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#### **Education:**

1985: Ph.D., Bryn Mawr College,

History of Art

dissertation: "Omnium Paene Urbium Nuditate: the Reuse of Antiquities in

Constantinople, 4th through 6th Centuries"

advisor: Dale Kinney

1980: M.A., University of Chicago,

History of Art

thesis: "Claude-Joseph Vernet and the Landscape Painting of 18th-Century France"

1976: B.A., Smith College,

major: Art History

# **Professional Appointments:**

**Continuing appointments:** 

2009 – present: Indiana University

Department of the History of Art, Associate Professor

- O Member core faculty: Ancient Studies Program
- O Member core faculty: Medieval Studies Institute
- Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Classics, Indiana University (from 2012)
- O Affiliate, Russian and East European Institute, Indiana University (from 2012)

Previous appointments:

1997-2009: Wayne State University

Department of Art and Art History

- O Assistant Professor, 1997-2003
- O Associate Professor, 2003-2009

## Term appointments:

1997: Bryn Mawr College, Department of the History of Art, Visiting Assistant Professor

1996: Florida State University, Department of the History of Art, Visiting Assistant Professor

1994-96: Colgate University, Venice Study Group (Venice, Italy), Adjunct Professor, Art History

1991-96: Dickinson College, Center for European Studies (Bologna, Italy) Adjunct Professor, Art History

1986-87: Swarthmore College, Department of Art, Visiting Assistant Professor

1986: University of Delaware, Department of Art History, Visiting Assistant Professor

1985: Swarthmore College, Department of Art, Visiting Assistant Professor

### Fellowships:

2015-16: Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, School for Historical Studies, Member

2009: American Research Institute in Turkey, Fellowship

2000-2001: National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers

1999: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington, D.C.,

Summer Fellowship, Byzantine Studies

1987-1988: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington, D.C. Fellow, Byzantine Studies,

1983- 1984: Giles H. Whiting Foundation, Dissertation Completion Fellowship

1983: American Research Institute in Turkey, Fellowship

1981-1982: Bryn Mawr College, Department of the History of Art, Massenzia Fellowship

1980-1981: Bryn Mawr College, Department of the History of Art, Graduate Fellowship

#### Grants:

2012-13: Indiana University, New Frontiers in the Arts and Sciences Research Grant

2010: Indiana University, Faculty Summer Research Grant

2007-2008: Wayne State University, Collaborative Research Grant

2003-2004: Wayne State University, University Research Grant

2002-2003: Wayne State University, Global Curriculum Development Grant

2000-2001: Wayne State University, Global Curriculum Development Grant

2000: National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend

1998: Wayne State University, Faculty Summer Research Grant

1982-1983: Bryn Mawr College, Graduate Teaching Assistant

#### Publications:

# book:

2004: The Urban Image of Late Antique Constantinople (Cambridge University Press)

# Journal articles and book chapters (peer reviewed):

- in press: "The Topography of Triumph in Late Antique Constantinople", Fabian Goldbeck, and Johannes Wienand(eds.): Der römische Triumph in Prinzipat und Spätantike. Berlin: De Gruyter
- 2015: "Curious art': myth, sculpture, and Christian response in late antiquity," in H. Leppin and J. Rüpke (eds.) Antike Mythologie in christlichen Kontexten der Spätantike Bilder, Räume, Texte/Classical Mythology in the Context of Late Antiquity Images, Spaces, Texts (Millenium Studies): 239 61.
- 2015: "Collecting and the Creation of History," in M. Ghatan and D. Pegazzano, (eds.) Museum Archetypes and Collecting in the Ancient World (Leiden and Boston: Brill): 146 -55
- 2014: "Late Antique Honorific Sculpture in Constantinople," in S. Birk, T. M. Kristensen, B. Poulsen, eds. *Using Images in Late Antiquity* (Oxford: BAR): 78-95.
- 2011: "The Great Palace Mosaic and the Image of Imperial Power," in G. Sözül, ed. *Mosaics of Anatolia* (Istanbul): 89 100.
- 2011: "Sculpture and the Rhetorical Imagination in Late Antique Constantinople," O. Dally and C. Ratté, eds. Archaeology and the cities of Asia Minor in Late Antiquity. Kelsey Museum Publications 6 (Ann Arbor): 27 41.
- 2008: "Style and Meaning in the Imperial Panels at San Vitale," Artibus et Historiae, 57: 49-57.
- 2008: "The Late Antique Image of Menander," Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies 48: 201-25.
- 2007: "Ancient Statuary in Fourth-Century Constantinople: Subject, Style, and Function" in Franz Alto Bauer & Christian Witschel, eds. *Statuen in der Spätantike* (Wiesbaden): 189-201.
- 2000: "Excellent offerings': the Lausos Collection in Constantinople," Art Bulletin, 72: 6-25
- 1996: "Historiae custos: sculpture and tradition in the Baths of Zeuxippos," *American Journal of Archaeology*, 100: 491-506.
- 1993: "John V Palaiologos and the Golden Gate in Constantinople," *To Hellenikon: Studies in honor of Speros Vryonis, Jr.* (New Rochelle): 117-33.
- 1992: "Antiquities in the Hippodrome of Constantinople," Dumbarton Oaks Papers 45: 82-96.

