweden), May 13, 2008.

‘Ancient demography and human wellbeing’

- Department of Economics, Lund University, Lund (Sweden), May 12, 2008.

‘Imperial state formation in eastern and western Eurasia 2000 BCE – 2000 CE’

- Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, April 14, 2008.

‘The relative durability of the Roman and Chinese empires’

- School of Global Studies, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 10, 2008.

‘Continuity and change in human demography: the contribution of ancient history’

- Morrison Institute for Population and Resource Studies, Stanford University, Stanford CA, January 23, 2008.

‘Rome and China: from convergence to divergence’

- Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford CA, November 7, 2007.
- Department of Classics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, August 23, 2007.



- Department of Classics, New York University, New York, NY, March 27, 2007.
- ‘The ‘Golden Age’ of Roman Italy’
- Departement Klassieke Studies, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven (Belgium), February 13, 2006.
  - Instituut voor Geschiedenis, Rijksuniversiteit Leiden, Leiden (NL), February 10, 2006.
- ‘The nature of money in ancient Rome and China’
- Department of History, University of Tokyo, Tokyo (Japan), November 1, 2005.
  - Department of History, Beijing University, Beijing (China), August 24, 2005.
- ‘Brother-sister and parent-child marriage in world history’
- College of History and Culture, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an (China), October 25, 2002.
  - Department of History, Fudan University, Shanghai (China), October 22, 2002.
- ‘Disease and demography in the ancient world’
- College of History and Culture, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi’an (China), October 24, 2002.
  - Department of History, Fudan University, Shanghai (China), October 21, 2002.
- ‘Death on the Tiber’
- Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington (New Zealand), August 5, 2002.
  - Department of Classics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 4, 2002.
  - Department of History, University of California – Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, January 29, 2002.
- ‘How to be incestuous’
- Human Genetics Society of Australasia, Perth (Australia), August 20, 2002.
  - *Community and Identity in Greco-Roman Egypt*, Annual colloquium of the Chicago Consortium in Ancient History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 6, 2001.
- ‘Sex and empire: a Darwinian view’
- *Ancient Societies Workshop*, Department of Classics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 24, 2001.
- ‘Continuity and change in Mediterranean demography from antiquity to the modern period’
- Department of Demography, University of California – Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, March 19, 2003.
  - *Demography Workshop*, Population Research Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 19, 2001.
- “‘The most excellent thing of all:’ brother-sister and parent-child marriage in the ancient world’
- Stanford Archaeology Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 17, 2003.
  - Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, October 14, 2002.
  - Classical Society of Otago, Dunedin (New Zealand), August 8, 2002.
  - University of Canterbury, Christchurch (New Zealand), August 7, 2002.
  - Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington (New Zealand), August 5, 2002..
  - University of Auckland, Auckland (New Zealand), August 2, 2002
  - Department of Classics, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, September 20, 2001.
  - Departments of History, Classics, and Sociology, and Initiative in Population Research, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, April 10, 2001.
- ‘Modelling Roman slavery’
- *Ancient Societies Workshop: Ancient slavery*, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 4, 2000.
- ‘Demography and statistics in ancient history’
- Department of Classics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham (UK), March 2, 1999.
- ‘Death on the Tiber, death on the Nile: disease and demography in the Roman world’
- Department of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 23, 2000.
  - Department of Classics, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, March 21, 2000.
  - Department of History, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 20, 2000.
  - Departments of Classics and History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 16, 1998.

‘Komparative und interdisziplinäre Ansätze in der Alten Geschichte’

- Habilitationskolloquium Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Graz (Austria), April 30, 1998.

‘Future, what future? Evidence and models, fashions and choice’

- *Ancient Societies Workshop: The ancient economy*, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, November 11, 1999.
- Dutch National Seminar in Ancient History, *De toekomst van de antieke economie – The future of the ancient economy*, Rijksuniversiteit Leiden, Leiden (NL), September 22, 1997.

‘Brother-sister and parent-child marriage in Roman Egypt and Zoroastrian Iran’

- Bloomsbury Summer School, Department of History, University College London, London (UK), August 5, 1999.
- Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, Cambridge (UK), February 3, 1997.

‘Incest in biology and history’

- PCT Society, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (UK), December 5, 1996.

‘Sexualität, Ehe und Sklaverei: zu einem zentralen Aspekt persönlicher Unfreiheit’

- Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur in Mainz, Mayence (Germany), Kommission für Geschichte des Altertums, October 9, 1996.

‘Darwinian history, or History as sex’

- Humanities and Social Sciences Group, Darwin College, Cambridge (UK), June 11, 1996.

‘Papyri, Magi, and genes: an interdisciplinary view of brother-sister and parent-child marriage in the ancient world’

- Department of History, University of Manchester, Manchester (UK), March 6, 1996.
- Centre for Research in East Roman Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry (UK), March 4, 1996.
- Department of History, York University, Toronto (Canada), November 29, 1995.
- Department of Classical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 5, 1995.
- Departments of Classics and History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, September 21, 1995.

