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MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

Ancient History: The social, political and cultural history of the ancient Mediterranean with a focus on Late Republican Rome and the Roman Empire

Ancient Religions: The religions of the ancient world with a focus on Roman religion

Latin: Historiography, literature, rhetoric and philosophy under the Roman Empire with a focus on prose genres

Ancient Greek: Literature, history and philosophy in the Classical and Imperial periods

Related Fields: Greek and Latin epigraphy, prosopography, Latin paleography; archaeological, art historical and numismatic evidence for the Roman Empire; theoretical approaches to the study of antiquity

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2010-: *Boston University, Boston*
 Associate Professor, Department of Classical Studies

2024-2027: NEH Distinguished Professor of Teaching at the College of Arts and Science

2001-2010: *Boston University, Boston*
 Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies

1995-1996: *Pázmány Péter University, Hungary*
 Lecturer, Department of Ancient Studies

EDUCATION

2019: MSW in Social Work (Trauma Specialization) *Boston University, Boston*

2002: Ph.D. in History *Columbia University, New York*
 Dissertation: *The Religion of the Senatorial Elite in the Roman Empire from 69 to 235 AD.*

2002: M.A. in Ancient Greek *Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary*
 Thesis: *Philosophy and Philosophers in Dio Chrysostom*

1998: M.Phil. in History *Columbia University, New York*
 Major field exams: Greek intellectual history, Roman social history, Religious history of the Roman Empire. Minor: Latin historiography

1996: M.A. in English Language and Literature *Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary*
 Thesis: *The Joyce Experience Today: Postmodern Readings of Ulysses*

1995: M.A. in History, *summa cum laude* *Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary*
 Honors Thesis: *The Written Word in Archaic Attica* [In Hungary, grant of master's degree implies fulfillment of B.A. requirements]

MONOGRAPHS

- Planned: *The Good Life*
- Proposed: *The Others of the Self: Traumatic Relations and the Emergence of Self-Discourse in Ancient Rome* (Cambridge University Press)
- 2010: *The Religion of Senators in the Roman Empire: Power and the Beyond* (Cambridge University Press)

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2011: With co-editor J. Knust, *Sacrifice in the Ancient Mediterranean. Images, Acts, Meanings*. Oxford University Press: Oxford.
- 2005: With co-editor J.-J. Aubert, *A Tall Order: Writing the Social History of the Ancient World. Essays in Honor of William V. Harris*. Beiträge zur Altertumskunde. Saur, Munich.

ARTICLES

- Under review: “Encountering nymphs: therapeutic landscapes and the relational dimensions of healing in the nymphaea of Roman Italy,” *As If in Ancient Religions*, ed. E. Eidenow, F.J. Budelmann, Cambridge University Press, Ancient Religions and Cognition Series
- Under review: “Imperial cult,” *New Directions in the Study of Early Christianity*, ed. By S. Rollens, R. Walsh. Lexington.
- 2023 (accepted): The prayer inscribed on an altar in ancient Narbo, Gallia (CIL XII 4333), in: D. Falk, R. Werline (eds.), *Prayer in the Ancient World*. (Brill)
- 2022: “Religion and the divine,” in: C. Ando, T. Habinek, G. Sissa (eds.), *Cultural History of Ideas in Antiquity*. (Oxford Cultural History of Ideas).
- 2018: “Jörg Rüpke’s *Pantheon*: a comprehensive history of lived religion in ancient Rome,” Part of “Discussing religious change: a panel on Jörg Rüpke’s *Pantheon: A New History of Roman Religion*,” *Religion in the Roman Empire* 4.1, 127-131.
- 2017: “Statuary and ritualization in imperial Italy,” *Ritual matters: material residues and ancient religions*. Ed. by J. Knust, C. Moser. *Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome. Suppl. XII.*, 87-99.
- 2016: “Women, couples and sacrifice in the Roman Empire,” *From Polites to Magos. Studia György Németh sexagenario dedicata*. Edited by Á. Szabó. 325-332.
- 2015: “Gendered agents and embodied religious experience,” *Blackwell Companion to the Archaeology of Religion in the Ancient World*. Edited by R. Raja, J. Rüpke. 120-130.
- 2014: “A paradigm of Roman priestly groups? Reconsidering membership in the “religious” collegia of early imperial Italy,” in *Sacerdos. Figura del sacro nella società Romana*. Ed. by G. Urso. I convegni della Fondazione Niccolò Canussio 12, 239-258.

ARTICLES (CTD.)

