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**ACADEMIC DEGREES:**

- Ph.D: Loyola University of Chicago, 1992: Classical Studies (dissertation: *Terms of Literary Comment in the Epigrams of Martial*)
- M.A. John Carroll University, 1985: Classical Studies
- A.B. Youngstown State University, 1979: Classical Studies

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2009- Associate Provost for Faculty and Student Academic Affairs, Missouri State University
- 2006- Coordinator, Fellowships Office, Missouri State University
- 2006- Director of the Honors College, Missouri State University
- 2006- Professor, Modern and Classical Languages, Missouri State University
- 2001-06 Associate Professor, Modern and Classical Languages, Missouri State University
- 1996-01 Assistant Professor, Modern and Classical Languages, Missouri State University
- 1994-96: Assistant Professor, Classical Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 1993-94: Assistant Professor, Classical Studies, Iowa State University; Ames, IA:
- 1987-94: Instructor, Classical Studies, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1979-85: Teacher, secondary level Latin and English, Cleveland City Schools, Cleveland, OH

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

- Beginning, Intermediate, and upper level classical Latin
- Beginning, Intermediate, and upper level ancient Greek
- Classical Mythology (LLT 121): Honors and regular
- Cultural Views: Ancient Greek and Roman (at U of Iowa)
- Epics from Classical Antiquity (at U of Iowa)
- Roman Civilization (LLT 326)
- Elementary Survey of English Grammar (LLT 100)
- Scientific and Medical Terminology (LLT 102)

Hero and the Quest (LLT 180) Honors and regular:

- Concepts of Evil in Ancient Greek Literature
- The Roman Empire in Film

UHC Freshman Honors Seminar

Public Affairs Issues for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (GEP 397): Public and Private Identities in Biography and/or Autobiography

## RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:

### BOOK

*Martial: A Social Guide* (2007), published by Gerald Duckworth & Co., Ltd

### ARTICLES

1. "Martial: His Life and Works," *The Literary Encyclopedia* (2007; <http://www.litencyc.com/>); solicited article (W. J. Dominik, ed., Roman Literature: Drama, Rhetoric, Satire/Epigram)
2. "The Pastoral Ideal in Martial, Book 10," *Classical World* 95.2 (2002): 127-41
3. "Martial on Domitian: A Socio-Anthropological Perspective," *The Classical Bulletin* 75.1 (1999): 69-83
4. "Gift-Giving in Martial," pp. 243-55, in *Toto Notus in Orbe: Perspektiven der Martial-Interpretation*, ed. by F. Grewing (Stuttgart 1998)
5. "Martial's Special Relation with his Reader," Vol. 8 (1997) of *Studies in Latin Literature and Roman History*, "Collection *Latomus*": 352-63.
6. "Martial 6.61: Callimachean Poetics Revalued," *Transactions of the American Philological Association* 124 (1994): 291-308
7. "Martial's *Theatrum* of Power-Pornography," *Syllecta Classica* 5 (1994): 79-89

### BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review of *Gladiator: Film and History*, by Martin M. Winkler, *New England Classical Journal* 32.2 (2005): 197-200
2. Review of *Martial, Epigrams. Book Two*, by Craig A. Williams, *New England Classical Journal* 31.4 (2004): 444-46
3. Review of *Martial, The Epigrams, Book V*, by P. Howell, *Classical Journal* 96 (2001): 342-45
4. Review of *Martial*, ed. by J. P. Sullivan, *Classical Bulletin* 70 (1994): 54-55

### PAPERS and PANELS

#### National/International:

1. Panel session: "Online Courses: Strengthening or Undermining the Honors Mission?" at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Kansas City, MO; 10/10
2. "Dedicated Honors Housing: The Administrative and Student Perspective" with student co-presenter Nicole Clement; at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Kansas City, MO; 10/10
3. "A Case Study of an Honors College Facilitated Undergraduate Research Journal: A View from the Administrative, Faculty, and Student Perspective" with student co-presenter Amy

- R. Legg and Tracy Dalton (faculty); at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Kansas City, MO; 10/10
4. Panel session: "Distance Education in Honors: Current Issues," at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Washington, DC; 10/09
  5. Developing in Honors panel session: "The Functions of an Honors Program in the University and What a Dean/Director Does to Facilitate Those Functions," at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Washington, DC; 10/09
  6. "Teaching Ancient Roman Culture Through Film," with student co-presenter, S. Stewart; at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, San Antonio, TX; 10/08
  7. "Honors College Faculty" in a panel session titled "The Essence of Honors (If You Don't Have "This," You Don't Have Honors)," at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, San Antonio, TX; 10/08
  8. "Expanding the Honors Community: How to Build an Honors Council," with student co-presenters, M. Boushehri and B. Jones; at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, San Antonio, TX; 10/08
  9. "Gift-Giving in Martial," at the American Philological Association Conference, San Diego; 12/95
  10. "Martial's *Theatrum* of Power-Pornography," at the American Philological Association Conference, Atlanta; 12/94
  11. "Martial 6.61 and 10.35: *Doctrina* Redefined," at the American Philological Association Conference, Washington, D.C.; 12/93
  12. "Martial's Special Relation with his Reader," at the American Philological Association Conference, New Orleans; 12/92