# Articles for the general public:

2004: "The Invention of Constantinople," *Istanbul Selected Themes*, 2, supplement to *Arkeoloji ve Sanat* (Istanbul).

#### Dictionary entries:

- in press: "Urbanism and Countryside: 26. Constantinople": *Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the Archaeology*of Late Antique Archaeology
- 2013: "Constantinople, history and monuments": Bagnall, R.S. and K. Brodersen, C. Champion, A. Erskine, and S. Heubner, eds. *Encyclopaedia of Ancient History* (Wiley-Blackwell: Chichester)

#### Book reviews:

- 2013: Nectar and Illusion: Nature in Byzantine Art and Literature by Henry Maguire, The Medieval Review 13.10.05.
- 2010: Space, Time, and Presence in the Icon. Seeing the World with the Eyes of God by Clemena Antonova, The Medieval Review 10.06.23.
- 2010: *Die Porphyrsarkophage der oströmischen Kaiser* by Neslihan Asutay-Effenberger and Arne Effenberger: *Speculum* 85/2.
- 2009: *Private Worship, Public Values, and religious Change in Late Antiquity* by Kim Bowes: *American Journal of Archaeology* 113: 669-70.
- 2006: "Sant'Apollinare Nuovo and its afterlife, and Roman and late-antique domus at Ravenna," review of: La Basilica di S. Apollinare Nuovo di Ravenna attraverso i secoli by Emanuela Penni lacco and Archeologia Urbana a Ravenna. La "Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra". Il Complesso archeologico di Via D'Azeglio by Giovanna Montevecchi: Journal of Roman Archaeology 19: 717-20.
- 2006: The Eloquence of Appropriation: Prolegomena to an Understanding of Spolia in Early Christian Rome by Maria Fabricius Hansen: Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians 65/2: 296-8.
- 2005: Constantine and Rome by R. Ross Holloway, American Journal of Archaeology 110.1
- 2001: The Obelisk Base in Constantinople: Court Art and Imperial Ideology by Bente Kiilerich: American Journal of Archaeology 105: 749.
- 2000: Arco di Costantino tra archeologia e archeometria, edited by Patrizio Pensabene and ClementinaPanella, American Journal of Archaeology 104(2000): 627-8.
- 1999: Art and the Roman Viewer: The Transformation of Art from the Pagan World to Christianity by Jás Elsner, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 67/4: 877-880.

### Lectures and presentations:

- 2014: "Ancients and Moderns: Reconsidering Style in the Visual Arts of Late Antiquity," Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington, D.C.
- 2013: "Late Antique Art and Modernist Vision," at *Symbolism and Abstraction in Late Antique* and Early Byzantine Art (c. 300-700), Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Istanbul.
- 2013: "Antiquity in Late Antiquity: Collecting in Constantinople" at *Museum Archetypes and Collecting in the Ancient World*, Lorenzo de Medici Institute, Marist College, Florence.
- 2013: "Collecting in Constantinople: Continuity and Change," at *Continuity and Change In Late Antique Art*, Art Institute of Chicago.
- 2012:"Curious art': myth, sculpture, and Christian response in late antiquity," at *Antike Mythologie in christlichen Kontexten der Spätantike Bilder, Räume, Texte*, Internationale