- 2013: "Health-care and self-care: religious aspects of health and illness among the imperial elite," in: J. Rüpke and G. Woolf (eds.) *Religious Dimensions of the Self in the Second Century CE*. (Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 76.) Tübingen, 221-242.
- 2012: "'To forgive is divine:' gods as models and guides of forgiveness in early imperial Rome," in C. Griswold, D. Konstan (eds.) *Ancient Forgiveness*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 115-133.
- 2011-12: (With R. Ast, R. Bagnall and A. Drine) "Two Latin accounts on amphora walls from Gigthi," *Analecta Papyrologica* 23-24, 205-236.
- 2011: "Political murder and sacrifice: from republic to empire," in J.W. Knust, Zs. Várhelyi (eds.), *Sacrifice in the Ancient Mediterranean. Images, Acts, Meanings*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 125-141.
- 2010: "Continuities in late antique literacy: the evidence from North Africa and Gaul," *Acta Classica Univ. Scient. Debrecen*. 46, 179-188.
- 2009: With R.S. Bagnall, "Sites, stratigraphy and materials: ostraka," in: A. Drine, E. Fentress, R. Holod (eds.), *Studies on Jerba*. JRA Supplement, Portsmouth, 330-340.
- 2008: "Finding a place for religion in Roman historiography: between the Scylla of the Roman Empire and the Charybdis of Late Antiquity," G. Németh (ed.), *Kalendae. Studia sollemnia in memoriam I. Sarkady* (Hungarian Polis Studies 16.) Debrecen, 337-344.
- 2007: "The specters of Roman imperialism: the live burials of Gauls and Greeks in Rome," *Classical Antiquity* 26, 277-304.
"Salus senatorum: pro salute inscriptions in the Roman Empire," in: *Actes du XIIIe Congrès International d'Épigraphie*, ed. X.E. Corbalan
- 2006: "Social history and archaeology: opportunities and problems," in: C. Mattusch, A. Donohue, A. Brauer (eds.), *Common Ground: Archaeology, Art, Science and the Humanities: the Proceedings of the XVIth International Congress of Classical Archaeology*. Oxbow, Oxford, 312-314.
- 2005: "A sense of change and the historiography of the turn from Republic to Empire," in: J.-J. Aubert, Zs. Várhelyi (eds.), *A Tall Order*, Saur, Munich. 357-375.
- 2001: "Magic, religion and syncretism at the oracle of Claros," in: S. Asirvatham, C. Pache, J. Watrous (eds.), *Between Magic and Religion*. Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 11-29.
- 2000: "Jews in civic life under the Roman Empire," *Acta Ant. Hung.* 40, 471-478.
- 1998: "What is the evidence for the survival of Punic culture in Roman North Africa?," *Acta Ant. Hung.* 38, 387-399.
- 1997: "The religion of the 'other:' the religion of the Egyptians in the Greek Novel," in: Z. Nemes, Gy. Németh (eds.), *Heorte. Studia in honorem J. Sarkady*. (Hungarian Polis Studies 2.) Debrecen, 89-113.
- 1996: "The written word in Archaic Attica," *Klio* 78, 28-52.

ARTICLES (CTD.)

- 1996: “*Menos stelas: görög írásbeliség a korabeli feliratok tükrében*” [Greek literacy in the mirror of contemporary inscriptions], *Antik Tanulmányok* 40, 1-9. (in Hungarian)
- 1993: “A görögök és a korai írásbeliség” [The Greeks and early literacy], *Sic itur ad astra*, 17-40. (in Hungarian)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK REVIEWS

