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Education

2005 Ph.D. Classics, Columbia University, *Psellos' Depiction of Character in the Chronographia* (Alan Cameron)

2005 M.Phil. Classics, Columbia University

2002 M.A. Literae Humaniores, Oxford University

2002 M.A. Classics, Columbia University

2000 B.A. Literae Humaniores, Oxford University

Books

The depiction of Character in Psellos' Chronographia, [Byzantios: studies in Byzantine history and civilization], Brepols, Turnhout 2013 ISBN: 9782503548418

Book projects

Conciliorum Oecumenicorum Generaliumque decreta vol. IV. (Byzantine and Post Byzantine Decrees).

Conciliorum Oecumenicorum Generaliumque decreta vol. V. (Decrees of the Armenian, Syriac and Ethiopian traditions).

Forthcoming articles (*accepted but not yet published*)

Patriarch and synods in the middle byzantine period (843-1081) in Ch. Gastgeber - E. Mitsiou - J. Preiser-Kapeller - V. Zervan (ed.), *A Companion to the Patriarchate of Constantinople (Brill Companions to the Byzantine World)*, Leiden - Boston 2015

The synods of Alexios Studites (1025-1043) in Ch. Gastgeber - E. Mitsiou - J. Preiser-Kapeller (ed.), *The Patriarchate of Constantinople in Context and Comparison* Vienna 2015

Between the Past and the East: Symeon Seth's Nutritional Advice for Michael VII Doukas in B. Pitarakis *Life is short but art is long: the art of healing in Byzantium*, Istanbul 2014

The mixed life of Plato's Philebus in Psellos' *Chronographia* (6a.8)

A lifetime with Proclus: Psellos as reader

The Renaissance of Proclus in the Eleventh Century

An Athonite assembly described in the typikon of Monomachos

Symphonia in the Byzantine Empire

The constantinian moment

Peer reviewed articles

21) Psellos and Plotinus, *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* (2014) in print

20) Achilles at the Battle of Ostrovo: George Maniakes and the reception of the Iliad, *Byzantinoslavica* 72 (2014) in print

- 19) Paraphrasis as interpretation Psellos and a canon of Cosmas the melodist (poem 24 westerink), *Byzantina* 33 (2013) in print
- 18) Areopagitica in Stethatos: a chronology of an interest, *Vizantijskij Vremennik* 72 (2013) 162-177
- 17) Autocrate negli encomi imperiali di Psello (1018-1081), *Zbornik Radova Vizantinoškog Instituta* 49 (2012) 113-125
- 16) Pagan energies in Maximus the confessor: the influence of Proclus on the Ad Thomam 5, *Greek Roman and Byzantine Studies* 52.2 (2012) 226-239
- 15) Synod decrees of the Eleventh Century, *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 105.1 (2012) 101-116
- 14) Il primato del sinodo: due trattati bizantini sul canone 28 di Calcedonia, *Cristianesimo nella Storia* 33.1 (2012) 1-12
- 13) Psellos the hesychast, a neoplatonic reading of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, *Byzantinoslavica* 70 (2012) 167-180
- 12) Stethatos' Paradise in Psellos' ekphrasis of Mt Olympos, *Vizantijskij Vremennik* 70 (2011) 139-150
- 11) Students of Pindar and readers of Mytilenaios, *Byzantion* 80 (2010) 188-196
- 10) The miliaresion poet: the dactylic inscription of a coin of Romanos III Argyros, *Byzantion* 79 (2009) 231-24
- 9) Michael the grammarian's irony about hypsilon. A step towards reconstructing byzantine pronunciation, *Byzantinoslavica* 67 (2009) 161-168
- 8) Psellos' early career at court, *Vizantijskij Vremennik* 68 (2009) 135-143
- 7) Psello discepolo di Stetato, *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 101.2 (2008) 715-725
- 6) An ironic portrait of a social monk: Christopher of Mytilene and Niketas Stethatos *Byzantinoslavica* 65 (2007) 201-210
- 5) Il nesso tra stile e contenuto negli encomi di Psello, *Medioevo Greco* 7 (2007) 1-10
- 4) Christopher of Mytilene's parody of the haughty Mauropous, *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 100.1 (2007) 125-132
- 3) Psellos and the Nazireans, *Revue des Études Byzantines* 65 (2007) 359-364
- 2) The debate on faith and reason, *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Byzantinistik* 57 (2007) 75-82
- 1) A courtier in the women's quarters: the rise and fall of Psellos, *Byzantion* 77 (2007) 251-266