**Regional:**

1. "Dedicated Honors College Housing: The Administrative and Student Perspective," with student co-presenter, A. Jones; at the Great Plains Honors Council Conference, Tulsa, OK; 3/10
2. "HBO *Rome* Series' Conflicted Representation of Octavian," at CAMWS, Minneapolis, MN, 4/09
3. "HBO *Rome* on Roman Sexual Practices: *orgia continua aut interrupta?*," at CAMWS, Cincinnati, OH; 4/07
4. "Heroism in Wolfgang Petersen's *Troy*," at CAMWS Southern Section, Memphis, TN; 11/06
5. "The Roman Empire through Film" in a panel session titled "New Perspectives on Classics and Cinema: Part I: Teaching Classics and Cinema" at CAMWS, Gainesville, FL; 4/06
6. "Using Film: Redeeming Wolfgang Petersen's *Troy*," at CAMWS, Madison, WI; 4/05
7. "Martial 2.90: An Intro to the Good Life," at CAMWS, St. Louis, MO; 4/04
8. "Martial's Use of Obscenity and Iambe's Ritualized Jests in the *Hymn to Demeter*," at CAMWS, Lexington, KY; 4/03
9. "The Oracle in *The Matrix*: Faithful to the Delphic Model?," at CAMWS, Austin, TX; 4/02
10. "Historical Fiction and the Classics," at CAMWS, Austin, TX; 4/02
11. "Martial as Iambographer," at CAMWS, Provo, UT; 4/01
12. "Martial 8.3: the Poet's Muse," at CAMWS, Knoxville; 4/00
13. "Thematic Unity in Martial Book 1: The Character of the Poet-Persona in the Introduction," at CAMWS, Cleveland; 4/99

14. "Gender and the First κακὸν ἔργον in Hesiod's Succession Myth," at University of Missouri, Classics Dept., Occasional Papers Conference, Columbia, MO; 2/99
15. "Thematic Structure in Martial Book 5," at CAMWS, Charlottesville; 4/98
16. "Meaning from Structure in Book 10 of Martial," at CAMWS, Boulder; 4/97
17. "Martial and Domitian: A Sociological Perspective," at CAMWS, Nashville; 4/96

**Local:**

1. "Political Leadership in the Ancient Roman Early Empire," at Missouri State University Provost's Research Forum; 12/08
2. "Citizen Telemachos: Taking Your Place in Society," Antiquities Program Colloquium, Missouri State Univ.; 10/02
3. "Gender Stereotypes and their Significance in Hesiod's *Theogony*," Antiquities Program Colloquium, Missouri State Univ.; 11/97
4. "Personal Perspectives on Teaching: Classical Mythology," at a Colloquium, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; 3/95
5. "Martial: A Spaniard's Entrée into Roman Society," at Ohio Class. Conf., Youngstown, OH; 11/92
6. "The Literary-Critical Terms *Nugae* and *Ludere* in Martial," at a Colloquium at Loyola Univ. of Chicago Classics Dept., Chicago; 2/91
7. "Teaching Classical Mythology," at a Panel on Teaching Core Courses, Loyola Univ. of Chicago, Classical Studies Dept., Chicago; 10/89

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- Young Honors College Professorship, Missouri State Univ., 2007-2010
- Missouri State Faculty Curriculum Development Grant: IDS 397/LLT 595, A Field Study of Ancient Rome; November, 2007
- Fall 2003 Sabbatical Leave, Missouri State Univ.
- Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Missouri State Univ., Summer 2003
- Missouri State Univ. College of Arts and Letters Teaching Award, 2002-2003
- Missouri State Univ. College of Arts and Letters Teaching Award, 1999-2000
- Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Missouri State Univ., Summer 1998
- Funding for Results Grant, Missouri State Univ., 1997-98
- University Teaching Fellowship, Loyola Univ. of Chicago, 1988-89
- Graduate Assistantships (three), Loyola Univ. of Chicago, 1985-88
- Youngstown State Univ. Educational Foundation Academic Scholarship 78-79

**PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY:**

- Public Affairs Ethical Leadership Working Group; Fall 2008 – 2009
- Public Affairs Community Engagement Working Group; Fall 2008 – 2009
- Public Affairs Cultural Competence Working Group; Fall 2008 – to date
- Ethical Leadership Advisory and Executive Committee; 2008 – to date
- Honors College Alumni Advisory Board, Chair; Spring 2008 – to date

