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EDUCATION

- 2018 **The University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA**
Ph.D., Egyptology, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
“Shaping Identities in the Context of Crisis: The Social Self Reflected in
21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri,” Advisor Kathlyn Cooney
- 2015 **The University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA**
C.Phil., Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
- 2011 **The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**
M.A., Social Sciences
- 2010 **Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA**
Honors B.A., History and Sociology, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA

- 2017 *Lecturer*, Department of Art History
Art of Egypt and the Ancient Near East, Spring 2017

University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

- 2018-Present *Lecturer*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Ancient Egyptian Religion, Scheduled Summer 2018
Women in Power in the Ancient World, Scheduled Summer 2018
- 2014-2018 *Instructor of Record*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Death, Afterlife, and the Underworld, Spring 2018
Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt, Summer 2016
Women in Power in the Ancient World, Summer 2015
Ancient Egyptian Religion, Summer 2014
- 2015-2017 *Teaching Fellow*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Ancient Egyptian Religion, Spring 2017
Ancient Egyptian Civilization II, Winter 2017
Jerusalem: Holy City, Fall 2016
Women in Power in the Ancient World, Winter 2016
Ancient Egyptian Civilization I, Fall 2015

- 2014-2015 *Teaching Associate*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Women in Power in the Ancient World, Winter 2015
- 2013-2014 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Ancient Egyptian Religion, Spring 2014
Ancient Egyptian Civilization I, Fall 2013
- 2013 *Reader*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Ancient Egyptian Religion, Spring 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

- 2012-2018 *Registrar & Research Assistant*, 21st Dynasty Coffins Project
Provide research assistance and oversee database maintenance and entry of the
UCLA 21st Dynasty Coffins Project under the direction of Dr. Kathlyn Cooney.
- 2013-2015 *Registrar*, Fayum Archaeological Project
Cataloged finds and maintained the database for archaeological excavations at
Karanis, Egypt under the direction of Dr. Willeke Wendrich.
- Winter 2014 *Graduate Student Research Assistant*, Artemis Papyrus Synoptic Edition
Analyzed text witnesses of a hieratic liturgy and associated texts for a synoptic
edition publication under the direction of Dr. Jacco Dieleman.

Mead Art Museum, Amhurst, MA

- Winter 2014 *Researcher and Collaborator*
Provided a description, transcription, and translation of a 21st Dynasty coffin, as
well as conservation recommendations at the request of Dr. Bettina Jungen.

The Egyptian Virtual Museum, Santa Barbara, CA

- Summer 2013 *Assistant Registrar*
Cataloged artifacts, evaluated the state of preservation of objects, and provided
translations under the supervision of Dr. Francesco Tiradritti.

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

- 2013-2014 *Tutor*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures
Taught Middle Egyptian grammar to Dr. Anthony Barbieri-Low, through the
support of a Mellon New Directions Fellowship.

The Oriental Institute, Chicago, IL

2010-2011 *Facilitator*, Public Education Office

Supervised the Kipper Archaeology Discovery Center simulation dig program, introduced students to archaeological techniques, and developed museum tours.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Forthcoming “Family Associations Reflected in the Materiality of 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri,” *Invisible Archaeologies*, editor Loretta Kilroe (Oxford: Archaeopress, forthcoming).
- Forthcoming “Reactionary Functions of 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri towards Coffin Reuse,” *Proceedings of the Second Vatican Coffin Conference: 6-9 June 2017*, editors Alessia Amenta and Hélène Guichard (Vatican City: Musei Vaticani Città del Vaticano, forthcoming).
- 2016 Arbuckle MacLeod, Caroline, Elsbeth Geldhof, Marissa Stevens, and Kathlyn Cooney, “The Life of the Egyptian Coffin: Preliminary Report,” *Backdirt: Annual Review of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA* (Los Angeles: UC Regents, 2016) 32-37.
- 2015 Stevens, Marissa and Kathlyn Cooney, “The Ongoing Study of Coffin Reuse in 21st Dynasty Egypt,” *Backdirt: Annual Review of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA* (Los Angeles: UC Regents, 2015) 42-47.

Book Reviews

- 2017 “Book Review: Rogério Sousa, *Burial assemblages from Bab el-Gasus in the geographical society of Lisbon*. Monumenta Aegyptiaca, 14. Turnhout: Brepols, 2017. xiv, 290 p. €89,00 (pb). ISBN 9782503565750,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (December 2017).
- 2016 “Book Review: France Jamen, *Le cercueil de Padikhonsu au musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon (XXI^e dynastie)*, Studien zu altägyptischen Totentexten 20 (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2016). ISBN 9783447103725. Pp. xii +240.,” *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt*, Vol. 52 (2016) 353-355.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2018 “Tomb Robbery,” *All Things Egyptian: An Encyclopedia of the Ancient Egyptian World* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming, 2018).
- 2014 “Egyptian Mummies,” “Opening of the Mouth,” “Theban Necropolis,” and “The Egyptian Exhibit, The British Museum,” *Mummies around the World: An Encyclopedia of Mummies in History, Religion, and Popular Culture*, editor Matt Cardin (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2014).

- 2013 “Ammit,” “Amun,” Amun-Re,” “Aten,” “Atum,” “Horus,” “Introduction,” “Isis,” Mut,” “Osiris,” “Ptah,” “Re,” and “Thoth,” *Lincoln Library of World Mythology: Ancient Near East Volume*, editor Derek Gleason (Cleveland: The Lincoln Library Press, 2013).

