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SPECIAL INTERESTS Ancient Mediterranean Religions and Mythologies, Greek Poetry, Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison 1992

Dissertation: *Greek Heroine Cults in their Literary and Social Contexts*

Director: Prof. Paul Plass

M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison 1988

B.A. *summa cum laude* Mercer University, Macon, Georgia 1987

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Fall 2005-present: Professor of Classics, Kent State University

1999-2005: Associate Professor of Classics, Kent State University

1994-1999: Assistant Professor of Classics, Kent State University

1997-present: Affiliate Member, Women's Studies faculty

1992-3; 93-4: Assistant Professor of Classics (Temporary), Kent State University

GRADUATE FACULTY STATUS

F-4: May direct doctoral dissertations

SCHOLARSHIP

books

2007. *Ancient Greek cults: A Guide*. New York and London: Routledge.

2001. *Greek nymphs: Myth, cult, lore*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.

Reviews: R. Gordon *Greece and Rome* 49.2 (2002) 262-269; D. Felton *Classical Review* 54.2

(2004) 433-5; S. G. Cole *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 73.2 (2005) 550-553; K. M.

Wilson *Signs* 30.2 (2005) 1715-19.

1995. *Greek heroine cults*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.

Reviews: P. Walcot *Greece and Rome* 43.1 (1996) 111-120; E. C. Polomé *Journal of Indo-*

European Studies 24 (1996) 184; C. Antonaccio *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 117: (1997) 225;

R. Hawley *Folklore* 108: (1997) 127; E. Kearns *Classical Review* 47.1 (1997) 71-3; E.

Kadletz *Classical World* 92 (1998) 61-63; E. Stehle *The European Legacy* 3.3 (1998) 131;

Times Literary Supplement Jan. 9-98 (discussed in Lyons/Anderson review).

articles in refereed journals and invited chapters

2007. A land full of gods: Nature deities in Greek religion. In D. Ogden ed, *A Companion to Greek*

- Religion*. Malden, MA and Oxford: Blackwell. 56-70.
2005. Lugalbanda and Hermes. *Classical Philology* 100.1, 1-16.
2004. Paul's Masculinity. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 123.1, 85-97.
2002. The Olympic games and the rise of Greek religious institutions: Interpretive essay. In B. Vivante, ed. *Events That Changed Ancient Greece*. Westport CT and London: Greenwood Press. 45-58. Designated a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Book for 2002.
2002. Corinna and the daughters of Asopus. *Syllecta Classica* 13.47-62.
1997. Handmaidens of Artemis? *Classical Journal* 92.3, 249-57.
1997. Astacides the Goatherd (Callimachus Ep. 22 Pf.). *Classical Philology* 92.2, 131-37.
1995. The Corycian Nymphs and the Homeric *Hymn to Hermes*. *Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies* 36.4, 341-57.

invited book reviews

- 2007/8. B. Currie, *Pindar and the cult of heroes* (Oxford and New York 2005), *Classical Journal* 103.201-4.
2005. S. G. Cole, *Landscapes, gender and ritual space: The ancient Greek experience*. (Berkeley and Los Angeles 2004). *Phoenix* 59.369-70.
2000. F. W. Alonso, *La fortaleza asediada. Diosas, héroes, y mujeres poderosas in el mito griego*. (Salamanca 1997). *Classical Review* 50.317.

pedagogical work

1986. Mills, Watson E. and Jennifer Smith [Larson]. *Instructor's manual for New Testament Greek: An Introductory Grammar*. New York and Toronto: Edwin Mellen.

forthcoming and work in progress

- Votive arms and armor in the sanctuaries of goddesses: An empirical approach. Forthcoming in a supplement to *Kernos* collecting papers from "Le Donateur, L'Offrande et la Déesse" (see conferences Dec. 2007)
- Venison for Artemis? The problem of deer sacrifice. In Sarah Hitch and Ian Rutherford ed. *Violent Commensality*. Under review with Cambridge University Press.
- Herakles. Forthcoming in *Heroes!* (Exhibit Catalogue). The Walters Art Museum. 2009.
- the theology of Archaic cult images in ancient Greece (book project)
- rational choice theory of religion and ancient polytheisms

conferences (*indicates invited participation; all others refereed)

- Jan. 2008. Venison for Artemis? The problem of deer sacrifice. APA Annual Meeting.
- *Dec. 2007. Votive arms and armor in the sanctuaries of goddesses. XXXIe Colloque International: Le Donateur, L'Offrande et la Déesse. Systèmes votifs dans les sanctuaries de divinités féminines en Grèce et en Asie Mineure. Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Lille, France.
- *2006. (panel moderator). Ritual Texts for the Afterlife: A Gold Tablets Conference. Ohio State University.
2004. Lugalbanda and Hermes. APA Annual Meeting.
- *2004. Sacred gardens in ancient Greece. Indiana University Department of Classics.
- *2003. Divine images: Cult statues in ancient Greece. Creighton University Department of Classics and Near Eastern Studies.