- 2020: “Roman emperors and imperial family” *Bible Odyssey* (www.bibleodyssey.org)
- 2017: Review of P. Meineck, D. Konstan (eds.), *Combat Trauma and the Ancient Greeks. Review of Biblical Literature* (www.bookreviews.org)
- 2016: Review of J.J. Lennon, *Pollution and Religion in Ancient Rome. Numen* 63: 334-336.
- 2015: “Deification,” “Genius,” “Pantheon,” “Syncretism,” Entries, E. Orlin (ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Routledge.
- 2013: “Priests and priestesses, Roman,” “Flamines,” “Quindecimviri sacris faciundis,” “Septemviri epulones,” “Sodales,” Entries, Wiley-Blackwell's *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*
- 2011: Review of W.A. Johnson, *Readers and Reading Culture in the High Roman Empire: a Study of Elite Communities*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2010. *American Journal of Philology*.
- 2010: Review of J.B. Rives, *Religion in the Roman Empire*. Malden, Blackwell 2007. *Phoenix* 64: 200-202.
- 2009: “Imperial cult, Roman.” Entry, *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*, ed. by Michael Gagarin et al., Oxford University Press
- “Roman religion: Rome and Italy.” Research report, *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 11: 338-341.
- Review of C. M. C. Green, *Roman Religion and the Cult of Diana at Aricia*. Cambridge 2007. Book review, *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 16: 577-581.
- Review of J. Bodet and S. M. Olyan (edd.), *Household and Family Religion in Antiquity*. Malden: Blackwell 2008. *New England Classical Journal* 36.3: 207-209.
- (with Jennifer Knust) “What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in the Ancient Mediterranean.” Conference report, *The Journal Henoah* 31: 217-220.
- 2007: Review of D. Fishwick, *The Imperial Cult in the Latin West*. 3.1-3.4. Leiden, Brill 2002. Book review, *Phoenix* 61, 380-382.
- 2006: Review of T. Murphy, *Pliny the Elder's Natural History: The Empire in the Encyclopedia*. Oxford, Oxford UP 2004. Book review, *Classical Bulletin* 82, 149-151.
- 2004: Review of R. Rollinger, Ch. Ulf (edd.), *Geschlechterrollen und Frauenbild in der Perspektive antiker Autoren*. Innsbruck, Studien Verlag 2000. Book review, *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 9, 607-609.
- 2003: Review of D. Frede, A. Laks (edd.), *Traditions of theology. Studies in Hellenistic theology, its background and aftermath*. (Philosophia Antiqua, 89.) Leiden, Brill 2001. Book review, *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 5, 383-384.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK REVIEWS (CTD.)

- 2003: Review of E. Bispham, C. Smith (edd.), *Religion in archaic and republican Rome and Italy: evidence and experience*. Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press, 2000. Book review, *Classical Review* 53, 203-205.
- 2003: Review of J. Rüpke, *Die Religion der Römer. Eine Einführung*. Munich, Beck, 2001. Book review, *Classical Review* 53, 202-203.
- 1996: “Demetrios and the Athenian volunteers,” in: *Greek History: Documents*, Gy. Németh (ed.), n.169. Hungarian translation of a fourth-century inscription
- 1995-96: Greek and Roman lexicon entries (in Hungarian) to *Magyar Nagylexikon*. Budapest.
- 1994: Bibliography (in German), “Die wissenschaftliche Tätigkeit von Prof. István Hahn” with E. Missura and Gy. Németh. *Annales Univ. Sci. Budapestiniensis de Rolando Eötvös Nom., Sect. Hist.*, XXVI, 271-291.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023-: President, *Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions*
- 2022-: Co-president, *Violence and Representations of Violence* group, *SBL*
- 2022-: Online lecture series organizer, *Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions*
- 2021- Member, James Henry Breasted Prize Committee, *American Historical Association*
- 2021- Member, Program Committee, *Association of Ancient Historians*
- 2011-: Member, Editorial Board, *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte*
- 2018-2021: Member, Program Committee, *Violence and Representations of Violence* group, *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)*
- 2010-2014: Member, Program Committee, *Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions*
- 2009-: Member, Editorial Board, *Acta Classica Univ. Debreceniensis*
- 2005-: External reviewer: Blackwell, Cambridge University Press, NYU Press

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- 2022-: Member, Bloom Fellowship Award Committee, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 2020-22: Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University
- 2019-22, 2023-: Director of Graduate Admissions, Dept. of Classical Studies, Boston University
- 2017-18: Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Classical Studies, Boston University
- 2014-17: Academic Policy Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University
- 2007-2013: Director of undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Classical Studies, Boston University
- 2006-2009: Academic Conduct Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

CONFERENCES / COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED

- March 2023: “Experiencing Insecurity: Pain, Trauma and Suffering in the Roman Empire” (with James Uden, BU, Classical Studies)
- November 2008: “What the gods demand: blood sacrifice in the ancient Mediterranean” (with Jennifer Knust, BU, School of Theology)
- August 2003: “Roman social history and archaeology: new models and material evidence” (with David Hollander), XVIth International Congress of Classical Archaeology, Boston
- 2002-: Annual Roman Studies Conference, Boston University (co-organizer with fellow Latinists in the Department of Classical Studies)

