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Academic Employment

- 2026– Assistant Professor of Classics
Hillsdale College
- 2025–26 Assistant Professor of Latin and Humanities (from 1/1/25)
- 2021–24 Instructor of Latin (through 12/31/24)
Wyoming Catholic College

Education

- 2024 Ph.D. in Classics
University of Virginia
Dissertation: “Heracles in Dio Chrysostom, Lucian, and Philostratus”
Director: Andrej Petrovic
- 2016 M.A. in Classics
University of Kentucky
- 2014 M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2010 B.A. in English, *summa cum laude*
Bryan College

Publications

- Hill, S. “Cato the Hydra-Slayer: Heracles and Plato in Plutarch’s *Life of Cato the Elder*.” MS of ca. 10,000 words. Accepted for publication by *Classical Quarterly*.
- 2026 Hill, S. “Fortune’s Tragic Variety Show: Generic Play in Lucian’s *Necyomantia*.” *American Journal of Philology* 147 (2): 291–315.
- 2022 Hill, S. “Task-Based Language Teaching and Ancient Languages.” In *Transmitting a Heritage: The Teaching of Ancient Languages from Antiquity to the 21st Century*, edited by C. Rico and J. Pedicone, 249–264. Jerusalem: Polis Institute Press.
- 2021 Hill, S. “A Conventiculum for Speakers of Ancient Greek: The Lexington *Synodos Hellenike*.” In *Communicative Approaches to Teaching Classical Languages*, edited by M. Lloyd and S. Hunt, 133–40. London: Bloomsbury.
- 2021 Rico, C., and S. Hill, trans. *Hansel and Gretel in Ancient Greek*. Jerusalem: Polis Institute Press.
Reviews: J. L. Navarro, *Euroclassica* (2022); A. Morehouse, *Classical Outlook* 98.4 (2023).

Work in Progress

Hill, S. *Heracleian Choices in Imperial Greece: A Literary and Cultural Study of Dio Chrysostom, Lucian, and Philostratus*. MS of ca. 80,000 words.

Presentations

- 2026 “A Comic Choice of Heracles: Aristophanes’ *Clouds* and Lucian’s *Dream*.” Society for Classical Studies (San Francisco), Jan. 7–10.
- 2025 “Cato the Hydra-Slayer: Operating on the Body Politic in Plutarch’s *Life of Cato the Elder*.” 13th International Plutarch Society Congress (Groningen, NL), June 11–13.
- 2024 “Dio Chrysostom’s Philosophical Prophetess in the *First Kingship Oration*.” Society for Classical Studies (Chicago), January 4–7.
- 2022 “A Tragic Variety Show: Reversal in Lucian’s *Necyomantia*.” Society for Classical Studies (San Francisco), January 5–8. Presented online.
- 2019 “Who Must Abstain from Meat? Audience and Morality in Porphyry’s *De abstinence*.” The Classical Association of the Middle West and South (University of Nebraska–Lincoln), April 3–6.
- 2019 “Τῇ γλώσση διαλεγόμεθα· νοῦς καὶ σῶμα παρὰ τοῖς τε πάλαι καὶ τοῖς νῦν.” Living Latin and Greek in New York City (Paideia Institute), February 16–17.
- 2018 “Applying Task-Based Language Teaching (TBLT) to Ancient Language Pedagogy.” Transmitting a Heritage: The Teaching of Ancient Languages from Antiquity to the 21st Century (Polis Institute, Jerusalem), April 16–17.
- 2017 “The Poem as Offering in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Poetry.” The Classical Association of the Middle West and South (University of Waterloo), April 5–8.
- 2016 “Marc-Antoine Muret: Two Orations on Plato’s Republic.” The Neo-Latin Symposium at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference (University of Kentucky), April 14–16.
- 2012 “Child Language Socialization: Unlikely Implications for Writing Center Theory and Practice.” International Writing Centers Association (San Diego, CA), October 25–27.
- 2012 “Applying SLA Research to the Classical Language Classroom: Interaction and Negotiation.” Illinois Classical Conference (University of Chicago), October 5–7.

Teaching

- 2026– Hillsdale College
 - Beginning Greek I (CLS 103; Fall 2026)
 - Introduction to Latin Literature: Cicero’s *Pro Archia* (CLS 320; Fall 2026)
 - Advanced Readings in Greek Literature: Thucydides VII (CLS 423, Fall 2026)
- 2021–26 Wyoming Catholic College
 - Elementary Latin 1–2 (LAT 101–102; 2025–26)
 - Intermediate Latin 1–2 (LAT 201–202; 2021–25)