‘Rural labour and the stereotype of women’s life in the Graeco-Roman world’

- Department of History, University of Odense (Denmark), October 6, 1994.
- Department of History, University of Copenhagen (Denmark), October 4, 1994.

‘Die wirtschaftlichen Funktionen von Sklavinnen’

- Institut für Alte Geschichte, Universität Salzburg (Austria), June 6, 1994.

‘Die Stellung der Frau in der antiken Landwirtschaft’

- Department of History, University of Wrocław (Poland), December 5, 1991.

## Conference presentations

‘Equalization between politics and disaster’

- International conference *The evolution of wealth inequality: debates on the role of culture, institutions and technology, and lessons for today*, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre on Wealth Concentration, Inequality, and the Economy, University College London, London (UK), June 27, 2024.

Video presentation

- Global Leaders Forum 2023, TV Chosun, Seoul (Korea), November 20, 2023 (remotely).

‘Escape from Europe?’

- Wenner-Gren symposium *Global history and the modern world*, Wenner-Gren Center, Stockholm (Sweden), August 18, 2022.

‘Why wait for Columbus?’

- Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, University of California – San Diego, San Diego, CA, April 28, 2022 (by Zoom).

‘Roman economic performance and inequality: in defense of the big picture’

- Langford conference *Socio-economic inequalities of the Roman world*, Department of Classics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, February 25, 2022.

Presentation for the opening panel

- Ethos conference 2021, Instituto Ethos (Brazil), May 2021 (on YouTube channel).

‘Rede anlässlich der Verleihung des Oswald Spengler-Preises’

- International conference *From Herodotus to Spengler: comparing civilisations throughout time and space. Conference in honour of Walter Scheidel*, Oswald Spengler Society, Blankenheimerdorf (Germany), November 13, 2020 (by Zoom).

‘Building up slaveries in ancient Italy and the African savanna’

- International conference *The Roman republic in the long fourth century*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 18, 2019.

‘The end of “peak empire:” Chinese and Roman unravelings’

- Workshop on historical systemic collapse, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 26, 2019 (read by J. Haldon).

‘Status construction, opportunity hoarding and material inequality in ancient Rome: the view from sociology’

- International conference *Ancient inequalities: economy, culture, and society in the Middle East and the Mediterranean*, Buenos Aires (Argentina), March 27, 2019.

‘The measure and mismeasure of inequality’

- Ranieri Colloquium on Ancient Studies *Inequality: ancient and modern*, New York University, New York, NY, March 8, 2019.

‘Rising inequality: the dire lessons of history’

- BCA Research Investment Conference 2018, Toronto (Canada), September 25, 2018.

‘What can we say about ancient Roman inequality?’

- World Economic History Congress, Boston, MA, August 1, 2018.

‘Roman wealth and wealth inequality in comparative perspective’

- Workshop *Capital in classical antiquity*, Berlin (Germany), April 10, 2018.

‘Income and wealth inequality in the ancient Greco-Roman world: what can we know?’

- 12th European Social Science History Conference, Belfast (UK), April 4, 2018.

‘Understanding the dynamics of economic inequality in the very long run’

- 24th Annual CLSA Investors’ Forum, Hong Kong (China), September 11, 2017.

‘When did mass mobilization warfare act as a violent leveler of economic inequality? A global long-term perspective’

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2, 2017.

‘History of inequality, Stone Age to today’

- Workshop *Inequality by the numbers*, Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY, June 7, 2017.

‘The great leveler: violence and the global history of inequality’

- International conference *The haves and the have-nots: exploring the global history of wealth and income inequality*, Stanford Europe Center and University of Vienna, Vienna (Austria), September 11, 2015.

‘The Greco-Roman world and the challenge of world history’

- International conference *Globalized Classics*, Humboldt Universität, Berlin (Germany), September 5, 2015.

‘Connectivity and predictive modeling: challenges of simulating the development of the Roman world’

- 116th Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, New Orleans, LA, January 10, 2015.

'Autocracy without legitimation? The peculiar case of the Roman imperial monarchy'

- International conference *The legitimation of autocracy in the ancient world*, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, Abu Dhabi (UAE), November 3, 2014.

'The (ancient) West and the rest: labor regimes in global perspective'

- International conference *How to do things with history: a conference in honor of Paul Cartledge*, Cambridge University, Cambridge (UK), September 27, 2014.

'Death in the city: ancient Rome and beyond'

- International conference on the 50th anniversary of the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, Downing College, Cambridge (UK), September 17, 2014.

'Geospatial network modeling of the Roman empire'

- Workshop on *Computational history: teaching computers history so they can calculate the future*, Dublin (Ireland), June 27, 2014.

'From Niebuhr to Harris: environmental factors and the study of Roman history'

- Workshop on ancient environmental history, Columbia University, New York, NY, May 17, 2014.

