

JORDAN PICKETT

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EMPLOYMENT :

- 2024 – Associate Professor of Classics, University of Georgia at Athens
2018 – Assistant Professor of Classics, University of Georgia at Athens
2017 – 2018 Post-doctoral Teaching Fellow, Florida State University
Department of Classics
2015 – 2017 Post-doctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer, University of Michigan
Kelsey Museum of Archaeology

EDUCATION :

- Ph.D. **University of Pennsylvania**, with distinction
Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World, May 2015
Dissertation Title : *Water after Antiquity in the Eastern Mediterranean: the Afterlives of Roman Hydraulic Infrastructure (300 – 800 CE)*
- M.A. **University of Pennsylvania**
Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World, May 2011
- B.A. **Indiana University, Bloomington**
Art History and Religious Studies (certificate in Medieval Studies), Dec. 2006.

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS :

Time-period : 1 – 1000 AD

Regions : Anatolia, Greece and the Balkans, the Levant

Areas of Research : archaeology; architecture; environmental and climate history; material culture; social and economic history; geopolitics; comparative analysis; urbanism; labor; history of technology; architectural and landscape survey.

BOOKS :

- 2021 *Architecture and Visual Culture in the Late Antique and Medieval Mediterranean*, eds. V. Marinis, A. Papalexandrou, and J. Pickett (Turnhout: Brepols, 2021) [[link](#)]

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND REFEREED CHAPTERS (SINCE 2016):

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- 2024 "Earthquakes and State Response at Antioch" for *Antioch on the Orontes: History, Society, Ecology, and Visual Culture*, ed. A. de Giorgi (Cambridge: CUP, 2024), 433-450 [\[link\]](#)
- 2023 "Earthquakes and Urban Adaptation in Late Antiquity" in *The Power of Nature: Agency and the Archaeology of Human-Environmental Dynamics*, ed. M. Smith (Boulder: University of Colorado Press, 2023), 77-98 [\[link\]](#)
- 2022 "Settlement, environment, and climate change in SW Anatolia: dynamics of regional variation and the end of Antiquity" for *PLOS One*, lead co-author with Matthew Jacobson, also Alison L. Gascoigne, Dominik Fleitmann, and Hugh Elton. [\[link\]](#)
- 2022 "Water and Social Relationships in Byzantine Neighborhoods" for *Byzantine Neighbourhoods*, eds. B. Anderson and F. Kondyli, Birmingham Byzantine and Ottoman Studies Series (London: Routledge, 2022), 125-152. [\[link\]](#)
- 2021 "A Social Explanation for the Disappearance of Roman Thermae" for *Journal of Late Antiquity* 14.2 (2021): 375-414. [\[link\]](#)
- 2021 "Conflict Architecture: Making History at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, Hebron" for *Architecture and Visual Culture in the Late Antique and Medieval Mediterranean*, eds. V. Marinis, A. Papalexandrou, and J. Pickett (Turnhout: Brepols, 2021), 177-192 [\[link\]](#)
- 2020 "Hydraulic Landscapes of Cities in the East Roman World" for *Landscapes of Pre-industrial Cities*, ed. G. Farhat, Landscapes Studies Series (Washington D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks, 2020), 115-142. [\[link\]](#)
- 2018 "Earthquakes as the Quintessential SCE [Short-Term Catastrophic Event]: Methodology and Societal Resilience" for *Human Ecology* 46, special issue with the Princeton Climate Change and History Research Initiative, eds. J. Haldon, A. Izdebski, and S. White (2018): 1-14 [lead co-author with Lee Mordechai] [\[link\]](#)
- 2017 "Water and Empire in the *de Aedificiis* of Procopius" for *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 71 (2017): 95-125 [\[link1/link2\]](#)
- 2016 "Architectural energetics for tumuli construction: the case of the medieval Chungul Kurgan on the Eurasian Steppe" for *Journal of Archaeological Science* 75 (2016): 101-14 [first author with John Schreck, Renata Holod, Yuriy Rassamakin, Oleksandr Halenko, Warren Woodfin] [\[link\]](#)
- 2016 "Temples, Churches, Cisterns and Pipes: Water in Late Antique Ephesus," in *De Aquaeductu Atque Aqua Urbium Lyciae Pamphyliae Pisidiae: The Legacy of Sextus Julius Frontinus, International Congress on the History of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering in the Mediterranean Region. Antalya, October 31 – November 9, 2014*, ed. G. Wiplinger, Babesch Annual Papers on Mediterranean Archaeology Supplement 27 (Leuven: Babesch/Peeters,

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- 2016), 297-312 [[link](#)]
- 2016 “The environmental, archaeological and historical evidence for climatic changes and their societal impacts in the Eastern Mediterranean in Late Antiquity”, for *Quaternary Science Review* 136: 189-208 [2nd co-author with Adam Izdebski, Neil Roberts, Tomasz Waliszweski] [[link](#)]

BOOK REVIEWS :