- various one-hour reading seminars (LAT 3xx/4xx)
 - Terence, *Heauton Timorumenos*
 - Cicero, *Pro Archia*
 - Virgil, *Aeneid*
 - Quintilian, *Institutio Oratoria*
 - Latin epistolography
 - Boethius, *De Consolatione Philosophiae*
 - Isaac Casaubon, *Ephemerides*
 - Gods and Heroes in Ancient Greece (HMN 101; Fall 2021, '22, '23)
 - The *Polis* and the Soul (HMN 102; Spring 2022, '23, '24, '25)
 - The Roman Order (HMN 201; Fall 2024)
 - The Tools of Philosophy (PHL 101; Fall 2025)
- 2019–22 Polis Institute, Jerusalem (at Christendom College, Front Royal, VA)
- Spoken Ancient Greek (three-week intensive course; online in 2020)
- 2018–21 Department of Classics, University of Virginia
- Greek Civilization (Fall 2018; TA)
 - Greek Myth (Spring 2019; TA)
 - Elementary Greek I–II (Fall 2019, Spring 2020; TA)
 - Intermediate Latin II (Fall 2020, online; primary instructor)
 - Intermediate Latin I (Spring 2021, online; primary instructor)
- 2018 Polis Institute, Jerusalem
- “An Introduction to Second Language Acquisition for Teachers and Students of Ancient and Fixed Languages” (1.5 ECTS, 15 academic hours; April 16–20)
- 2015–16 Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures & Cultures, University of Kentucky
- Accelerated Latin (Fall 2015; primary instructor)
 - Elementary Greek Part 1 (Fall 2015; TA)
 - Elementary Latin Part 2 (Spring 2016; primary instructor)
- 2014–16 Ave Maria University (Ave Maria, FL)
- Elementary Greek (instructor of record)
 - May 21 to June 10, 2014; June 1–19, 2015; May 16 to June 10, 2016
- 2012–15 Pontificia Università della Santa Croce (Rome, Italy)
- Instructor: Parlare il greco koinè
 - July 9–27, 2012; July 8–26, 2013; July 7–25, 2014; July 13–31, 2015
- 2013–14 Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- “Oral Communication for International Teaching Assistants” (Fall 2013, Spring 2014; primary instructor)
- 2011–13 ESL Program, Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- “Introduction to Academic Writing” (Fall 2011; instructor of record)
 - “Oral and Written Communication” (Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013; instructor of record)

Workshops & Conventicula

- 2026 Summer Seminar: Plutarch's *Life of Cato the Elder*
 Ancient Language Institute (at Wake Forest University)
 June 14–23

- 2025 Iter Montanum
Wyoming Catholic College
June 22–28
- 2024 Biduum Arcis Vorthensis
Fort Worth, TX
January 26–27, 2024
- 2023 Philogrammatia
Αἱ τοῦ Ἡρακλέους αἰρέσεις (taught in ancient Greek; online)
July 29, 2023 (6 hours)
- 2017–19 Σύνοδος ἑλληνική (Conventiculum Graecum)*
University of Kentucky
Organized and co-moderated with Christophe Rico
July 12–19, 2017; July 15–22, 2018; July 14–20, 2019
- 2013–15 Teaching methodology seminar (various sessions)
Pontificia Università della Santa Croce
July 15–19, 2013; July 14–18, 2014; July 20–24, 2015

Honors & Awards

- 2024 Lazenby Summer Research Grant, Department of Classics, University of Virginia
- 2021 Jefferson Scholars Foundation Research Prize
- 2019–21 Lazenby Summer Research Grant, Department of Classics, University of Virginia
- 2018–19 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Institute of World Languages, University of Virginia
- 2017–22 Fellowship, Department of Classics, University of Virginia (final year declined)
- 2014–16 Royster Graduate Student Excellence Award, University of Kentucky
- 2015 CAMWS Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Classical Studies
(Classics, University of Kentucky)
- 2014–15 Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship, University of Kentucky
- 2014 Katharine O. Aston Award for Outstanding MATESL Thesis, Department of Linguistics, UIUC
- 2012 Graduate College Travel Grant, UIUC (Fall)
- 2012 Department of Linguistics Travel Grant, UIUC (Fall)
- 2011–14 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent By Their Students, UIUC Fall 2011, Spring 2012 (outstanding), Fall 2012 (outstanding), Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Additional Training

- 2016 Greek Palaeography Summer School
Lincoln College, University of Oxford
- 2012 Graduate Teacher Certificate
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

* Organized by Humanitas, Inc., in cooperation with the Polis Institute.

2010 Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
International House, Budapest, Hungary

Service

2025–26 Interim Chair, Latin Curriculum Committee, Wyoming Catholic College
 2025–26 Latin Tutoring Coordinator, Wyoming Catholic College
 2024–26 Academic Council, Wyoming Catholic College
 2024–26 Admissions Committee, Wyoming Catholic College
 2024–26 Senior thesis and oration supervision, Wyoming Catholic College
 2022–26 Latin Textbook Committee, Wyoming Catholic College
 2021–26 Humanities Curriculum Committee, Wyoming Catholic College
 2021–26 Latin Curriculum Committee, Wyoming Catholic College
 2020–21 Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison, UVA Classics Department
 2018–19 Second reader for M.A. thesis, Polis Institute, Jerusalem
 2018–19 Call for Papers Committee, UVA Classics Graduate Student Colloquium
 2017–18 Fundraising Committee, UVA Classics Graduate Student Colloquium

Professional Organizations

Society for Classical Studies
 Classical Association of the Middle West and South
 International Plutarch Society

Languages

- ancient
 - ancient Greek (all skills)
 - Latin (all skills)
- modern
 - English (native)
 - French (reading)
 - Italian (reading)
 - German (reading)
 - Spanish (reading, basic conversation)