REFEREED/INVITED PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

- June 2023: “There is no spring which is not sacred:’ healing waters in the Roman empire,” Meanings and Values of the Sacred in Greco-Roman Antiquity (Penn-Leiden Colloquium on Ancient Values XII), Philadelphia
- May 2023: “The rhetoric of/in violence: re-thinking tumultuous contexts in Roman historiography,” Rhetoric and Historiography: New Perspectives, Rome, Italy
- March 2023: The ghosts of Neronian Rome: narrative and affective strategies of coping with recent traumatic experiences in the pseudo-Senecan *Octavia*, Experiencing Insecurity Conference, Boston University
- January 2023: “Roman religion and warfare,” Panel respondent, Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, New Orleans
- November 2022: “Epiphany and the embodied experience of healing waters,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Denver
- October 2022: “Imperial Losses: Reading Seneca Through a Trauma Lens in the 21st century,” Seneca 2022 International Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- July 2022: “Encountering Healing Waters: ‘As If’ in Depicting Embodied Experience in Roman Italy,” ‘As If’ in Ancient Religions, Online, University of Bristol
- November 2021: “After Nero: narrative and affective strategies of coping with past traumatic experiences in the pseudo-Senecan *Octavia*,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- May 2021: “Finding a community to belong to in the wake of crisis: recovery from the civil wars in Seneca the Elder,” Association of Ancient Historians Annual Meeting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- January 2020: “Durability”, Personhood and Authorship: Collective Living Commentary on a Project of Thomas Habinek, Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, Washington, DC
- June 2019: “Self and emperors: the tensions of self-writing between imperial biographies and Seneca’s *Moral Epistles*,” Shaping Roman Identity panel, Celtic Conference in Classics, Coimbra, Portugal
- January 2019: “Life, interrupted: rethinking trauma in Seneca the Younger,” University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- January 2019: “Friendship with the powerful? Perspectives pro and con in the Roman Empire,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, San Diego, CA
- July 2018: “Selfhood and religion: models of selfhood and religious practices in the late Republic and early Roman Empire,” Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religions, Rome, Italy.
- November 2017: “Thrasea Paetus: Loss and recovery of republican religious tradition in imperial Rome,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Boston, MA
- October 2017: “Self and other under oppression: the potential for intersubjectivity in the Roman Philosopher, Seneca the Younger,” Psychology and the Other, Cambridge, MA
- April 2017: Roundtable. “J. Rüpke, *Pantheon*. ” Lived Ancient Religion conference. Eisenach, Germany
- January 2017: “Princes and poet-priest: Horace and the transformation of religious authority under Augustus,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, Toronto, CA

REFEREED/INVITED PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS (CTD.)

- July 2016: "Reading Epictetus with Freud and Jung: Stoic Interiority and Perfection," Ecstatic Ancient/Archaic Thought and Analytical Psychology: An Inquiry. Freud Museum, London UK
- January 2016: "Elite competition and the religious uses of statuary in imperial Italy," Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, San Francisco
- June 2015: "Imperial Selves: Models and Translation" Literary Interactions under Nerva, Trajan and Hadrian 3: 'Literary Interactions across Linguistic, Cultural and Religious Boundaries' Boston University
- January 2015: "A New Paradigm for Roman Imperial Priesthoods? Reconsidering the Religious Elements in Associative Life in Early Imperial Italy," Annual Meeting of the Society for Classical Studies, New Orleans
- July 2014: "The lived experience of social and religious communities in the cities of Roman Asia Minor," Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religion, Turkey
- December 2013: "Self-talk: The rhetoric and the spaces of representing the self from the mid-Republic to the early Empire," Brown University
- November 2013: "Telling a li(fe): the uses and abuses of religious biographies," Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore
- May 2013: "Experiencing Roman imperial sacrifice," Ritual Matters: Material Residues and Ancient Religions, American Academy in Rome
- April 2013: "Representing leaders: from Republic to Empire" Boston Area Roman Studies Conference, Boston
- November 2012: "Gods and (wo)men," The Archaeology of Lived Religion in Antiquity, Rome, Italy
- November 2012: "Visualizing domesticity in the religions of the Roman empire," Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago
- September 2012: "The meetings of priests: their religious, social and cultural significance," Convention entitled "Sacerdos" by the Fondazione Niccolo Canussio, Castello Canussio, Italy
- January 2012: "Women and sacrifice in the Roman Empire," Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Philadelphia
- September 2011: "Encountering divine charisma: gods, men and women in late Republican and early imperial religion," Conference on Encountering the Divine: Between Gods and Men in the Ancient World, University of Reading, UK
- May 2011: "Self-praise and self-talk in Roman politics," Psychology Workshop, Columbia University
- January 2011: "Religiously sanctified murders and the transformation of religious authority in the civil wars of the late Roman Republic," Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Antonio
- November 2010: "'Doctrines' in traditional narratives and exemplary figures: rethinking 'belief' in Roman religion," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta
- October 2010: "Roman human sacrifice" A conversation between Arthur Eckstein and Z. Várhelyi, Boston University, Boston

PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS (CTD.)