'Unmaking inequality: a history of violence'

- Working group on the coevolution of institutions and behaviors, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, January 14, 2014.

[with J. Hall] 'Humanistic versus social scientific approaches to ancient history: a methodological debate'

- Annual meeting of the American Philological Association, Chicago, IL, January 3, 2014.

'Herding cats: the challenge of collaborative comparative history'

- International workshop *New perspectives on comparative medieval history: China and Europe, 800-1600*, Pembroke College, Oxford (UK), September 30, 2013 (online).

'Roman society'

- International conference 'What is a slave society?,' University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, September 27, 2013.

'Slavery and forced labor in ancient China and the ancient Mediterranean'

- International conference *Work, labor and professions in the Roman world*, Ghent (Belgium), May 30 - June 1, 2013.

'Ancient world history and/as comparative history'

- Workshop on the study of ancient history in the context of world history, University of California - Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 19, 2013.

'Redrawing the map of the Roman world'

- *Word, space, time: digital perspectives on the classical world. An interdisciplinary conference organized by the Digital Classics Association*, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, April 5, 2013.

'Germs for Rome 10 years after'

- International conference *How bodies matter: the intersection of science, religion, and the humanities in the study of the ancient Mediterranean world*, Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 16, 2013.

'Comparing comparisons'

- International conference *Comparing ancient worlds: Greece and China*, Needham Research Institute, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (UK), January 24, 2013.

'The future of the Roman economy'

- International conference *Crossing boundaries: ancient history explores its future*, Cambridge University, Cambridge (UK), December 13, 2012.

'Sex, slavery, and the cultural evolution of normative monogamy'

- International conference *Sex and slavery*, Nottingham Institute for the Study of Slavery, Nottingham (UK), September 13, 2012 (read *in absentia*).

Presentation for the panel on 'Smart art'

- Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2012 ("Summer Davos"), World Economic Forum, Tianjin (China), September 11, 2012.

'Evolutionary psychology and the historian'

- Workshop on biology and history, University of California – Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, August 10, 2012.

'The Roman economy: past, present and future'

- International workshop *Towards an economic archaeology: state of the art, questions, problems, perspectives*, Ägyptisches Museum, Bonn (Germany), June 29, 2012.

'Measuring Finley's impact'

- Finley centenary conference, Cambridge (UK), May 31, 2012.

'The shape of the ancient world'

- Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, May 4, 2012.

'Ancient monogamy'

- Working group *Cultural processes that give rise to social monogamy*, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, February 23, 2012.

'Centralized authority systems'

- Workshop *An evolutionary approach to the twin problems of failed states and nation-building*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, December 3, 2011.

'Ancient quality of life'

- Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2011.

'Economic theory and biblical studies' (panel)

- Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2011.

'Human development and quality of life in the long run: the case of Greece'

- International conference *The Athens Dialogues*, Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, Athens (Greece), November 27, 2010.

'Comparing empires across space and time'

- *Altera Roma: art and empire from the Aztecs to New Spain*, Getty Villa, Malibu, CA, May 1, 2010.

[with P. F. Bang] 'Imperial comparisons: Rome, China, India, and beyond'

- *Roman Archaeology Conference 2010*, Oxford (UK), March 27, 2010.

'Ancient sex ratios and femicide in comparative perspective'

- *Sex, death and bones: paleodemography and gender differentials in the Mediterranean world*, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Athens (Greece), March 16, 2010.

'Teaching ancient world history as comparative history'

- International conference *Teaching the ancient world*, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, Abu Dhabi (UAE), November 23, 2009.

'4,000 years of wages and wellbeing'

- Francqui Foundation conference *Long-term quantification in ancient Mediterranean history*, Brussels (Belgium), October 16, 2009.

'State formation and belief systems in eastern and western Eurasia'

- Introductory colloquium, Mellon-Sawyer Seminar *About turns: conversion in late antique Christianity, Islam, and beyond*, Oxford (UK), October 9, 2009.

‘A comparative perspective on the determinants of the scale and productivity of maritime trade in the Roman Mediterranean’

- International conference *Maritime technology and the ancient economy: ship design and navigation*, American Academy, Rome (Italy), June 16, 2009.

‘Comparing Rome and Han China’

- International conference *Tributary empire – comparative histories*, Danish Academy, Rome (Italy), April 25, 2009.

‘How and why to compare ancient empires’

- Presidential panel *Comparative and crossdisciplinary histories of the ancient world: promises and challenges*, Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Philadelphia, PA, January 9, 2009.

‘Interaction and peripheries: response’

- International conference on Xiongnu archaeology, Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), October 17, 2008.

‘The economic consequences of the Antonine Plague: further considerations’

- International conference *L’impatto della “peste Antonina,”* Rome and Anacapri (Italy), October 10, 2008 (read by Y. Zelener).