- First-Year Programs Committee; 2007 – to date
- Faculty Advisory Committee for Student Success; 2007 – 2008
- Faculty Handbook Revision Committee; 2007 – 2009
- Academic Leadership Council; 9/07 – to date
- House Calls with Residence Life (at Scholars House); 2007; 2008
- Bear Crew Move-In Team; 2007; 2008
- Faculty Senate Judicial Review Committee; 2007-09
- Centennial Leaders Scholarship Interviewer; 2007; 2008
- Scholarship Committee; 2006 – to date; Chair from 2006-09
- Honors Committee; Chair; 2006 – to date
- Recruitment and Marketing Committee; 2006 – to date
- Orientation Advisory Committee; 2006 – to date
- Ad hoc Merit Pay Committee, Modern & Classical Languages, Chair; 2006
- Panel Moderator for Public Affairs Conference; 2006
- Search Committee for Acting Associate Provost; 2005
- Executive Budget Committee; 2005-06
- Space Management Committee; 2005-06
- Academic Council; 2005-06
- Tri-Senate Council, Chair (Student, Staff, and Faculty Senate Officers); 2005-06
- Student Fees Committee; 2005-06
- Distance Learning/Internet Policies and Procedures Committee; 2005-06
- Master Planning Committee; 2005-06
- Voting Delegate: Missouri Association of Faculty Senates; 2005-06
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Chair; 2005-06
- Faculty Senate Chair; 2005-06
- Panel Moderator for Public Affairs Conference; 2005
- Search Committee, Theatre and Dance Dept; 2005
- Student Recreation Planning Committee; 2004-06
- Committee on General Education and Intercollegiate Programs; 2004-05
- Citizenship and Service Learning Committee; 2004-05
- Faculty Concerns Committee; 2004-05
- Academic Relations Committee; 2004-05
- Information Technology Council; 2004-06
- University Planning Advisory Committee 2004-06
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee; 2004-05
- Faculty Senate Chair-Elect; 2004-05
- Veteran's Day Remembering Vietnam Planning Committee; 2004
- Master Advisor Workshop Presentation (with Dr. Kelly McNeilis): Video Vignettes and Discussion on Advising Techniques and Style; 2002 – to date
- Academic Affairs Leadership Associates Program; 2002-03
- Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching, Facilitator, New Faculty Network; 2001-02
- Springfield Literary Society Liaison to MSU English Dept.; 9/01-03

- Scholarship Committee (Undergraduate); 8/01- 7/04
- Modern & Classical Languages Personnel Committee; 8/01 to date
- Greenwood Laboratory School Parent Advisory Committee; 7/01-4/02
- College of Arts & Letters Faculty Advisory Committee; 1/01-5/02
- College of Arts & Letters Awards Committee, 2/01- 03; Chair 02-03
- Fringe Benefits Committee; 8/00- 5/04
- Recruitment and Retention Committee, College of Arts & Letters; 8/00-7/01
- Master Advisor Refresher Course (3/6/00)
- Affirmative Action Liaison for the College of Arts & Letters; 7/99-6/02
- Faculty Senate Representative for the Department of Modern & Classical Languages; 7/98 - 5/01
- Missouri State Leadership Class, College of Arts and Letters; 1997-98
- Professional Educational Committee; 1997 to date
- Master Advisor Class: Certified Master Advisor; 1/97
- Chair, Recruitment & Alumni Outreach Committee, Modern & Classical Langs. Dept.; 8/96 to 8/2000

**PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE OUTSIDE OF MISSOURI STATE:**

- Submission Editor for *Classical Journal*; 2006 to date
- Classical Association of the Middle West and South Manson Stewart Scholarship Committee, 6/00 to 5/04; Chair of Committee 2002-04 (regional)
- Acquisitions Editor for *The Classical Bulletin*; 6/98 to date (national)
- Co-editor for *Syllecta Classica*, The Univ. of Iowa Classics Dept.; 8/95-9/96 (national)
- The Univ. of Iowa Classics Dept. Co-Graduate Program Advisor; 8/95-7/96
- Iowa State Univ. Classical Studies Program Committee; 8/93-12/94
- Loyola Classical Studies Departmental Grievance Committee; 1990
- Loyola Classical Studies Departmental Graduate Representative; 1987-89
- Loyola Classical Studies Departmental Promotional Committee; 1985-87

**PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

- Rotary Club of Springfield, Southeast: member (2007- )
- Leadership Springfield, Class XXIII; 2007-08
- Listed as Missouri State University Speaker on Ancient Greek and Latin Literature; also on classical culture
- Listed as Modern and Classical Languages expert speaker on Classical Mythology
  - Presented slide lecture to the Ozark Elementary School Summer Program third graders; 6/00
  - Lectured to Springfield Catholic High School students on Classical Mythology; 11-12/96

**OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE:**

- Assisted at the National USHA National Collegiate Handball Tournament held at Missouri State University; Feb. 17-20, 2000
- Assist in coaching the Missouri State University Handball Team; 8/97 to date

**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

- National Collegiate Honors Council
- National Association of Fellowships Advisors
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- American Philological Association
- Classical Association of the Middle West and South