- *2003. Sacred gardens in ancient Greece. University of Western Ontario Colloquium : Landscape in the Ancient World.
- *2001. Dangerous Brides: Nymphs in ancient and modern Greek folklore. Kent Medieval Society
- 2001. Corinna and the daughters of Asopos. APA Annual Meeting.
- *1998. Seized by the Nymphs: Nympholepsy in the Ancient Greek World. Bowdoin College Department of Classics.
- *1997. The Ancient Nymphs and Modern Greek Folklore. AIA Kent-Akron.
- 1996. Astacides the Goatherd (Callimachus Ep. 22 Pf.). APA Annual Meeting.
- 1995. Handmaidens of Artemis? APA Annual Meeting.
- *1995. Heroine Cults in Ancient Greece. Ohio Classical Conference.
- 1995. Artemis and the Nymphs. CAMWS Annual Meeting.
- 1994. On the Distinction Between Nymph and Heroine. CAMWS Annual Meeting.
- 1992. Iphigenia Soteira and the Attic Tradition of Self-Sacrifice. APA Annual Meeting.
- 1991. The First Hikesios in the Cyrene Cathartic Law. Classical Association of the Atlantic States, Annual Meeting.
- 1991. The Hounds of Medea: Imagery of Death in the *Argonautica*. CAMWS Annual Meeting.
- 1990. Miasma and Medicine in the *Oresteia*. CAMWS Annual Meeting.

competitive appointments and fellowships

- 2003. KSU Summer Research Appointment: "Ancient Greek Cults: A Guide"
- 1999. Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington D.C. Summer Fellow.
- 1998. KSU Summer Research Appointment: "Nymphs in Ancient Greece: Contexts of Worship"
- 1995. KSU Summer Research Appointment: "The Cult of the Nymphs in Ancient Greece"

TEACHING

courses taught *indicates graduate level

- Elementary Greek I, II
- Elementary Latin I, II
- Intermediate Greek I, II
- Intermediate Latin I, II
- Latin Elegiac Poets (Ovid)*
- Latin Lyric Poets (Horace)*
- Vergil: *Eclogues* and *Georgics**
- Juvenal's *Satires**
- Vergil's *Aeneid*
- Homer
- Plato
- Euripides' *Hippolytus*
- Colloquium: Women in Antiquity
- Colloquium: Ancient Christianities*
- Colloquium: Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity*
- Colloquium: Ancient and Modern Paganisms
- The Greek Achievement (Liberal Education Requirement)
- The Roman Achievement (Liberal Education Requirement)
- English Words from Classical Elements

Greek Literature in Translation (writing intensive requirement)
Classical Mythology*
Roman Civilization*

CITIZENSHIP

referee

Classical Journal

Blackwell

American Journal of Philology

DIOTIMA (Fourth Feminism and Classics Conference 2005)

Helios

Journal of Folklore Research

National Endowment for the Humanities

Princeton University Press

Transactions of the American Philological Association

advisory board member

“Heroes,” an exhibit to appear at the Walters Art Museum in 2009, curated by Sabine Albersmeier

other professional service

Women’s Classical Caucus mentoring program

college and university level

Faculty Senate Professional Standards Committee, 08-09

AAUP-KSU Bargaining Team, 08

AAUP-KSU Grievance Chair, 04-07

AAUP-KSU Council Representative, 00-05

Kent State University Press Editorial Board, 02-03, 03-04

College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Committee, 02-03

Faculty Professional Development Council, 02-03

University Women's Studies Committee, 96-97, Fall 98, Spring 00, 01-02

Research and Graduate Studies grant review panel, Fall 01

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 95-96

department level

Chair, Faculty Mentoring Committee, 07-08

Website Committee 95-96 (co-designed first department website), 07-08

Graduate Advisor, Latin MA Program, 04-present

Chair, Classics Search Committee 05

Undergraduate Advisor (all Classics, Latin and Greek students), 98-04

Literature/culture Faculty Convener, departmental reconfiguration study, Summer-Fall 03

Department Chair Review Committee, Spring 00

Chair, ad hoc Merit Pay Subcommittee, 99-00

Faculty Advisory Committee, 97-98, 99-00, Fall 03, Fall 04, 07-08

Graduate Studies Committee, 96-97, Spring 02

Classics Search Committee, 98-99, 00-01
Student Grievance Committee, Fall 98, Spring 00, Spring 01, Fall 01
Language Instruction Advisory Committee, 98-99, 00-01
Strategic Planning Committee, Spring 98
Curriculum Committee, 94-95 (secretary), 95-96 (secretary), 97-98. 08-09

labor law workshops and AAUP conferences

Negotiations seminar, AAUP Summer Institute, Reno, July 2007
AAUP National conference delegate, Washington D.C., June 2006
Ohio AAUP Conference, Arbitration workshop, Columbus, April 2006
National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining and Higher Education, 33rd Annual Conference, New York, April 2006.
Labor Law and Labor Arbitration: Labor Arbitration Institute, Cleveland, Nov. 2005
Conference on Ohio Sector Public Fact-Finding, State Employment Relations Board, Columbus, Oct. 2005
Labor Arbitration Advocacy: American Arbitration Institute, Cleveland, Fall 2004
Grievances and Contract Administration seminar, AAUP Summer Institute, Scranton, July 2004

professional memberships

American Philological Association
Women's Classical Caucus of the APA
Classical Association of the Midwest and South
American Academy of Religion