‘Agriculture, settlement systems, and urban studies: comments on economic performance’

- International conference *Too much data? Generalizations and model-building in ancient economic history on the basis of large corpora of documentary evidence*, Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Vienna, Vienna (Austria), July 17, 2008.

‘Rome and Han China’

- International seminar *Perspectives on empire: local power and global comparisons*, Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen (Denmark), May 14, 2008.

‘Monogamy and polygyny in Greece, Rome, and world history’

- International conference *Cross-cultural approaches to family and household structures in the ancient world*, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, New York, NY, May 9, 2008.

‘Cultural evolution and the historian’

- Workshop *The role of variation in cultural change: updates in cultural evolution*, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, April 16, 2008.

‘How to make ancient history programs less ancient’

- Panel on *Graduate training for the ancient historian: or how best to study ancient history in the 21st century?*, Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Chicago, IL, January 4, 2008.

‘The ancient economy since Moses Finley’

- Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 18, 2007.

‘Demography and human development in the Roman world’

- Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 17, 2007.

‘Empire and the Great Divergence’

- *Ancient and Modern Imperialisms: Workshop II*, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford, CA, November 2, 2007.

‘Roman population size: the logic of the debate’

- International conference *Peasants, citizens and soldiers: the social, economic and demographic background to the Gracchan land reforms*, Rijksuniversiteit Leiden, Leiden (NL), June 29, 2007.

‘The monetary economies of the Roman and Han empires’

- Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 4, 2007.

‘Rome and China: From the Great Convergence to the First Great Divergence’

- Golden Jubilee Conference *Aspects of empire*, Classical Association of South Africa, University of Cape Town, Cape Town (South Africa), July 2-5, 2007.
- Berkeley-Stanford colloquium *New approaches to ancient imperialism*, University of California – Berkeley, CA, November 18, 2006.
- International conference *Universal empire and historical sociology*, Warsaw (Poland), October 13, 2006.

‘Introduction: wages and costs’

- International conference *Approaches to quantifying the Roman economy*, Oxford University, Oxford (UK), September 28, 2006.

[with V. Skirbekk and H.-P. Kohler] ‘From large, wealthy families to childless success?’

- Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, November 2-5, 2006.
- European population conference 2006, Liverpool (UK), June 22, 2006.

‘Estimating population sizes’

- International Studies Association workshop on *Measuring and modeling cycles of state formation, decline and upward sweeps since the Bronze Age*, San Diego, CA, March 20, 2006.

‘Republics between hegemony and empire: How ancient city-states built empires and the USA doesn’t (anymore)’

- Conference *Imperial republics? Ancient Rome and the USA*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, March 10, 2006.

‘Towards a comparative study of monarchical succession and dynastic continuity’

- International conference *Royal courts and capitals*, Sabanci University, Istanbul (Turkey), October 14, 2005.

‘The monetary systems of the Han and Roman empires’

- Third International Conference on Ancient History, Fudan University, Shanghai (China), August 19, 2005.
- International conference *Institutions of empire: comparative perspectives on ancient Chinese and Mediterranean history*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 13, 2005.
- International conference *The nature of ancient money*, Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 8, 2005.

‘Military commitments and political bargaining in ancient Greece’

- Workshop on *Military organization and political regimes in classical Greece*, Yale University, New Haven, CT, December 5, 2004.

‘The economics of slavery in the Greco-Roman world: a comparative approach’

- International conference *Slave systems, ancient and modern*, Centre for the Study of Human Settlement and Historical Change, National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland), November 26, 2004.

‘The demography of Roman state formation and culture change in Italy’

- International conference *Herrschaft ohne Integration? Rom und Italien in republikanischer Zeit*, Technical University of Dresden (Germany), October 29, 2004.

‘Is Darwinian history possible?’

- Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Freie Universität, Berlin (Germany), June 23, 2004.

[with B. Rogers] ‘Actually, no-wheeling is more my specialty:’ why Buffy doesn’t drive’

- *Slayage* Conference on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Nashville, TN, May 30, 2004.

‘Coercion, capital, and ancient Mediterranean states’

- European Social Science History Conference, Berlin (Germany), March 24, 2004.

‘War-making and state-making in the ancient Mediterranean’

- Workshop on *‘Cosmic’ empire and the sociology of heterogeneous power*, Department of History, University of Copenhagen (Denmark), March 22, 2004.

‘The interdependence of demographic and economic development in the Greco-Roman world’

- Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Francisco, CA, January 4, 2004.

‘Stratification, deprivation and quality of life’

- International conference *Poverty in the Roman world*, Cambridge (UK), July 24, 2003.

‘How to be incestuous: the emotional context of sibling marriage in Roman Egypt’

- Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, New Orleans, LA, January 6, 2003.

‘Creating a metropolis: a comparative demographic perspective’

- International conference *Ancient Alexandria: between Greece and Egypt*, Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University, New York, NY, October 11, 2002.

‘Demography’

- International conference *The Cambridge economic history of the Greco-Roman world*, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge (UK), September 7, 2002.