- June 2010: "Selfhood, power and religion among pagan elites." Conference on the 'Religious Dimensions of the Self in the Second Century CE,' Erfurt, Germany (invited)
- May 2010: "Through thick and thin: health and illness in the pagan religion and philosophical communities of imperial Rome," Department of Ancient History, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary
- January 2010: "The development of the worship of the *genius Augusti* in Italy in the early Roman empire." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Anaheim, CA
- January 2010: "*Personae*, individuals and selves: what are we talking about when we discuss ancient individuals?" With Thomas Habinek, Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Anaheim, CA
- July 2009: "Power and religion in the 'pagan' Roman empire." Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religion 2009, Rome
- July 2009: "Morality and religion in pagan, Jewish and Christian characters in recent cinematic visions of ancient Rome." International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Rome
- January 2009: "Sexual selves in play: homoerotic poetry in imperial Rome." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Philadelphia
- November 2008: "The 'graffiti habit' in the early Roman Empire." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston
- October 2008: "Thinking like a Rhizome: The Impact of Deleuze and Guattari." Mind and Matter Seminar, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- January 2008: "Comparative mappings of (the study of) religion and of emotions in the ancient world." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Chicago
- November 2007: "'Family values' in the first- and second-century Greek East of the Roman Empire." Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, San Diego
- July 2007: "Power and Religion in the 'pagan' Roman Empire." International Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Vienna, Austria
- April 2007: "The altars of the fortunate: senators, religion and power in the Roman empire." Columbia University, Department of Classics, New York
- January 2007: "Finding the proper place for religion: between the Scylla of the Roman Empire and the Charybdis of Late Antiquity?" Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, San Diego
- November 2006: "Subverting narrative qualities in second-century retellings of 'pagan' myths." Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Washington D.C.
- May 2006: "The religion of Roman senators in the Empire: between power and belief." 7th International Conference of Hungarian Ancient Studies, Debrecen, Hungary
- March 2006: "Les ostraka de l'Antiquité tardive de l'Afrique du Nord: contexts d'interprétation." Institut National du Patrimoine, Tunis
- April 2005: "Religion and power in the early Empire." Boston Area Roman Studies Conference
- January 2005: "Social mobility and the renewal of the Senate in the Roman Empire." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Boston

PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS (CTD.)

- November 2004: "Elite community, prayer and healing in the Roman Empire." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio
- April 2004: "*Aut Finis Aut Transitus*: death, senatorial style, in the Roman Empire." New England Ancient Historians' Colloquium, Bridgewater State College
- January 2004: "Between public and private: elite dining and bathing in Late Republican and Early Imperial Italy." Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, San Francisco
- August 2003: "Social history and archaeology: opportunities and problems." XVIth International Congress of Classical Archaeology, Harvard University Art Museums
- October 2002: "Roman prosopography and microhistory: convergences and divergences." New England Historical Association, Fall Meeting, Rhode Island College
- September 2002: "The problem of dating change: the Stoic theory of incorporeal transformations." Conference on "Redrawing the Boundaries," Yale
- September 2002: "*Salus senatorum: pro salute* inscriptions in the Roman Empire." (poster) 12th International Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy, Barcelona, Spain
- January 2002: "The *oikos* recalled: the classical family in the Second Sophistic." Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, Philadelphia
- February 2001: "Revenge and forgiveness, gods and emperors in the Roman Empire." Conference at the Center for the Ancient Mediterranean, Columbia University
- May 1999: "Jews in civic life under the Empire." Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Columbia University
- November 1998: "The oracle of Claros and hymns in Imperial Asia Minor." Conference on "Between Magic and Religion in the Ancient and Medieval World," Harvard University
- October 1998: "Ethnic markers in the religion of the Roman Empire: foreign cults and their personnel." Graduate Conference on "Multiplying Ethnicities: Perspectives on Self and Other in the Greek and Roman Worlds," Columbia University
- March 1998: "What good can be found in Pandora's box? Electronic resources at Butler Library." Seminar at the Electronic Resources Center, Columbia University
- May 1997: "The live burial of Gauls and Greeks at Rome." Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Trinity University
- February 1995: "*Menos stalias*: görög írásbeliség a korabeli feliratok tükrében." [Greek literacy in the mirror of contemporary inscriptions] (in Hungarian) Society for Ancient Studies, Budapest

