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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Indo-European languages and linguistics (esp. Sanskrit, Hittite)
- Classical languages and linguistics (Ancient Greek, Latin)
- Germanic Languages and linguistics
- Semantics and semantic change
- Tense, aspect, mood systems
- Discourse and pragmatics
- Linguistic typology

EMPLOYMENT

2021–PRESENT Assistant Professor of Arts & Sciences
Department of Classics and Program in Linguistics,
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN SAINT LOUIS

EDUCATION

- 2015–2021 Ph.D., Indo-European Linguistics
Program in Indo-European Studies, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
DISSERTATION: [Tense and aspect in Indo-European: A usage-based approach to the verbal systems of the *R̥gveda* and Homer](#)
ADVISER: Prof. Stephanie Jamison
- 2019 Graduate Certificate in Linguistics
Department of Linguistics, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
- Graduate Certificate in Classics
Department of Classics, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
- 2015 Classics Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
Department of Classics, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
- 2013 Bachelor of Arts, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Majors: Classics, English; minor: Medieval Studies
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Lee Honors College

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- *IN REVIEW Monograph: *The semantics of the perfect in Homeric Greek*. Brill's series in Indo-European Languages & Linguistics (eds. Michael Weiss, Olav Hackstein).

- *2026 Thought for food: On Niobe’s eternal brooding. *Classical Quarterly* 76.1:1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009838825101006>
- *2025 Negative directives in Homeric Greek: Function, origin, and development. *Journal of Greek Linguistics (JGL)* 25.2:135–206. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15699846-02502004>
- †2025 Habitual BE in American English. In María Arche, C. Jan-Wouter Zwart, Hamida Demirdache, Hagit Borer (eds.), *Footprints of Phrase Structure: Studies in syntax in honour of Tim Stowell*, 300–326. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. <https://doi.org/10.1075/la.288.14hol>
- *2021 The development of the Imperfect in Ancient Greek from simple past to imperfective as a blocking phenomenon, *Journal of Greek Linguistics* 21.1:58–150. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15699846-02101003>
- ‡2020 Inceptives in Ancient Greek. *Proceedings of the 31st Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference (November 8–9, 2019)*:139–159. Bremen: Hempfen Verlag.
- *2020 A New Approach to Prohibitive Constructions in the *R̥gveda* and the *Atharvaveda*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 140.4:777–802. <https://doi.org/10.7817/jameroriesoci.140.4.0777>
- *2018 Aspects of the Indo-European Aorist and Imperfect: Re-evaluating the evidence of the *R̥gveda* and Homer and its implications for PIE. *Indo-European Linguistics (IEL)* 6:1–68. <https://doi.org/10.1163/22125892-00601002>
- ‡2017 Synchronic and Diachronic Derivation of Greek *n*- and *nt*-stem Nominative Singular Formations. *Proceedings of the 28th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference (November 11–12, 2016)*:95–118. Bremen: Hempfen Verlag.

* Peer reviewed

† Edited volume

‡ Refereed proceedings (vetted by eds.: presented papers are not automatically accepted for publication in the proceedings volume)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 The specification of the underspecified: A pragmatic analysis of the injunctive in the *R̥gveda*. *Proceedings of (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages* 12:124–143.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2025 *Journal of Indo-European Studies (JIES)* 51.3/4 (Fall/Winter 2023):515–521. Review of De Decker, Filip Johannes. 2022. *Studies in Homeric Speech Introductions and Conclusions: Tense, Aspect, Augment, Mood, Modality, and Modal Particle*. Alessandria: Edizioni dell’Orso. 557 pages. (ISBN 8836133118).

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “Poetic grammar: On the linguistic value of metrically constrained language.” Early Career Excellence Award recipient’s public lecture, Western Michigan University (25 October).