‘How to be incestuous: towards an explanation of full sibling marriage in Roman Egypt’

- Annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, June 20, 2002.

‘Germs for Rome’

- Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Savannah, GA, April 28, 2002.

‘The scale of mobility’

- Symposium on *The corrupting sea*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 19, 2002.

‘Demographic change and economic development: the case of Roman Egypt after the ‘Antonine plague’

- 26th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 16, 2001.

‘The demographic background of the Greek expansion’

- International workshop *Griechische Archaik zwischen Ost und West: interne und externe Impulse*, Innsbruck (Austria), November 9, 2001.

‘The demography of the Spartan helots’

- International workshop *Helots and their masters in Laconia and Messenia: the history and sociology of a system of exploitation*, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, March 17, 2001.

‘Brother-sister and parent-child marriage in premodern societies’

- International conference *Human mate choice and prehistoric marital networks*, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto (Japan), November 21, 2000.

‘Money and finance in the Greco-Roman world: views and controversies’

- 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, PA, October 29, 2000.

‘Ancient empires and sexual exploitation: a Darwinian perspective’

- International conference *Empire and exploitation in the ancient Mediterranean*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 27, 2000 (revised versions Stanford, May 22, 2001, and University of Western Australia, Perth, August 20, 2002).

‘Death and disease in pre-modern Egypt’

- *Médecine et démographie dans le monde antique: colloque international d’Arras*, Université d’Artois, Arras (France), November 27, 1998.

‘The slave population of Roman Italy: speculation and constraints’

- International conference *Comparative approaches to ancient slavery*, Cambridge (UK), July 17, 1999.
- *Journée d’Etude: Rôle des dépendants dans l’économie romaine antique*, Université de Lille 3, Lille (France), November 21, 1998.



‘Agriculture, health and population size in Egypt under the Romans and in the nineteenth century’

- *Incontro internazionale di studio: Demografia, sistemi agrari, regimi alimentari nel mondo antico*, Università degli studi di Parma, Parma (Italy), October 18, 1997.

‘When a free labourer is like a slave: Greece and America’

- International conference *Kerdos: the economics of gain in the ancient Greek world*, Cambridge (UK), May 30, 1997.

[with P. Garnsey] ‘The demography of some ancient cemetery populations near Rome’

- International conference *Population size and demographic structure in the ancient world*, Cambridge (UK), May 24, 1997.

‘The demography of Roman slavery and manumission’

- International conference *Population size and demographic structure in the ancient world*, Cambridge (UK), May 24, 1997.
- *Premier colloque international de démographie historique antique*, Université d’Artois, Arras (France), November 22, 1996.

‘Grain cultivation in the villa economy of Roman Italy’

- International conference *Landuse in the Roman empire*, Danish Academy, Rome (Italy), January 26, 1993.

‘Feldarbeit von Frauen in der antiken Landwirtschaft’

- Meeting of Austrian Ancient Historians, Vienna (Austria), October 26, 1989.

**Invited discussant/panelist** (outside home institutions): Sokrates-Club, Zürich (Switzerland), November 30, 2023; Aspen Institute Socrates Program, Atherton/Los Altos, October 27-28, 2023; Historical Psychology Project workshop, Harvard University, October 6-7, 2023; Foundations Institute workshop, Santa Barbara, November 11-12, 2022; Tax policy colloquium, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, September 13, 2021 (by Zoom); Cambridge Union, February 11, 2021 (by Zoom); Webinar on historical collapse, Princeton University, December 4-5, 2020 (by Zoom); European social science history conference, Belfast (UK), April 5, 2018; XVth international congress of Greek and Latin epigraphy, Vienna (Austria), August 28, 2017 (session chair and referee); Symposium *Chinese and Greco-Roman pasts*, Brown University, March 13, 2017; Workshop *So you’ve chosen your topic – what now? Best practices in data collection, management, and analysis*, AIA and SCS Joint Annual Meeting, Toronto (Canada), January 7, 2017; Roundtable, Conference *Cultures of research and inquiry*, Western Humanities Alliance, University of California – Merced, October 26, 2012 (by phone); Panel *The art of influence*, Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2012 (“Summer Davos”), World Economic Forum, Tianjin (China), September 13, 2012; XVIth world economic history congress, Stellenbosch (South Africa), July 12, 2012; Colloquium *The resource curse in historical perspective*, Yale University, November 17, 2010; Seminar on *Jewish demography in antiquity*, Columbia University, November 11, 2010; Workshop on *Agrarian change in late antiquity*, Princeton University, March 6, 2005; International conference *Mercati permanenti e mercati periodici nel mondo antico*, Capri (Italy), October 13-15, 1997; International conference *Metodi statistici e analisi quantitativa della produzione di monete nel mondo antico: tendenze e prospettive della ricerca*, British School in Rome (Italy), October 11, 1997.