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

- 2004-2008: Study, publication and preservation of ostraka from Gighthis (Bu Grara), Tunisia in association with Roger S. Bagnall (Columbia University) and Ali Drine (Institut National du Patrimoine, Tunisia)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

- 1998: American Academy in Rome, Summer Program in Archaeology Archaeological survey and excavation in cooperation with the University of Pennsylvania, on the island of Jerba (Tunisia)

COURSES TAUGHT*Boston University, Boston (2001-)**Lecture courses*

Roman civilization
 Roman history
 Greek and Roman religion
 The Roman Empire
 Public virtues and private vices in the Roman Empire
 The Roman Empire in Film and Fact
 What is a good life? Ancient wisdom and modern insights

Seminars (undergraduate)

Intermediate Latin
 Readings in Latin prose: Cicero and Pliny
 Latin seminars: Caesar, The emperor Nero, Seneca's *Moral Epistles* and *On Clemency*, Petronius' *Satyrica*, Tacitus, Latin epistolography and biography
 Advanced Latin seminars: Suetonius, Apuleius

Seminars (graduate)

Trauma in the Roman world
 History of the Roman Empire
 Ancient selfhood: readings in Latin epistolography and biography
 Tacitus

Pro-seminars (graduate)

Early Greek literacy
 Latin epigraphy
 The scholarly publication process
 Writing conference abstracts

*Columbia University, New York (2007). Latin paleography (co-taught with Roger Bagnall and Rodney Ast)**Pázmány Péter University, Piliscsaba, Hungary (1995-1996)*

Reading Homer as historical evidence
 Introduction into Greek history
 Asia Minor from Alexander to Constantine

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023: Visiting Scholar, American Academy in Rome
 Distinguished Teaching Professorship, National Endowment for the Humanities, Boston University

2022: Senior Fellow Award, Boston University Center for the Humanities

2022: Conference Award, Boston University Center for the Humanities

2018: Frank and Lynn Wisneski Award for Excellence in Teaching, Boston University

2018: Associate Dean's Award to participate in research trip to Italy with the Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religions

2014: Associate Dean's Award to participate in research trip to Turkey with the Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religions

2013-14: Senior Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Boston University

AWARDS AND GRANTS (CTD.)

- 2011: “Psychology for Ancient and Mediaeval Historians” workshop funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Center for the Ancient Mediterranean at Columbia University
- 2010: The Templeton Prize for Excellence in Student Advising, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University
- 2010: Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship for research trip in Israel and Jordan
- 2009: Grants for conference: “What the gods demand: blood sacrifice in the ancient Mediterranean” (with Jennifer Knust, BU, School of Theology) from Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences; Humanities Foundation; Departments of Classical Studies and Religion; School of Theology, Brown Lecture Series and Alumni Relations Office; Center for Philosophy and History of Science; The Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies; The William Goodwin Aurelio Endowment; The Program in Scripture and the Literary Arts; American Academy of Religion, New-England Maritimes Region
- 2003-2004: Junior Fellow: Humanities Foundation, Boston University
- 2000-2001: Dissertation Fellow: Whiting Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University
- 1998: Fellowship to attend the Summer Program in Archaeology: The American Academy in Rome and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- 1996-2000: Morton Smith Fellow, President’s Fellow: Columbia University
- 1995-1996: Pre-doctoral Fellow: Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst University of Heidelberg (Prof. Géza Alföldy, July 1997); Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Prof. Christian Meier, June-July 1996)
- 1996: Summer funding, Soros Foundation, Hungary
- 1993-1994: Tempus scholar: University of Heidelberg

ADDITIONAL STUDIES

- 2015-: Psychology courses at Boston University
- 1990-1996: Latin at ELTE, Hungary
- 1993-1994: Ancient History at the University of Heidelberg, Germany
- 1998-2001: Philosophy, Media Studies at The New School, New York:
 -Publication of an essay: *Histories, memories and a few videotapes in Immediacy* (On-line journal of the New School’s Media Studies Program)
<http://people.bu.edu/varhelyi/immediacy.htm>
 -Video: *Creating a past* (Shot at the American Academy in Rome, during the 1998 Summer Program in Archaeology)

LANGUAGES

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| Native: | Hungarian | Intermediate: | French, Italian |
| Fluent: | English, German | Ancient: | Greek, Latin |