Invited papers

- I panegirici bizantini dal VII al XV secolo. Il modello costantiniano alla corte di Costantinopoli, in AA.VV. *Enciclopedia Costantiniana*, Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, Roma 2013, vol. II.309-319.
- Costantino e la bizantinistica prima e dopo Francis Dvornik, in AA.VV. *Enciclopedia Costantiniana*, Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, Roma 2013, vol. III.283-289
- La formazione del consenso nella chiesa Bizantina (843-1453) *Cristianesimo nella Storia* 32.3 (2011) 945-962
- Bessarion's political thought: the encomium to Trebizond, *Bulgaria Mediaevalis* 2 (2011) 189-195
- Gli orientali d'Italia in *Cristiani d'Italia*, Treccani, Rome 2011, 905-911
- Michael Psellos in D. Thomas and J. Pahlitzsch, *Christian and Muslim Relations, a biographical history*, 155-159

Conference Proceedings

- Psellos and neoplatonic mysticism: the secret meaning of the Greek alphabet in H. Seng, *Bibliotheca Chaldaica / Band 3: Platonismus und Esoterik in byzantinischem Mittelalter und italienischer Renaissance*, 2013, 29-45
- Алексий Студит и Сиро-Якобитская община [Alexios Studites and the Syro Jacobite community] in *Церковно-исторические исследования в контексте современной науки*, Moscow 2011, 161-164
- Against the enemies of Tradition: Alexios Studites and the Synodikon of Orthodoxy in A. Rigo, P. Ermilov, *Orthodoxy and Heresy. Proceedings of the XX annual conference of Saint Tikhon University*, Rome 2010.
- Εἰκὼν τοῦ Θεοῦ*: the image of God in byzantine imperial encomia in A. Melloni and R. Saccenti, *Imago Dei*, München 2010, 217-226
- Ortodossia Neoplatonica di Psello in A. Rigo, D'Aiuto, *Ortodossia ed Eresia a Bisanzio (secc. IX-XII)*, Rivista di Studi Bizantini e Neoellenici 47 (2011), 41-48

Abstracts

- Psellos before the synod (Or. For. 2 Dennis), 22nd Byzantine Studies Congress, Sofia 2011
- Italos' struggle with classical culture, 21st Byzantine Studies Congress, London 2006

Leo the Deacon's military and religious digression on Edessa, *Abstract of Byzantine Studies Conference*, 2002
Psellus' Neoplatonic Theology, *Abstract of the Byzantine Studies Conference*, 2001

Reviews

S. Kolditz, *Johannes VIII. Palaiologos und das Konzil von Ferrara-Florenz*, Catholic Historical Review (2015)

R. P. H. Greenfield, *Life of Saint Symeon the New Theologian by Niketas Stethatos*, Cambridge Mass, 2013 in *Medioevo Greco* (2014) in press

R. Armstrong, *Authority in Byzantium*, London 2013 in *Medieval Review* (2014) in press

Anna Maria Taragna, *Ten Centuries of Byzantine Prose: A Selection of Greek Texts*, Alessandria 2012, ISBN 9788862744171, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2013.12.27

[<http://www.bmcreview.org/2013/12/20131227.html>]

Eirini Afentopoulou-Leitgeb, *Die Hymnen des Theoktistos Studites auf Athanasios I. von Konstantinopel*, Wien 2008 in *Cristianesimo nella Storia* 34 (2013) 607-608.

Alla I. Romančuk: *Studien zur Geschichte und Archäologie des byzantinischen Cherson*. Leiden / Boston / Tokyo: 2005, ISBN 978-90-04-13227-6, <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2007/07/10003>

Fellowships and Positions

2008-2014 Post Doctoral fellowship at Fondazione Scienze Religiose Giovanni XIII, Bologna, Italia (www.fscire.it)

2006-2007 Auditor at Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris

2006-2007 Position of research assistant at the Getty Foundation Malibu for the forthcoming exhibition on icons and manuscripts from Sinai (declined)

2005-2006 Auditor at Ecole Normale Superieure and Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris.

