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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

2018 Ph.D., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dissertation: "The Material and Social Costs of Roman Warfare in the Third and Second Centuries B.C.E.," supervised by Richard Talbert

2011 M.A., Classical Civilizations, Florida State University

2007 B.A., History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Journal Articles:

Forthcoming "The Adoption and Impact of Roman Mail Armor in the Third and Second Centuries B.C." in forthcoming at *Chiron*

2020 "Strategy and Cost: Carthaginian Naval Strategy in the First Punic War Reappraised," *Historia* 69.4 (2020): 459-481

Book Chapters:

Submitted Submitted "The Organization of the Military Food Supply: Rome" in *Brill's Companion to Food and Drink in the Armies of Ancient Greece and Rome*, eds. L. Brice and J. Donahue.

Invited Talks:

2022 Panelist, "History in a Time of Polarization," hosted by the Medievalist Toolkit, Columbia University, March 20, 2022

2021 "The 'History' Students Bring with Them: Pop-Culture History in the Classroom," hosted by the Yale Veterans Association, November 4, 2021.

Papers Presented:

2021 Presented "The Cutting Edge: The Adoption and Impact of Mail Body Armor in the Roman Republic" at the 2021 Society for Military History Annual Meeting

2020 Presented "Mail Armor in the Middle Republic: Adoption, Prevalence and Impact" at the 2020 Society for Classical Studies/Archaeological Institute of America Joint Annual Meeting

2018 Presented "Carthaginian Strategy and Expenses in the First Punic War" at the 2018 Society for Classical Studies/Archaeological Institute of America Joint Annual Meeting

- 2016 Presented “Reassessing Polybius on Naval Power in the First Punic War” at the 2016 Classical Association of the Middle-West and South Annual Meeting
- 2016 Presented “Costs Beyond Manpower: Equipment in Rome’s Macedonian Wars” at the 2016 Society for Classical Studies/Archaeological Institute of America Joint Annual Meeting
- 2012 Presented “Lucretius, Epicurus and Augustan Ideology” at the 2012 Classical Association of the Middle-West and South Annual Meeting
- 2009 Presented ‘The Dignity of War: Roman Field Artillery in the Late Republic and Early Empire’ at the University of Florida – Florida State University Graduate Colloquium

Book Reviews

- 2022 Review of Q. Russel, *Mediterranean Naval Battles that Changed the World* (Pen & Sword, 2021) for the *Journal of Military History*.
- 2021 Review of A. Merrow, A. von Hassel and G. Starace, *Caesar’s Great Success: Sustaining the Roman Army on Campaign* (Frontline, 2020). *Journal of Military History* 85.2

Honors and Awards:

- 2017 Doris G. Quinn Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2014 Mowry and Clein Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill

Traditional Media Publications

- 2022 “A Shiny (and Wrong) Vision of Roman Imperialism,” in *Foreign Policy*, March 6, 2022
- 2021 “Ancient Insurrections – and Ours” in *The Bulwark*, November 30, 2021
- 2021 “The U.S. Military Needs to Learn How to Train Auxiliary Armies” in *Foreign Policy*, October 3, 2021
- 2021 “America’s Legionnaires,” in *The National Interest*, September/October 2021
- 2021 “The U.S. Military Needs Citizen-Soldiers, Not Warriors” in *Foreign Policy*, April 19, 2021
- 2021 “Ancient Greece Had Hard Lessons on Partisan ‘Stasis’” in *Foreign Policy*, March 7, 2021
- 2020 “The Corner That State Universities Have Backed Themselves Into” in *The Atlantic*, August 23, 2020
- 2020 “American Police Should Know Where Rome Went Wrong” in *Foreign Policy*, July 20, 2020
- 2020 “Hard Times Don’t Make Strong Soldiers” in *Foreign Policy*, May 2, 2020

Public Engagement

- 2019-present Weekly history weblog, *A Collection of Unmitigated Pedantry* (www.acoup.blog).