- 2022 “A corpus linguistic approach to verbal usage in Indo-European languages.” Digital Transformation Research Symposium, Washington University in Saint Louis (12 December).
- 2022 “Verbal Usage in Greek and Indo-Iranian.” Guest lecture for graduate seminar “Greco-Indo-Iranian: A Linguistic Area?” (Stephanie Jamison and Jesse Lundquist), University of California, Los Angeles (11 May).
- 2019 “Habitual BE in American English.” Celebratory Colloquium for Prof. Tim Stowell, University of Greenwich, London (26 October).
- 2019 “Getting Going: Inceptives in Ancient Greek.” UCLA-LMU Historical Linguistics Colloquium, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München (12 July).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “A State Filter: Rethinking the Semantics of the Perfect.” 36th Annual Indo-European Conference, UCLA (24 October). <[handout](#)>
- 2024 “Thought for food: On Niobe’s eternal brooding.” Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago (6 January).
- 2023 “On the development of negative imperatives in Greek.” 34th Annual Indo-European Conference, UCLA (28 October).
- 2023 “Epic $\tau\epsilon$ and the tenses of Niobe’s eternal sorrow.” 42nd East Coast Indo-European Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill (23 June).
- 2022 “A pragmatic analysis of the \mathbb{R} gvedic injunctive.” 41st East Coast Indo-European Conference, Harvard (24 June).
- 2022 “A pragmatic analysis of the \mathbb{R} gvedic injunctive.” 12th (Formal) Approaches to South Asian Languages conference ((F)ASAL-12), University of Utah (9 April).
- 2022 “Root Aorists with primary endings in Vedic: A $t\bar{e}z\bar{z}i$ principle?” American Oriental Society 232nd Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass (18 March).
- 2021 “Mycenaean $o-/jo-$ and the performative aorist.” 32nd Annual Indo-European Conference, UCLA (5 November).
- 2021 “A diachronic pragmatic approach to the development of the IE injunctive and augment.” Proto-Indo-European Reconstruction (PIER): Problems, Possibilities, and New Perspectives, University of Cambridge Faculty of Classics (1 October) [online].
- 2021 “Drewitt’s Rule and the origin of the augment.” 40th East Coast Indo-European Conference (19 June) [online].
- 2021 “Prohibition types in Ancient Greek: A comparative approach.” Society for Classical Studies Annual Meeting (5 January) [online].
- 2020 “Augmented reality: A diachronic pragmatic approach to the development of the IE injunctive and augment.” 39th East Coast Indo-European Conference, Blacksburg, Va. (13 June 2020) [moved online].
- 2020 “Pragmatics, discourse context, and common ground: Hymn-initial injunctives in the \mathbb{R} gveda.” American Oriental Society 230th Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass. (22 March) [canceled due to COVID-19].
- 2019 “Simple past to imperfective in Ancient Greek via blocking.” Formal Diachronic Semantics 4, The Ohio State University (16 November).

- 2019 “Starting over: Inceptives in Ancient Greek.” 31st Annual Indo-European Conference, UCLA (9 November).
- 2019 “*bhūtakarāṇa-* or *āgama-*?: The Subtractive Semantics of the Augment in the *Ṛgveda*.” American Oriental Society 229th Annual Meeting, Chicago (9 May).
- 2018 “Don’t stop *mā* now: A New Approach to Prohibitive Constructions in the *Ṛgveda* and the *Atharvaveda*.” 30th Annual Indo-European Conference, UCLA (10 November).
- 2017 “The Morphological Aorist as a semantic perfect: Evidence of the *Ṛgveda* and Homer and its implications for PIE.” 29th Annual Indo-European Conference, UCLA (4 November).
- 2017 “Preventing Inhibition: A Reassessment of the Prohibitive Constructions in Early Vedic.” American Oriental Society 227th Annual Meeting, Los Angeles (18 March).
- 2016 “Synchronic and Diachronic Derivation of Greek *n-* and *nt-*stem Nominative Singular Formations.” 28th Annual Indo-European Conference, UCLA (11 November).

TEACHING AND ADVISING

DIRECTED STUDENT LEARNING, ACADEMIC ADVISING

- 2025–2026 Second reader for undergraduate honors thesis “*Girl*” and “*Miss Girl*”, Evelyn Powers. *Program in Linguistics*, Washington University in Saint Louis
- 2022–2024 Major advisor (Hannah Helt, Classics major). *Department of Classics*, Washington University in Saint Louis
- FALL 2023 Independent study: Digital corpus linguistics project (undergraduate Tianze Chen). *Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities*, Washington University in Saint Louis
- 2022–2023 Second reader for undergraduate honors thesis *(Mis)construing the Constitution*, Christopher T. Russell. *Program in Linguistics*, Washington University in Saint Louis
- 2022–2023 Web app design for digital linguistic corpora (undergraduate Gino Kler). *Humanities Digital Workshop*, Washington University in Saint Louis

GUEST TEACHING

- 2024 Guest lecture on career development in Prof. David Kutzko’s Cicero class, 24 October. *Department of World Languages and Literatures*, Western Michigan University
- 2022 “The Indo-European Verb: Aorist, Present, and Augment.” Guest lecture for seminar in Indo-European linguistics (Ryan Windhearn), Concordia University (4 October).