## Honors and Prizes

2020	Oswald Spengler Prize, Oswald Spengler Society for the Study of Humanity and World History
2020	Stanton Foundation Prize Contest
2019	Finalist, Wissenschaftsbuch des Jahres
2017	Finalist, Cundill History Prize
2017	Finalist, <i>Financial Times</i> & McKinsey Business Book of the Year
2015–	Corresponding Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

## Teaching

### *Stanford University*

- ‘Ancient slavery’ (graduate seminar): Spring Quarter 2022
- ‘Sustainability and civilization’ (collaborative course; with L. Anderson *et al.*): Summer Quarter 2021
- ‘Global history 1’ (introductory undergraduate course): Autumn Quarter 2020, 2022
- ‘Methods and approaches for ancient historians’ (collaborative graduate proseminar): Autumn Quarter 2020, 2021
- ‘Ancient state formation’ (graduate seminar; with I. Morris): Autumn Quarter 2019
- ‘Ancient inequalities’ (graduate seminar; with I. Morris): Autumn Quarter 2018
- ‘Income and wealth inequality from the Stone Age to the present’ (introductory seminar): Autumn Quarter 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, Spring Quarter 2024
- ‘State and society in antiquity’ (graduate seminar; with J. Ober): Autumn and Winter Quarters 2016/17
- ‘Inequality: the last 100,000 years’ (introductory seminar): Spring Quarter 2015
- ‘Early empires: Han and Rome’ (graduate seminar; with M. Lewis): Spring Quarter 2014
- ‘German for classicists’ (reading course): Winter Quarter 2013
- ‘Roman emperors’ (graduate seminar): Autumn Quarter 2012
- ‘Human Biology Core 2B’ (sophomore lecture course; with R. Klein/A. Saperstein *et al.*): Autumn Quarter 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- ‘From community to empire: understanding the premodern state’ (introductory seminar): Spring Quarter 2012
- ‘The shape of the ancient world’ (graduate seminar): Autumn Quarter 2011
- ‘Ancient war’ (graduate seminar; with I. Morris): Winter Quarter 2010
- ‘Inscribed lives: Roman epigraphy’ (graduate seminar; with G. Parker): Winter Quarter 2009
- ‘The first great divergence: late antique Europe and China’ (graduate seminar; with I. Morris): Autumn Quarter 2007
- ‘The remaking of Classics’ (graduate seminar; with G. Ceserani): Winter Quarter 2007
- ‘Rome, Europe, and China: convergence and divergence’ (sophomore dialogue): Winter Quarter 2007
- ‘Ancient and modern slavery’ (introductory seminar): Spring Quarter 2005, 2007, 2015
- ‘Ancient numismatics’ (graduate proseminar): Winter Quarter 2005, Spring Quarters 2010, 2021, Autumn Quarter 2023
- ‘The Romans’ (undergraduate course): Winter Quarter 2005, 2007, Spring Quarter 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
- ‘Ancient empires II’ (introductory freshman course): Spring Quarter 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009
- ‘State formation’ (graduate seminar; with I. Morris/J. Ober): Autumn and Winter Quarters 2003/04
- ‘Roman history II: the empire’ (undergraduate course): Spring Quarter 2003, 2004
- ‘Roman empire and community’ (graduate seminar): Winter Quarter 2003
- ‘Ancient slavery’ (graduate seminar): Spring Quarter 2000
- ‘Roman history I: the republic’ (undergraduate course): Winter Quarter 2000, 2003, 2004
- ‘History and historiography’ (graduate course): Autumn Quarter 1999
- ‘History of Greece’ (undergraduate course): Autumn Quarter 1999

### *Universität Zürich*

- ‘Steuern und Staatlichkeit in der Antike’: March 23 – 24, 2017

***Humboldt Universität zu Berlin***

Kosmos Summer School 'Globalized Classics' (with A. Winterling): August 24 – September 2, 2015

***New York University Abu Dhabi***

'Before globalization: understanding premodern world history' (introductory undergraduate seminar): Spring Semester 2011

***Columbia University***

'The ancient state: theories, models and comparisons for historians' (graduate seminar): Autumn Semester 2010

***Kommission für Alte Geschichte und Epigraphik des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts***

'Fachwissenschaftlicher Kurs 2008: Antike Demographie': October 23-25, 2008

***University of Chicago***

'Roman state and society' (graduate seminar; with C. Grey): Autumn Quarter 2002

'Ancient Mediterranean History I' (introductory undergraduate course): Autumn Quarter 2002

'Ancient slavery' (mixed undergraduate/graduate course): Spring Quarter 2002

'Ancient empires and imperialism' (advanced undergraduate course): Spring Quarter 2002

'Greek society and economy' (graduate seminar; with J. Hall): Autumn and Winter Quarters 2001/02

'Roman historiography' (mixed undergraduate/graduate course): Spring Quarter 2001

'Life and death in the ancient world' (mixed undergraduate/graduate course): Winter Quarter 2001

