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STUDIES

High School Diploma, 29th Lyceum of Athens (1993)
BA in History and Archaeology, Degree Course in Ancient and Medieval History,
University of Crete, Rethymno (1999)
MA in Ancient History, University of Crete (2004)
PhD in Ancient History, School of Classics, Archaeology and Egyptology, University of
Liverpool (2010)
Diss.: "The Bactrian 'Mirage': Iranian and Greek Interactions in Western Central
Asia" – Supervisor: Christopher Tuplin, Examiners: Arthur Keaveney, Zosia
Archibald

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topics in history, historiography, archaeology, epigraphy, numismatics, administration,
economy, topography

- Political, administrative and cultural connections of the ancient Greek world with the East
- Achaemenid Persian Empire
- Hellenistic kingdoms
- Scythians
- Military history with special focus on mercenaries

RESEARCH AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Participation in research and academic programs

- Academic coordinator, Cultural Heritage Management Project in Iran (2021-)
- Postdoctoral External Scientific Collaborator, Program "The Hellenic World and the East", Section of Greek and Roman Antiquity, IHR/NHRF (2017-)
- Researcher, Program Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond, NHRF – Johns Hopkins University, Connecting Art Histories initiative of the J.P. Getty Foundation (November 2017-January 2020)

- Digital databases and laboratory coordinator (summer-fall 2017 / 2018 / 2019), Archaeology and Archaeological Ethnography Program of Koutroulou Magoula (under the auspices of the British School at Athens), Ephorate of Antiquities of Phthiotida and Evrytania – Brown University, with the participation of University College London
- Tutor for the undergraduate course “Study Tour to Ancient Greece” [GRC20130], School of Classics, University College Dublin (2014, 2015)
- Archaeologist-Supervisor, on the behalf of the 24th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities. Study season of the Priniatikos Pyrgos (Crete) Project of the Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens (June-July 2013)
- Tutor for the undergraduate course “Introduction to Ancient Greek History” [CLAH104], School of Classics, Archaeology and Egyptology, University of Liverpool (2006, 2007)

Lectures – conference presentations (selection)

- “The Achaemenid contribution to the formation of Hellenistic Central Asia”, lecture, Seminar Series of the Section of Greek and Roman Antiquity, IHR/NHRF, February 2022
- “Greek presence in ancient Central Asia: cultural influences and heritage management”, International Cultural Conference *Central Asia at the Crossroads of World Civilizations*, organized by the State of Uzbekistan and UNESCO, September 2021
- “Social approaches: High vs low culture; power relations”, Workshop *Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*, organized by NHRF and Johns Hopkins University, September 2019
- “Flipping the coin: Alexander the Great’s Bactrian-Sogdian expedition from a local perspective”, Third Meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network *Seen From Oxyartes’ Rock: Central Asia Under and After Alexander*, organized by the Institute of Classical Archaeology, Charles University – Eurasia Department, German Archaeological Institute – University of Reading / Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network (HCARN), November 2018
- “From periphery to locality: taxation in Achaemenid Bactria”, International Conference *Taxation and Administration in the Achaemenid Empire*, organized by the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, October 2018
- “Achaemenid and Scythian symbiosis in western Central Asia: the material evidence”, Workshop *Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*, organized by NHRF – Johns Hopkins University, October 2018
- “The Achaemenid satrapy of Bactria during the conquest of Alexander the Great” (in Greek), invited lecture, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Crete (Rethymno), November 2015

- "Terribiles occursuras facies Scytharum Bactrianorumque: the warriors of Bactria according to the classical literary tradition", invited lecture, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Newcastle, March 2014
- "The Bactrian 'mirage' revisited", lecture, Department of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology, University of Liverpool, March 2014
- "Coins, ruins, and texts: deciphering Hellenistic Bactria", research seminar lecture, Department of Classics, Trinity College Dublin, March 2014
- "Hellenistic Settlements in the East: the case of Bactria-Sogdiana", invited lecture, Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens, December 2012
- "Representations of Bactrians in Achaemenid and Hellenistic Art", invited lecture, Irish Institute of Hellenic Studies at Athens, April 2010
- "Brave and bold? The warriors of Bactria: classical construct or actual fact?", Postgraduate Seminar of the School of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology of the University of Liverpool, May 2007
- "Greek mercenary revolts in Bactria: a re-appraisal", Annual Meetings of Postgraduates in Ancient History (AMPAH) 2007, New College, Oxford, March 2007
- "Zoroastrianism: death and 'burial' customs", Postgraduate Seminar of the School of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology of the University of Liverpool, November 2006
- "Religious and political dimensions in the decline of the Persian Empire", *Epiphanies. A Conference & Workshop on Methods and Study of Ancient Religions in Honor of Prof. Robin Hägg*, organized by the Universities of Göteborg, Bergen, and Crete, July 2001

Scholarships – Distinctions

- Centenary Bursary Award of the British School at Athens for research at the Department of History, University College London (February-April 2014)
- Greek State Scholarships Foundation scholarship for doctoral studies (2004-2010)
- The University of Liverpool Arts Faculty prize for the poster "Ai Khanum: A Hellenistic City in Afghanistan" (2007)
- Greek State Scholarships Foundation scholarship for graduate studies (2002–2003)
- Greek State Scholarships Foundation award for academic excellence (2001)
- Louis Robert Prize, University of Crete for the essay "Persians, Greeks & Empire" (1997)

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

- "Σύμβαση μαθητείας στη Μουραρική από τη Φουρνή", *Παλίμψηστον* 16 (1996) 181-186
- "Η δράση των κληρικών κατά τον Κρητικό Πόλεμο (1645 – 1669)", *Αμάθεια* 130-131 (June-July 2002) 7-29

- "Greek Mercenary Revolts in Bactria: A Re-Appraisal", *Historia* 62.2 (2013) 182-195
- "Flipping the Coin: Alexander the Great's Bactrian-Sogdian Expedition from a Local Perspective", in *Seen From Oxyartes' Rock: Central Asia Under and After Alexander*, Third Meeting of the Hellenistic Central Asia Research Network (14-16 November 2018), eds. L. Stančo and J. Havlík, *Studia Hircania* 25.1 (2021) 34-47
- (monograph) *The Bactrian "Mirage": Iranian and Greek Interaction in Western Central Asia* (Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming)
- (with M. Milidakis) "Εκείνων δὲ διαπρεπὴ τὴν ἀρετὴν κρίναντες αὐτοῦ καὶ τὸν τάφον ἐποίησαν. Μία αποτίμηση της ἔρευνας για τον τύμβο του Μαραθῶνα", in *Volume in Honor of Professor Nikolaos Stampolidis*, eds. M. I. Stefanakis, G. Tassoulas, M. Giannopoulou and A. Lioliou (forthcoming)