  Tagung, Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main
- 2012: "The Topography of Triumph in Late Antique Constantinople", at *Der Römische Triumph*in Prinzipat und Spätantike, Altertumswissenschaftliche Fachtagung, Humbolt Universität, Berlin.
- 2012: "How words color pictures: critical language and the perception of late antique art,"
  University of Texas, Austin.
- 2012: "Problems in the study of late antique art," graduate seminar on historical methodology University of Kentucky, Lexington
- 2011: Lectures on Late Antique Constantinople, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, for the graduate seminar "Constantinople, space and representation in the late antique city"
- 2010: "Late Antique Honorific Sculpture in Constantinople" at *Using Images in Late Antiquity: Identity,*Commemoration and Response, Danish Academy, Rome
- 2008: "Sculpture and the Rhetorical Imagination in Late Antique Constantinople," at *Archaeology and the cities of Asia Minor in Late Antiquity*, a symposium sponsored by the German Archaeological Institute and the University of Michigan at the University of Michigan
- 2008: "Constantine, Christianity and Classical Culture," Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies, University of Michigan
- 2008: "Style and the Rhetorical Imagination in Late Antique Art," Temple University, Graduate Seminar in Late Antique Aesthetics
- 2006: "Style and Meaning in the Imperial Panels at San Vitale,"

  College Art Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2005: "Antiquity in Late Antiquity: the Invention of Constantinople," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champagne and Dartmouth College.

2004: "Classical statues in fourth-century Constantinople: function and context," at Workshop: Statuen und Statuensammlungen in der Spätantike: Funktion und Kontext" Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich.

1998: "From Fop to Philosopher: the Fortunes of Menander in Portrait Tradition" College Art Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.

1988: "Sculptural Decoration in the Baths of Zeuxippos,"
Byzantine Studies Conference, Houston

1988: "John V Palaiologos and the Golden Gate in Constantinople,"

23rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo

1986: "The Collection of Statuary in the Palace of Lausos,"

17th International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Washington D.C.

1985: "Lost Antiquities of Constantinople,"

College Art Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles

1983: "Antiquities in the Hippodrome of Constantinople,"

Byzantine Studies Conference, Durham, NC

1983 "The Arch of Constantine and its Byzantine Progeny,"

Symposium in the History of Art, Frick Collection, New York

## Professional service:

National organizations:

2010-15: International Center for the Study of Medieval Art,

Board of Directors and the Committee on fellowships and grants

2005-09: Byzantine Studies Association of North America

Governing Board; President, 2009

2006-2009: Archaeological Institute of America, Detroit Chapter, Co-President.

2003- present: American School of Classical Studies in Athens

Managing Committee

Wayne State University institutional representative, 2003-09
Indiana University institutional representative, 2009-present
Gennadius Library and Fellowship Committee, 2008-12

# Indiana University:

2013- present: Director of Graduate Studies, Department of the History of Art Chair, Committee on Graduate Admissions 2011-present: Steering Committee, Ancient Studies Program

2010-present: Merit Committee, Department of the History of Art

2012-2013: Robert and Avis Burke Lecture Series, faculty co-ordinator

2011-12: Bloomington Faculty Council Research Affairs Committee

2010 -2011: Chair, Islamic Art search committee, History of Art

2009-2011: Committee on Graduate Admissions, History of Art

Curriculum committee, History of Art

# miscellaneous professional service:

2012-15: The Medieval Review, Editorial review board

2014: Department of Culture and Society, section for Classical Archaeology, Aarhus University, DK.

Assessment Committee: "Emergence of sacred travel: experience, economy, and connectivity in ancient Mediterranean pilgrimage,"

2013: Referee, fellowship applications: Österreichischer Wissenschaftsfonds (Austrian Science Fund)
Abteilung für Geistes- u. Sozialwissenschaften (Humanities and Social Sciences)

2012: Referee, fellowship applications: Fonds Wettenschappelijk Onderzoek Vlanndeern (Research Foundation-Flanders)

Tenure reviews: Department of History, New York University (2011)

Department of Art History, University of California, Berkeley (2014)

Reader, fellowship applications, National Endowment for the Humanities

Reader for submissions to *Art Bulletin, American Journal of Archaeology, Dumbarton Oaks Papers, Hesperia, Journal of Early Christian Studies, Urban Studies.* 

## Professional memberships:

Archaeological Institute of America

Byzantine Studies Association of North America

International Center for Medieval Art