'The Roman household: family, gender and slavery' (graduate seminar; with R. Saller): Autumn and Winter Quarters 2000/01

'History of Western Civilization I' (introductory undergraduate course): Autumn Quarter 2000, 2001

***Universität Innsbruck***

'Die antike Wirtschaft: Probleme und Modelle' (discussion class for advanced undergraduates and graduates): Summer Semester 1999

'Leben und Sterben in der antiken Welt' (lecture course for undergraduates and graduates): Summer Semester 1999

'Antike Sklaverei' (lecture course for undergraduates and graduates): Summer Semester 1999

***Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales***

'New perspectives in Roman demography' (seminar): May/June 1998

***Universität Graz***

'Sex und Hunger, Krankheit und Tod: die Grundlagen des Lebens in der antiken Welt' (lecture course for undergraduates and graduates): Summer Semester 1998

***University of Cambridge***

Panel organizer for 'Oikos: families in ancient Greece' (graduate seminar): Michaelmas Term 1998

'The ancient economy twenty-five years after *The ancient economy*' (graduate seminar; with H. Parkins): Lent Term 1998  
 Supervisions on Roman history (for 2nd and 3rd year undergraduates): Lent and Easter Terms 1998  
 Supervisions on 'The city of Athens' (for 3rd year undergraduates): Easter Term 1997  
 'Slavery' (lecture course for 2nd year undergraduates; with P. Cartledge): Michaelmas Term 1998  
 Participation in lecture course 'The transformation of the Roman world, 284-476' (lecture course for 2nd year undergraduates; with P. Garnsey *et al.*): Michaelmas Term 1997, 1998  
 'The ancient economy' (lecture course for 2nd year undergraduates): Easter Term 1996 (with P. Garnsey), Lent Term 1997 (with H. Parkins), Lent and Easter Terms 1998 (with R. Duncan-Jones and H. Parkins)  
 'Ancient history: problems and methods' (lecture/discussion course for 1st and 2nd year undergraduates; with K. Hopkins): Lent Term 1997, 1998, 1999  
 Examiner, Preliminary Examination for the Classical Tripos (for 1st year undergraduates): 1997/98

### **Universität Wien**

Seminar on Athenian ostracism (for graduates; with P. Siewert): Summer Semester 1992, 1993  
 Lecture course on the history of women in antiquity (for undergraduates; with E. Specht *et al.*): Winter Semester 1991/92, 1993/94

### **Advising**

#### **Stanford University**

Dissertation advisor: D. Padilla Peralta (PhD 2014; Assoc. Prof. Princeton University, formerly postdoc Columbia University), D. Pickel (co-advisor) (PhD 2021; postdoc Georgetown University, formerly postdoc Stanford University), C. Shi (PhD 2022; postdoc Collège de France), T. Leibundgut (in progress), J. Macksoud (in progress)

Dissertation committee member: T. Jackman (PhD 2005; formerly postdoc Columbia University), L. de Jong (PhD 2007; Assoc. Prof. University of Groningen, formerly Ass. Prof. University of North Carolina), C. Fischer-Bovet (PhD 2008; Assoc. Prof. University of Southern California), U. Krotscheck (PhD 2008; Assoc. Prof. Evergreen College), A. Monson (PhD 2008; Prof. University of Würzburg, formerly Assoc. Prof. New York University), S. Levin-Richardson (PhD 2009; Assoc. Prof. University of Washington), M. Kutner (Bailey) (PhD 2011; Ass. Prof. University of Maryland, formerly postdoc Northwestern University), D. Totten (PhD 2011; Ass. Prof. McGill University), R. Stephan (PhD 2013; Ass. Prof. University of Arizona), S. Arcenas (PhD 2018; Ass. Prof. University of Montana, formerly Vis. Ass. Prof. Dartmouth College and Ass. Prof. George Mason University), J. Weiland (PhD 2018; DPAA), M. Abgrall (PhD 2019; French Foreign Ministry), K. Mallon (PhD 2019; policy aide, Santa Clara County board of supervisors, formerly postdoc Stanford University), N. Bartos (in progress), Ü. Öztürk (in progress)

Undergraduate honors thesis director: W. Haas (2007; Lawrence V. Ryan Prize for Innovative Research in an Interdisciplinary Field in the Humanities), S. Soni (2007), J. Lee (2022)

#### **University of Leiden**

Dissertation co-director: S. Hin (PhD 2009; formerly at Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, University of Leuven, and Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis)

#### **University of Chicago**

Dissertation committee member: C. Hawkins (PhD 2006; senior grants manager, One World Education, formerly Ass. Prof. University of Chicago, Ass. Prof. University of Rochester)

**Affiliated faculty (Stanford University; \*current)**

Center for Population Research  
 Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis  
 Center on Poverty and Inequality\*  
 Europe Center\*  
 Program in Human Biology  
 Social Science History Initiative  
 Urban Studies Program\*