- 2022 Work featured in Luka Ivan Jukić, “Kids Are Learning History From Video Games Now” in *The Atlantic* (<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/03/history-video-games-europa-universalis/622892/>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “The Fremen Mirage, the myth of the Chosen One and military strategy in the Dune universe” on *The Boiled Leather Audio Hour* (<https://boiledleatheraudiohour.tumblr.com/post/668309518485176320/blah-142-the-fremen-mirage-the-myth-of-the>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “When Might Makes Right: practicing history through games and movies” on *The Wrath-Bearing Tree* (<https://soundcloud.com/user-449758953/when-might-makes-right-practicing-history-through-games-and-movies>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “The State with Bret Devereaux” on *Three Moves Ahead* (<https://www.idlethumbs.net/3ma/episodes/the-state-with-bret-devereaux>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “Bret Devereaux on Ancient Greece and Rome” on *EconTalk* (<https://youtu.be/74JwkaJiX-U>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “Battlefields of bits and bytes – the history of the RTS genre with Bret Devereaux” on *The Boiled Leather Audio Hour* (<https://www.patreon.com/posts/blah-134-of-bits-52923940>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “AW150 – Introducing mail armor in the Roman Army” on *Ancient Warfare Podcast* (<https://ancientwarfare.libsyn.com/aw150-introducing-mail-armor-in-the-roman-army>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “Abulafia and Devereaux – the ancient Mediterranean” on *Subject to Change* (<https://www.buzzsprout.com/207869/8481869-abulafia-and-devereaux-the-ancient-mediterranean>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “The Siege of Gondor – Bret Devereaux rates the Witch King – a Bad Man, a Good General” on *Subject to Change* (<https://www.buzzsprout.com/207869/8190521-the-siege-of-gondor-bret-devereaux-rates-the-witch-king-a-bad-man-a-good-general>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “Bret Devereaux Cancels Saruman (Helm’s Deep as Ancient Military History)” on *Subject to Change* (<https://www.buzzsprout.com/207869/8060512-bret-devereaux-cancels-saruman-helms-deep-as-ancient-military-history>)
- 2021 Podcast Guest, “How the Imperium of Man Compares to Other Empires in History” on *Chapter Tactics* (<https://www.frontlinegaming.org/2021/02/15/chapter-tactics-194-how-the-imperium-of-man-compares-to-other-empires-in-history/>)
- 2020 Work featured in Will Pavia, “Echoes of the Somme Ring in Tolkien’s Wars,” in *The Times of London*, May 23, 2020 (<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/echoes-of-the-somme-ring-in-tolkiens-wars-7mz39ml9s>)
- 2020 Podcast Guest, “So Say We All: Battlestar Galactica and its Historical Context, with Bret Devereaux” on *The Boiled Leather Audio Hour* (<https://www.patreon.com/posts/blah-103-so-say-34033191>)

- 2019 Podcast Guest, “Ancient Rome and the Cost of War with Bret Devereaux, *The Hour of History Podcast* (<https://www.hourofhistory.com/ancient-rome-and-the-cost-of-war-with-bret-devereaux-hoh-podcast-ep-93/>)
- 2019 Podcast Guest, “Squaring the Circle: Historical Realism and Fantasy Literature, with Bret Devereaux” on *The Boiled Leather Audio Hour* (<https://www.patreon.com/posts/blah-90-squaring-28018385>)

Teaching Experience:

- 2021-Present **Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
Global History of Warfare (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
History of Rome (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
- 2020-2021 **Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of History, NCSU**
Ancient Mediterranean World (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- 2018-2020 **Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
Ancient History: Near East, Greece, Rome (Spring 2020)
Global History of Warfare (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
Early Modern Europe (Spring 2019)
- 2012-2018 **Graduate Student Instructor, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
Ancient History: Near East, Greece, Rome (Instructor of Record: Fall 2016)
- 2012-2018 **Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
Global History of Warfare (Spring 2016, Spring 2018)
Sports in American History (Fall, 2015)
European History to 1650 (Spring 2015)
History of Greece (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)
History of Rome (Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2017)
Introduction to Medieval History (Fall 2012)
- 2011-2012 **Adjunct Instructor, Department of Classics, Florida State University**
Classical Mythology (Spring 2012)
Ancient Mythology: East and West (Fall 2011)
- 2009-2011 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Classics, Florida State University**
Ancient Mythology: East and West (Instructor of Record: Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Grader: Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2009)

Professional Association Membership:

Society for Classical Studies
Archaeological Institute of America
Association of Ancient Historians
Classical Association of the Middle West and South
Society for Military History

Language Skills:

Latin – Advanced Reading Comprehension

Greek – Advanced Reading Comprehension

French – Intermediate Reading Comprehension

German – Intermediate Reading Comprehension