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers

- November 2018 *American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO
“The Ownership of Funerary Papyri as a Means of Defining Social Identity”
- September 2018 *Fourth British Egyptology Conference*, Manchester, U.K.
“Family and Priesthood: Social Interconnectedness on 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri”
- June 2018 *Current Research in Egyptology Conference*, Prague, Czech Republic
“Illustrations of Temple Rank on 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri”
- April 2018 *The American Research Center in Egypt Annual Conference*, Tucson, AZ
“Temple Rank and 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri: Documenting Status in Theban Society”
- November 2017 *University of Oxford Invisible Archaeologies Conference*, Oxford, U.K.
“Family Associations Reflected in the Materiality of 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri”
- September 2017 *Brown University Reuse Reconsidered Conference*, Providence, RI
“Reactionary Functions of Funerary Papyri towards 21st Dynasty Coffin Reuse”
- June 2017 *Second Vatican Coffins Conference*, Vatican City
“In the Shadow of Coffin Reuse: Reactionary Functions of 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri”
- April 2016 *The American Research Center in Egypt Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA
“Connecting Coffins and Papyri: An Analysis of Social Identity through 21st Dynasty Funerary Iconography” *Winner of the Best Student Paper 2016
- February 2016 *UCLA Interdisciplinary Archaeology Conference*, Los Angeles, CA
“Negotiating Social Identity in 21st Dynasty Thebes: Female Agency in Funerary Papyri”
- May 2014 *Center for the Study of Religion Graduate Conference*, Los Angeles, CA
“Tomb Function and Innovation: A New Interpretation of the Monochrome Tomb Chambers of Deir el-Medina”

Posters

- April 2016 *Ancient Egyptian Coffins: Past, Present, Future*, Cambridge, U.K.
“Connecting Coffins and Papyri: An Analysis of Social Identity through 21st Dynasty Funerary Iconography”
- April 2015 *The American Research Center in Egypt Annual Conference*, Houston, TX
“Shifting Social Identity and Self-Presentation: The Growing Emphasis on Family in New Kingdom Theban Tombs”
- April 2014 *The American Research Center in Egypt Annual Conference*, Portland, OR
“Understanding Agency in Funerary Iconography: An Analysis of a Group of 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri”

Panels Organized

- May 2017 *Center for the Study of Religion Graduate Conference*, Los Angeles, CA
“Body and Speech in Ritual Performance”

INVITED TALKS

- January 2018 *American Research Center in Egypt – Orange County*, Santa Ana, CA
“Family Associations Reflected in the Materiality of 21st Dynasty Funerary Papyri”
- March 2016 *American Research Center in Egypt – Orange County*, Santa Ana, CA
“Connecting Coffins and Papyri: An Analysis of Social Identity through 21st Dynasty Funerary Iconography”
- February 2016 *The Houston Museum of Natural Science*, Houston, TX
“Unwrapped: The Mysterious World of Mummies”
- April 2015 *Egypt Exploration Organization of Southern California*, Los Angeles, CA
“Shifting Social Identity and Self-Presentation: The Growing Emphasis on Family in New Kingdom Theban Tombs”
- March 2015 *Getty Consortium: Object-Canon-Value*, Los Angeles, CA
“Reflective Death: A New Interpretation on the Study of 21st Dynasty Egyptian Funerary Papyri”
- January 2014 *American Research Center in Egypt – Orange County*, Santa Ana, CA
“Amarna: Akhenaten’s Palace City”
- April 2013 *Wep Wa-ut in Westwood Conference*, Los Angeles, CA
“Amarna: Akhenaten’s Palace City”

March 2013 *Egypt Exploration Organization of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA*
 “Amarna: Akhenaten’s Palace City”

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2017 *UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship* (\$20,000 stipend)
2017 *Friends of Archaeology Travel Grant* (\$1,200 for research travel)
2017 *Departmental Summer Grant* (\$2,500 for academic research)
2016 *Keck Foundation Grant* (\$1,000 for academic research)
2016 *Steinmetz Travel Grant* (\$800 for research travel)
2015 *Steinmetz Travel Grant* (\$1,500 for research travel)
2014 *Steinmetz Travel Grant* (\$1,000 for research travel)
2014 *Graduate Research Mentorship* (\$20,000 for graduate study)
2014 *Graduate Summer Research Mentorship* (\$6,500 for research travel)
2014 *Graduate Division Travel Grant* (\$2,000 for research travel)
2013 *Steinmetz Travel Grant* (\$1,000 for research travel)
2013 *Graduate Summer Research Mentorship* (\$6,500 for research travel)
2012 *National Gamma Sigma Alpha Scholarship* (\$500 for graduate study)
2012 *National Pi Gamma Mu Graduate Scholarship* (\$1,000 for graduate study)
2012 *Alpha Lambda Delta Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship* (\$3,000 for graduate study)
2012 *Mellon Fellowship* (\$27,000 annual stipend for two years of graduate study)
2010 *Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Scholarship* (\$7,500 for graduate study)
2010 *National Gamma Sigma Alpha Scholarship* (\$1,000 for graduate study)
2010 *Kelso Research and Travel Grant* (\$3,000 for summer research in Egypt)

AWARDS

2018 *UCLA Grad Slam (3-Minute Thesis) 1st Place Winner*
2017 *Collegium of University Teaching Fellows Honor*
2016 *ARCE National Conference Best Student Paper*
2010 *The Charles P. Eaton Prize, Independent Work in the Liberal Arts*
2010 *The Walter S. Sanderlin Prize in History, High Achievement in History*
2010 *Scholar in Sociology, High Achievement in Sociology*
2009 *Pi Beta Phi Pearl Award, Highest GPA in Sorority*
2009 *Phi Alpha Theta Conference Winner*
2008 *The Henry Willson Temple Prize, High Achievement in History*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Research Center in Egypt
American Schools of Oriental Research
International Council of Museums
Phi Beta Kappa

Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of French and German

Research knowledge of Old Egyptian, Demotic, and Coptic

Specialization in Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, and Hieratic