AS INSTRUCTOR

- FALL 2025 Homer Graduate Seminar: Poetic Grammar and the Language of Homer (Greek 5700) *Department of Classics*, Washington University in Saint Louis, in partial collaboration with Gregory Nagy (Harvard)
- FALL 2025 Historical and Comparative Linguistics (Ling 320) *Program in Linguistics*, Washington University in Saint Louis

- SPRING 2024 Beginning Sanskrit II (Classics 2110)
Department of Classics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- SPRING 2024 Introduction to Linguistics (Ling 170D)
Program in Linguistics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- FALL 2023 Beginning Sanskrit I (Classics 2100)
Department of Classics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- FALL 2023 Storming Off and Slaying Serpents: Linguistic Approaches to Comparative Mythology (First Year Seminar, Ling 1036)
Program in Linguistics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- SPRING 2023 Introduction to Greek Literature: Homer (Greek 318C)
Department of Classics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- SPRING 2023 Semantic Change: A Writing Intensive Linguistics Seminar (Ling 396W)
Program in Linguistics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- FALL 2022 Intensive Beginning Greek II (Greek 210)
Department of Classics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- FALL 2022 Historical and Comparative Linguistics (Ling 320)
Program in Linguistics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- SPRING 2022 Intensive Beginning Greek I (Greek 190D)
Department of Classics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- SPRING 2022 Introduction to Computational Linguistics (Ling 317)
Program in Linguistics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- FALL 2021 Introduction to Linguistics (Ling 170D)
Program in Linguistics, Washington University in Saint Louis
- 2019–20 Latin 1–3: Elementary Latin (hybrid sequence)
Department of Classics, UCLA (official title: academic apprentice);
instructor on record: Dr. Samuel D. Beckelhymer.
- SPRING 2018 *Beowulf* and its Old Norse Analogs (writing-intensive seminar)
Cluster Program in Undergraduate Education Initiatives, UCLA.
(Part of GE30: “Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Myth”; see below.)
- 2013–14 Greek 1000 and 1010: Basic Greek I and II
Department of World Languages and Literatures,
Western Michigan University.
- FALL 2013 Latin 1000: Basic Latin I
Department of World Languages and Literatures,
Western Michigan University.

AS GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR (GSI)/TEACHING APPRENTICE (TA)

- SUMMER 2019 Linguistics 1: Introduction to the Study of Language (online)
Department of Linguistics, UCLA (Prof. Harold Torrence, Dr. Philip Duncan).
- SPRING 2019 Linguistics 165B: Syntax II
Department of Linguistics, UCLA (Dr. Nicoletta Loccioni).

- WINTER 2019 Linguistics 1: Introduction to the Study of Language
Department of Linguistics, UCLA (Prof. Nina Hyams).
- 2017–18 Never-Ending Stories: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Myth (GE30)
Cluster Program in Undergraduate Education Initiatives, UCLA
(Profs. Sara Burdorff, Stephanie Jamison, Olga Yokoyama).

OTHER

- FALL 2020 Reader for Prof. Alex Purves, Greek 200A: “History of Greek Literature” (graduate survey), Greek 101B: “Homer: *Iliad*” (undergraduate upper division), *Department of Classics, UCLA*.
- 2012–14 Private tutor in Latin and Greek (including English-language learner, middle school, and high school students), Kalamazoo, MI.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- FALL 2025 Organizer of the biweekly Classics Workshop (study hall + graduate seminar), Washington University.
- FALL 2025 Colloquium organizer, Chiara Bozzone (LMU), *Department of Classics & Program in Linguistics, Washington University*.
- FALL 2025 Greek MA reading list exam committee, *Department of Classics, Washington University*.
- FALL 2025 Greek PhD qualifying exam committee (written and oral exams), Bayla Kamens, *Department of Classics, Washington University*.
- FALL 2025 Reviewer for the journal *Indogermanische Forschungen (IF)*, De Gruyter.
- SPRING 2025 Reviewer for the *Journal of Greek Linguistics (JGL)*, Brill.
- 2022–PRESENT Diversity Liaison, *Program in Linguistics, Washington University*.
- 2022–PRESENT Major assessment exam coordinator, *Program in Linguistics, Washington University*.
- 2021–PRESENT Graduate admissions committee, *Department of Classics, Washington University*.
- 2021–PRESENT Biggs Residency Committee, *Department of Classics, Washington University*.
- 2021–PRESENT Member of the [Humanities Digital Workshop](#), Washington University.
- 2023–2024 Colloquium organizer, *Program in Linguistics, Washington University*.
- FALL 2023 Greek MA reading list exam committee, *Department of Classics, Washington University*.
- 2022–2024 Organizer of the biweekly Classics Workshop (study hall + graduate seminar), Washington University.
- 2022–2024 Student Group Advisor for Classics (Eta Sigma Phi and Classics Club), Washington University.
- SPRING 2022 Reviewer for the journal *Language*, Linguistic Society of America (LSA).