2004 August Istanbul (residence Institut Français des Études Anatoliennes ; research at American Research Institute in Turkey)

2004 12th-19th May Graduate Student Residence at Dumbarton Oaks

2003 31st oct-5th Nov. Graduate Student Residence at Dumbarton Oaks

2002 summer American Academy in Rome . Scholarship for Summer Course in Palaeography

2000-2005 Columbia University (Full Teaching Scholarship)

1996-2000 New College, Oxford

Languages

Italian and English : native fluency

Greek: reading, and teaching ability (Ancient, Patristic and Byzantine)

Latin: reading and teaching ability

French and Modern Greek: Fluent

Serbian / Croatian: reading and conversational skills

German: reading and conversational skills

Russian: reading

Eastern Armenian: basic reading

Church Slavonic: reading knowledge

Talks

16th June 2014 Porphyry and Psellos, International Neoplatonic Conference, Lisbon

3rd June 2014 Le moment Constantinien, Colloque AISR, Goethe Foundation, Klingenthal, France

15th May 2014 Sola Scriptura sed Byzantina: Sola Scriptura sed Byzantina Melanchton use of Byzantine poetry to interpret the Gospel of John, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose, Bologna

4th April 2014 Bessarion's speech before the Synod of Trebizond, Bessarion's Treasure: editing, translating and interpreting Bessarion's literary heritage, Venice

12th December 2013, Constantine in Psellos' encomia, Constantine and the Grandeur that was Rome, Oxford

12th November 2013 The ecumenical councils, Whitelands College, Roehampton University

26th June 2013 Paraphrasis as interpretation: Psellos and a canon of Cosmas the Melodist (poem 24 Westerink), Byzantine Institute, Serbian Academy of Arts of Sciences, Belgrade
24th June 2013 The contemplation of Athos' nature in Byzantine Hesychasm, Holy Mount Athos, Belgrade
31st May 2013 a lifetime with Proclus: the chronology of Psellos' interests, Notre Dame, London
25th May 2013 Eleventh Century Readers of the writers of Gaza, College de France, Paris
17th -22nd May 2013 Formule de convocation des Synodes Orthodoxes, Penteli Monastery, Greece
19th April 2013 Psellos and Neoplatonism, University of Bonn
19th March 2013 I sinodi bizantini del VII secolo, Seminario di S. Cosentino Università di Ravenna
14th December 2012 The Proclus Renaissance in Eleventh Century Constantinople, Yildiz University, Istanbul
18th October 2012 Canonomachia and autocephalia: the byzantine discussion on ecclesiastical autonomy in the tenth century. Institut Saint Serge, Paris
12th September 2012 Synods of Alexios Studites (1025-1043), Vienna, Austria
30th August 2012 Συμφωνία in the Byzantine Empire, Bologna
11th May 2012 Il trattato marciano / Ashburn Treatise , Ceraneum, Łódź
20th December 2011 Book presentation at Società Geografica Italiana, Rome
6th December 2011 Orthodoxy and Pluralism, Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany
24th August 2011 Psellos before the synod, Sofia, Bulgaria
29th April 2011 The byzantine anathemas against the Bogomils in the Synodikon M Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria
22nd November 2010 Alexios Studites and the condemnation of the Syro Jacobite Patriarch, Moscow
20th July 2010 Psellos and neoplatonic mysticism, for Platonismus und Esoterik in byzantinischem Mittelalter und italienischer Renaissance, Frankfurt
8th April 2010 Bessarion's political philosophy: the Encomium to Trebizond, Renaissance Society of America, Venice.
20th March 2010, Psellos and Proclus, Central European University, Budapest
15th-17th February 2010 Synods of the Orthodox Tradition, Centre Istina, Paris
27th November 2010 Presentation of the project of COGD IV Venice
25th November 2010 The digitilization of the Mansi Congresso Italiano Studi Bizantini, Venice.
13th October 2010 Against the enemies of Tradition: Alexios Studites and the Synodikon of Orthodoxy, St. Tikhon University.
26th August 2009 The legacy of Plutarch in Byzantium: the case of Michael Psellos, Berlin, Germany
16th July 2009 The Imago Dei in Byzantine Imperial Encomia, Castel Rossena
15th June 2009 The Imago Dei in the Chaldean Oracles of Michael Psellos, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose, Bologna
18th March 2009 Proposal of COGD IV, Monastero di Bose
12th December 2008 The theology of Christopher Mytilenaios, Ghent, Belgium
5th December 2008 L'Ortodossia neoplatonica di Psello, Giornata di Studi dell'Associazione Bizantina Studi Bizantini, Roma, Italy
17th August 2007 Bad Neighbours upset Byzantium, *Medieval Congress*, Tampere, Finland
12 March 2007 Bessarione ed il Mistico: le radici della controversia su Platone e Aristotele, Villa Spellman, John Hopkins center for Renaissance Studies, Florence
28 February 2007 The jacobite background to the schism of 1054 Byzantine Studies Seminar, Oxford University
25th August 2006 Italos' struggle with classical culture, *International Byzantine Congress*, London
12th May 2006, La Physiognomie dans la Chronographie de Psellos, Presentation at Seminar of Professor Bernard Flusin at Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes
20th May 2005 A courtier in the Women's Quarters: The rise and Fall of Michael Psellos, Byzantine Studies Seminar, St. John's , Oxford.
3rd December 2004 Byzantine Literary Imperialism: the influence of Greek in the Caucasus and Balkans, Ann Arbor
26th November 2004 La Theologie Platonicienne de Psellos, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes , Paris
9th November 2004 The Roman Marcus Aurelius and the Byzantine Julian, Columbia University , New York
1st April 2004 Psellos' Demonology as translated by Ficino, Renaissance Studies Association , New York
6th February, 2004 Psellos' Platonism, Conference on Psellos, Notre Dame University

