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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

Book Project:

In Review *Why the Romans Always Won: Mobilizing Military Power in the Ancient Mediterranean*, six chapters in review for consideration at Oxford University Press

Journal Articles:

2022 "The Adoption and Impact of Roman Mail Armor in the Third and Second Centuries B.C." *Chiron* 52 (2022).

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

Book Chapters:

Forthcoming "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:

2023 "Public Scholarship in the Digital Age," hosted by the University of Leipzig, March 15, 2023

2023 Panelist, "History and the Public, Now and In the Future" hosted by the History Graduate Student Association, University of Maryland, March 3, 2023.

2022 Panelist, "Historians Panel – What do you learn playing Paradox games?" at PDXCON2022 Stockholm, hosted by Paradox Interactive, September 2, 2022.

2022 Panelist, "The Gamification of War" hosted by Carolina Public Humanities, May 12, 2022.

- 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.

Conference Papers:

- 2023 Presented “Mobilizing the Allies: *Clientela* and Rome’s Relationship with the *Socii*” at the 2023 Society for Classical Studies/Archaeological Institute of America Joint Annual Meeting
- 2022 Chaired Panel, “Issues of Governance, War and Identity” at the 2022 Society for Military History Annual Meeting.
- 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

Book Reviews

- 2022 Review of M.A. Wijnhoven, *European Mail Armour: Ringed Battle Shirts from the Iron Age, Roman Period and Early Middle Ages* (Amsterdam University Press, 2022) for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*.
- 2022 Review of S. Elliott, *Ancient Greeks at War: Warfare in the Classical World from Agamemnon to Alexander* (Casemate, 2021) for *The Classical Review*.
- 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. Mellow, A. von Hassel and G. Starace, *Caesar’s Great Success: Sustaining the Roman Army on Campaign* (Frontline, 2020), for the *Journal of Military History*.

Honors, Awards and Funding:

- 2020-present *A Collection of Unmitigated Pedantry*, reader-supported research and writing via Patreon:

2022: \$53,311
 2021: \$30,038
 2020: \$9,867
 2017 Doris G. Quinn Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
 2014 Mowry and Clein Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill

Traditional Media Publications

2023 “Spartans Were Losers” in *Foreign Policy*, July 22, 2023
 2023 “Colleges Should Be More Than Just Vocational Schools” in *The New York Times*, April 2, 2023 (online), April 5, 2023 (print).
 2022 “What Makes Armies Commit Atrocities?” in *Foreign Policy*, April 6, 2022
 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).
 2023 Podcast Guest “When in Rome” on *The Remnant with Jonah Goldberg* (<https://thedispatch.com/podcast/remnant/when-in-rome/>)
 2023 Podcast Guest “The Roman Republic at War with Dr. Bret Devereaux,” on *The Hellenistic Age* (<https://hellenisticagepodcast.wordpress.com/2023/04/07/interview-the-roman-republic-at-war-with-dr-bret-devereaux/>)
 2023 Podcast Guest, “The Great War: Western Front” on *Three Moves Ahead* (<https://www.idlethumbs.net/3ma/episodes/the-great-war-western-front>)
 2023 Podcast Guest on *The Prancing Pony Podcast*, episodes 281-283 and 288-291 (<https://theprancingponypodcast.com/>).
 2022 Featured in Renata Schmidt, “When in Rome” in *Endeavors* (<https://endeavors.unc.edu/when-in-rome/>)
 2022 Work featured in Luka Ivan Jukić, “Kids Are Learning History From Video Games Now” in *The Atlantic*

- [\(https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/03/history-video-games-europa-universalis/622892/\)](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/03/history-video-games-europa-universalis/622892/)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Public History and Outreach with Bret Devereaux and Roel Konijnendijk” on *The AskHistorians Podcast* (<https://askhistorians.libsyn.com/askhistorians-podcast-episode-209-public-history-and-outreach-with-bret-devereaux-and-roel-konijnendijk>)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Victoria 3” on *Three Moves Ahead* (<https://www.idlethumbs.net/3ma/episodes/victoria-3>)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Bret Devereaux Talks Orc Battle Tactics” on *Advisory Opinions* (<https://advisoryopinions.thedispatch.com/p/bret-devereaux-talks-orc-battle-tactics#details>)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Gladiator! – the movie, the history!” on *Subject to Change* (<https://www.buzzsprout.com/207869/11224421-gladiator-the-movie-the-history>)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Ancient Warfare and Modern Fantasy” on *Told In Stone* (<https://youtu.be/qAtQkqdSS0s>)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Farthest Frontier” on *Three Moves Ahead* (<https://www.idlethumbs.net/3ma/episodes/farthest-frontier>)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Bret Devereaux on Learning History Through Video Games” on *Beyond Solitaire* (https://youtu.be/TUMk_ysKzOc)
- 2022 Interviewee, “Interview with Bret Devereaux, Ancient & Military Historian” with Matthew Gibson for Carolina Public Humanities (<https://youtu.be/380fMZedpOk>)
- 2022 Podcast Guest, “Empires and Imperialism with Bret Devereaux” on *Three Moves Ahead* (<https://www.idlethumbs.net/3ma/episodes/empires-and-imperialism-with-bret-devereaux>)
- 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-armour-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:

- 2023-present **Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of History, NCSU**
 US Naval History (Spring 2023)
 US Military History (Fall 2023)
 Ancient Mediterranean World (Fall 2023)
- 2021-2022 **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 and Service:

Society for Classical Studies

Archaeological Institute of America

Association of Ancient Historians

- Member, Committee for Professional Conduct (2022-present)

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