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Academic Positions

- July 2022-present Lecturer in Greek (University of Stellenbosch)
Oct 2021-June 2022 Instructor in Latin and Ancient Greek (University of Oxford, .5 post)
Oct 2018-June 2021 Language instructor/Teaching Assistant (University of Oxford, casual contract)
July 2014-June 2015 Tutor in Classical Studies (University of Cape Town, casual contract)

Education

- Nov 2020 **DPhil in Ancient History** (Wolfson College, Oxford)
Title: “A Jewish Lawgiver in a Greek World: Moses in Josephus’ *Jewish Antiquities* in light of Plutarch’s *Lives*” (supervised by Martin Goodman)
July 2017 **MPhil** (with distinction) in Greek and Roman History (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford)
Dec 2015 **BA Honours** (with distinction) in Latin Language and Literature (UCT)
Dec 2014 **BA (with distinction)** in Classical Studies and French Language and Literature (UCT)

Peer-reviewed Publications

- Westwood, U. “Free Speech and Moses’ Laws: The Limits of *παρορῆσις* in Josephus’ works,” in *From Josephus to Yosippon and Beyond: Text – Re-interpretations – Afterlives*, edited by Carson Bay, Michael Avioz, and Jan Willem van Henten. Leiden: Brill (2024)
Westwood, U. *Moses among the Greek lawgivers: Reading Josephus’ Antiquities through Plutarch’s Lives*. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 210. Leiden: Brill (2023)
Westwood, U. “Prophecies and princesses: Moses in Egypt and Ethiopia according to Josephus,” *Akroterion* 67 (2022), 65-85.

Review articles

- Westwood, U. Review of V. Fromentin, ed. *Écrire l’histoire de son temps, de Thucydide à Ammien Marcellin*, *Histos* 17 (2023)
Westwood, U. Review of P. R. Bosman (ed.), *Intellectual and Empire in Greco-Roman Antiquity*, *Acta Classica* 64 (2021)
Westwood, U. Review of Steve Mason, *A History of the Jewish War, AD 66–74*, *Journal of Jewish Studies* 68 (2017), 189-93

Academic Awards

- Oct 2017-June 2020 Clarendon Fund and Littman Trust Graduate Scholarship (Full fees and living expenses for 3 years of DPhil studies at Oxford)
Oct 2015-June 2017 Ertegun Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities (Full fees and living expenses for 2 years of MPhil studies at Oxford)
May 2015 Offered Oppenheimer Fund Scholarship for MPhil living expenses - declined
Nov 2014 Shortlisted for the South Africa-at-large Rhodes scholarship (Western Cape and Northern Cape regional committee)
Dec 2014 Monica Wilson Scholarship (awarded to the graduate obtaining highest marks in Bachelor’s degree curriculum) (UCT)
Dec 2013 Highest GPA in Bachelor of Arts (second year) (UCT)
Dec 2011 First Year Class Medal (Music: Western Classical) (UCT)
Dec 2010 Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship (ZAR20 000, UCT)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- Mar 2024 ‘Exile and the *kosmopolites* in Philo of Alexandria’ at the Classical Association Conference at Warwick University, UK

Nov 2023	‘Moral Philosophy in Egypt: Josephus’ rendering of Judah’s speech (<i>Antiquities</i> 2.140-58) and its resonances’ at the Classical Association of South Africa Biennial Conference in Cape Town
July 2023	‘The power of silence? Josephus and the limitations of persuasive speech’ at the Hellenistic Judaism Panel of SBL International in Pretoria
Dec 2022	‘The noble captive speaks out: Josephus as global classicist’ at “Global Classics and Africa: Past, Present, and Future” [2 nd International Classics Conference Ghana] in Accra, Ghana
Oct 2022	‘Prophecies and Princesses: Josephus on Moses in Egypt and Ethiopia in the <i>Antiquities</i> ’ at the Ancient Studies Research Seminar, Stellenbosch University
Mar 2020	‘Josephus on Moses’ Constitution in light of Plutarch’s <i>Lycurgus</i> ’ at the Seminar in Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period, Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford
Nov 2018	‘Pugnacious Preliminaries: the (shifting) targets of Josephus’ prologues’ at the conference ‘Von Jerusalem nach Rom’ at the Freie Universität, Berlin
Oct 2018	‘Humanly divine? The use of ancient sources in Josephus’ ‘Life of Moses’ (<i>AJ</i> I-IV) and Plutarch’s <i>Solon</i> ’ at the conference “‘As It Is Written’? Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts’ at Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen
July 2015	‘The Destruction of the Temples in Tacitus and Josephus’ at the conference of the Classical Association of South Africa in Potchefstroom

Courses Taught

Stellenbosch University:	Greek 178 (Beginners’ Koine Greek – 2022, 2023, 2024) Greek 214/ 244 (2 nd year Greek – 2022, 2023) Greek 344 (3 rd year Greek: Sophocles, <i>Oedipus Rex</i> – 2023, 2024) Honours in Ancient Languages (Greek) Themes: ‘Jewish literature in Greek under the Roman Empire’, ‘Speeches in Classical Greek literature’
University of Oxford:	Classical Greek grammar classes (Oct 2018 to Mar 2021) Greek reading classes: Herodotus 8, Aristophanes <i>Frogs</i> , <i>Iliad</i> 24 Beginners’ Latin for historians (Oct 2020 to June 2021) Imperial Culture and Society, AD 50-150 (teaching assistant, 2020)
University of Cape Town	Athenian Life and Culture’ (tutor for 2 nd -year course, 2014) Rome: Literature and Empire’ (tutor for 2 nd -year course, 2015)

Outreach and Access

Apr 2018, Mar 2019	Tutor in Classical Civilizations for University Education (Oxford)
Sep 2016-July 2017	Volunteer Teacher with the Literacy through Latin Programme (Oxford)

Other Positions of Responsibility

Dec 2020	Assisted with admissions for Worcester College (Oxford), Classical Archaeology and Ancient History course
Apr – Aug 2020	Organiser of Ertegun House Online Book Club
Sep 2018-Apr 2020	Wolfson College Choir administrator

Freelance Work

Apr 2021-May 2022	Freelancer for Lex Academic: copyediting of academic articles, proofreading and indexing of monograph, translation of Greek and Latin texts
July 2021-May 2022	Latin Tutor (in-person and online) for the Continuing Education Department of the University of Oxford

Languages

Ancient Languages:	Greek (excellent), Latin (excellent), Classical Hebrew (good)
Modern Languages:	English (native), French (good), Afrikaans (good), German (reading knowledge)