16th July 2003 Echoes of the Byzantine Imperial Model in Dante's 'De Monarchia', International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK.

4th October 2002 Leo the Deacon's Military and Religious digression on Edessa, Byzantine Studies Conference , Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

10th September 2002 The Use of Classical Historians in Byzantine Literature, Columbia University , New York.

20th November 2001 Psellos' use of insinuation in the Chronographia, Columbia University, New York.

9th November 2001 Psellos' Neoplatonic Theology, Byzantine Studies Conference, Notre Dame University, Indiana

6th February 2001 Psellos' Neoplatonic Theology, Columbia University

4th December 1998 Byzantine and Classical Sparta, Oxford Byzantine Byzantine Society, Oxford

Scholarships

2008-2012 Fellowship at the Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose

2004 August Grant for Travel to Istanbul and Turkey awarded by Classics Department at Columbia University.

2002 Oct. Edessa foundation for talk on Leo the Deacon' military and religious digression on Edessa for Byzantine Studies Conference

2002 summer American Academy in Rome for Residence and Summer Course in Applied Palaeography.

2001-2005 Columbia University for Graduate studies

Miscellaneous

2012-today Member of the Association Internationale des Sciences Religieuses.

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2006-today Member of the Associazione Italiana Studi Bizantini

2001-2005 Full scholarship from Columbia University

2004 August Catalogued private papers of Kenneth Snipes at the American Research Institute in Turkey in Istanbul.

2004 Research Assistant for exhibition Alexander The Great; Treasures from an Epic Era of Hellenism. at the Onassis Public Benefit Foundation; Official Guide for the Onassis Public Benefit Foundation for the exhibition Coming of Age in Ancient Greece at the Onassis Foundation, New York

2003 Official Guide for the Onassis Public Benefit Foundation for the exhibition Ishtar to Aphrodite, 3000 years of Cypriot Hellenism, at the Onassis Foundation, New York

2002-3 Official Guide for the Onassis Public Benefit Foundation for the Exhibition Post-Byzantium: The Greek Renaissance at the Onassis Foundation, New York.

1998-1999 Committee member of the graduate Oxford University Byzantine Society.