- SPRING 2022 Reviewer for the journal *Indo-European Linguistics (IEL)*, Brill.
- FALL 2021 Reviewer for the journal *Indo-European Linguistics (IEL)*, Brill.
- 2017–21 Indo-European Studies Student Alliance (IESSA) signatory, UCLA.
- 2016–21 Reading room/digital media curator, *Program in Indo-European Studies*, UCLA.
- 2017–20 Organizer of the Program in Indo-European Studies Graduate Seminar, *Program in Indo-European Studies*, UCLA.
- 2018–19 Graduate Student Representative, *Program in Indo-European Studies*, UCLA.
- 2015–19 Conference Organizer, *Program in Indo-European Studies*, UCLA.
- 2013 College of Arts & Sciences Academic Advisory Board representative, Department of World Languages and Literatures, WMU.
- 2013 Co-organizer and participant, Public “Marathon” reading of Vergil’s *Aeneid*, WMU.

OTHER UNDERGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

- 2011–13 Sigma Tau Delta national English honors fraternity member.
- 2011 Student Intern, printing & book-making, Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo, MI.

AWARDS & HONORS

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| FALL 2025 | Small Grant for Publication (for open access JGL article above), Center for the Humanities, Washington University in Saint Louis. | [\$595] |
| 2024 | Early Career Excellence Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University. | [\$0] |
| 2024–25 | Loeb Classical Library Foundation (LCLF) Fellowship. | [\$40,000] |
| 2024–25 | Mellon Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.
OFFER DECLINED | [\$78,000] |
| 2022 | Indogermanische Gesellschaft third prize for best Ph.D. thesis . | [\$0] |
| 2020–21 | Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA. | [\$20,000] |
| FALL 2018 | Mellon Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA. | [\$8,000] |
| 2017 | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA.
Verbal tense and aspect in Homeric Greek, with Prof. David Goldstein. | [\$6,000] |
| 2016-17 | Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA.
Early Vedic tense and aspect, with Prof. Stephanie Jamison. | [\$20,000] |
| 2016 | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA.
Early Vedic tense and aspect, with Prof. Stephanie Jamison. | [\$6,000] |
| 2013–14 | Presidential Scholar of English, Western Michigan University (WMU). | [\$250] |
| 2013 | George Sprau Award, outstanding senior in the English Department, WMU. | [\$175] |

2012	Jean and Vincent Malstrom Scholarship for Linguistics, WMU.	[\$500]
2012	Victor Coutant Award for Classics, WMU.	[\$100]
2012	College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award, two-time recipient, WMU.	[\$500]
2011	Frederick J. Rogers Memorial Award for Shakespeare Studies, WMU.	[\$250]
2011	Ralph N. Miller Memorial Award, best essay, WMU.	[\$300]
2009–13	Dean’s List, WMU.	

TECHNICAL SKILLS

ℒ^AT_EX – XML – R – Python – Windows – macOS – Microsoft Office

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

SEPT. 2019	Aspect across Languages and Linguistic Schools, LingPhil Ph.D. Course at UiT: The Arctic University of Norway.
JUL. 2019	CreteLing: Crete Summer School of Linguistics.
JUL. 2017, JUL. 2016	Leiden University Summer School in Languages and Linguistics.
JUN.–JUL. 2017	The British School at Athens Postgraduate Training Course in Linear B and Mycenaean Greek.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Society for Classical Studies
- Linguistic Society of America
- American Society for Premodern Asia (formerly the American Oriental Society)

REFERENCES

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stephanie W. Jamison (committee chair)
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