**Academic administrative service (Stanford University)**

2013–15 Curriculum Committee, Program in Human Biology  
 2012–21 Faculty Co-coordinator, Human Biology Core Sequence, Program in Human Biology  
 2011–15 Executive Committee, Center for Population Research  
 2009–10 Dean’s Advisory Committee, School of Humanities and Sciences  
 2008–10, 11–15,  
 18–19, 23–24 Chair, Department of Classics  
 2008–10, 11–14 Appointments and Promotions Committee, Humanities and Arts Cluster  
 2006–12 Executive Committee, Urban Studies Program  
 2006–7 Appointments and Promotions Committee, School of Humanities and Sciences (substitute)  
 2004–7, 16–17 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Classics  
 2003–7, 19–22 Ancient History Track Advisor, Department of Classics  
 2003–6 Faculty Advisory Board, Social Science History Institute

**Professional service**

2023– Advisory Board, Arthur Lewis Lab for Comparative Development, University of Manchester  
 2019– Advisory Board, *Edinburgh Studies in Ancient Slavery*, Edinburgh University Press  
 2015–17 Editorial Board, *Explorations in Economic History*  
 2015– Advisory Board, Dickinson Classics Online  
 2014–19 Co-editor, *Historia: Zeitschrift für Alte Geschichte* and *Historia Einzelschriften*  
 2014– Editorial Board, *Clodynamics: The Journal of Theoretical and Mathematical History*  
 2010– International Advisory Board, Center for the Comparative Study of Antiquity, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
 2008– Co-editor, *Oxford Studies in Early Empires*, Oxford University Press  
 2007–20 Advisory Board, *Tijdschrift voor Geschiedenis*  
 2005–9 Co-coordinator, Princeton/Stanford Working Papers in Classics  
 1997– Associate, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*  
 1993–2001 Contributor to the annual bibliographical supplement of research on slavery in *Slavery and Abolition*  
 1993–9 Member of the research group on ancient slavery of the Academy of Sciences and Literature in Mainz, Germany  
 1990–3 Editorial staff, *Tyche*

Evaluation of book manuscripts for Ashgate; Brill; Cambridge University Press; MIT Press; NYU Press; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Polity Press; Princeton University Press; Routledge; Rowman & Littlefield; Sloan Publishing; Storm King Publishing; University of California Press; University of Chicago Press; University of Missouri Press; University of North Carolina Press, University of Washington Press.

Evaluation of article manuscripts for *American Anthropologist*; *American Political Science Review*; *Ancient East and West*; *Ancient History Bulletin*; *Ancient Society*; *Annales*; *Antiquity*; *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*; *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*; *Classical Bulletin*; *Classical Philology*; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Constitutional Political Economy*; *Current Anthropology*; *Economic History Review*; *Economic Journal*; *Economics Letters*; *Enterprise and Society*; *Evolutionary Psychology*; *Explorations in Economic History*; *Global Intellectual History*; *Graeco-Latina Brunensia*; *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies*; *Hesperia*; *Historia*; *Historical Methods*; *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews*; *Journal of Economic History*; *Journal of Economic Literature*; *Journal of Economic Surveys*; *Journal of Global History*; *Journal of Hellenic Studies*; *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*; *Journal of Institutional Economics*; *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*; *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology*; *Journal of Population Research*; *Journal of Roman Archaeology*; *Journal of Roman Studies*; *Journal of Social Archaeology*; *Journal of World History*; *Mouseion*; *Nature*; *New Classicists*; *Orbis Terrarum*; *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*; *Papers of the British School at Rome*; *Phoenix*; *Politics and the Life Sciences*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Structure and Dynamics*; *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis*; *Transactions of the American Philological Association*; *Tyche*; *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik*.

Institutional evaluations for Boston University; Universität Innsbruck.

Evaluation of appointment and promotion cases for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Indiana University; Iowa State University; King's College London; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Northwestern University; State University of New York – Albany; Universität Basel; Universität Wien; University of Bristol; University of California – Berkeley; University of California – Los Angeles; University of California – Santa Barbara; University of Georgia; University of Houston; University of Melbourne; University of Michigan; University of New Hampshire; University of Oklahoma; University of Pennsylvania; University of Southern California; University of St Andrews; University of Toronto; University of Victoria; University of Warwick; University of Wisconsin – Madison; Vanderbilt University.

Evaluation of fellowship and grant applications and prize nominations for Australian Academy of Humanities; Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences; Estonian Science Foundation; European Research Council; Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung; John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation; Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen; Leverhulme Trust; John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; Andrew W. Mellon Foundation; National Endowment for the Humanities; National Geographic Society; National Science Foundation; Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek; New York University Abu Dhabi Institute; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Stanford Humanities Center; Swiss National Science Foundation; University of Bergen; Volkswagen Stiftung.

Expert witness, Supreme Court of British Columbia.