- 2017 Review of Cornelis van Tilburg, *Streets and Streams: Health Conditions and City Planning in the Graeco-Roman World* (Leiden: Primavera, 2015), for the Bryn Mawr Classical Review [[link](#)]
- 2014 Review of Anna Calderone, (ed.), *Cultura e religione delle acque. Atti del Convegno interdisciplinare "Qui fresca l'acqua mormora ... "* (S. Quasimodo, *Sapph. fr. 2,5*), Messina, 29-30 marzo 2011 = *Archaeologica* 167 (Rome: Bretschneider, 2012), for the Bryn Mawr Classical Review [[link](#)]

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS (SINCE 2021):

- Dec 2024 “The Missing Monuments of Sardis: Epigraphy and Metrology,” invited talk at ANAMED, Istanbul.
- Nov 2024 “Geology and Time on the Acropolis at Sardis,” invited talk for the American Institute of Archaeology lecture series, University of Georgia.
- October 2024 “Byzantine Fortifications on the Acropolis at Sardis,” invited talk for *Cross-Cultural Encounter and Transformation in Western Asia Minor from Byzantium to Early Ottoman Times* symposium with the Austrian Academy of Science at Rome.
- October 2024 “Climate Change in the Early Medieval Eastern Mediterranean,” invited talk for Center for Early Global Studies at UCLA.
- Sept 2024 “Water infrastructure in Roman and early medieval Macedonia,” invited talk at *Roman Macedonia* symposium, Indiana University.
- March 2024 “Early medieval fortifications in Anatolia: the mysterious case of Sardis,” invited lecture for the Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture, Brookline MA
- October 2023 “Evidence for Early Byzantine Forest Management: Legal and Palynological”, invited talk at *The Byzantine Forest* symposium, Cornell University.
- April 2023 “Climate Change and Settlements in Southwest Anatolia” invited talk for the conference *Catastrophes in Context* at All Souls College, Oxford University, co-author Matthew Jacobson.
- April 2023 “Climate Change Archaeologies in the Eastern Mediterranean: Problems and Prospects” invited talk for UPenn Art and Archaeology of the Mediterranean World, co-author Matthew Jacobson.

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- October 2022 “Archaeologies of Climate Change in the Roman and Byzantine Eastern Mediterranean” for the *Changing Climates – Changing Histories* symposium at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
- April 2022 “Global Impacts of the last Chimborazo Eruption in the mid-500s CE? The Late Antique Little Ice Age and Mediterranean Archaeology” at ESPOCH in Riobamba, Ecuador. Delivered by Jordan Pickett, co-author Matthew Jacobson.
- Apr 2022 “Testing hypotheses of climate-driven societal change through settlement archaeology” at the Centre for Ancient Environmental Studies (CAES) Seminar Series, University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK. Delivered by Matthew Jacobson, co-author Jordan Pickett.
- Mar 2022 “Modern Theory, Ancient Earthquakes: Resilience and the Earthquake of 749 AD?” invited paper for *Contextualising the earthquake of 749 CE: From High Definition Archaeology to Global History*, at Aarhus University [canceled due to COVID]
- Dec 2021 “Byzantine Fortifications Beyond Incastellamento: The Example of Sardis” with Benjamin Anderson, at the 47th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Oct 2021 “Climate and Settlement in Roman and Byzantine Lycia”, invited lecture in collaboration with Matthew Jacobson, for the Medieval Studies Association at Indiana University, Bloomington.
- July 2021 “Water Wars? The Vulnerability of Urban Water Supplies in Roman and Early Byzantine Conflicts” invited talk at the Leeds International Medieval Congress, for the panel “Climate, the Environment, and the Natural World in Byzantium, IV: Problems and Perspectives” with the Climate Change and History Research Initiative, Princeton University.
- Mar 2021 “Water, Climate, and Culture in Early Byzantium” invited paper for *Nature and the Environment*, the 53rd Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies, at the University of Birmingham (UK), with the Climate Change and History Research Initiative, Princeton University [[link](#)]

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS :

- 2023-2024 Willson Center Research Fellow at the University of Georgia.
- 2021-2023 Lilly Teaching Fellow at the University of Georgia.
- 2014-2015 Dean’s Scholar, School of Arts and Sciences. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- 2014 President Gutmann Leadership Award, UPenn.
- 2014 Travel Grant, Frontinus Gesellschaft. Bonn, Germany.
- 2013-2014 Junior Fellow in Byzantine Studies. Dumbarton Oaks, Trustees of Harvard University. Washington D.C.

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- 2012 Harrell Fellow, American Center for Overseas Research. Amman, Jordan.
2011-2012 Junior Residential Fellow. Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul. Declined.
2011-2015 Louis J. Kolb Society Fellow in Mediterranean Archaeology. Philadelphia PA.

FIELDWORK :

- 2019 – Byzantine Fortifications on the Acropolis, for the Archaeological Exploration of Sardis, Turkey (Harvard and Cornell). Directed by Nick Cahill (UWisconsin). Co-PI for Acropolis investigation, with Benjamin Anderson (Cornell). [300+pp of field reports submitted since 2019]
- 2015 Molyvoti in Thrace Archaeological Project, Greece. Survey supervisor, for Tom Tartaron and Nathan Arrington, UPenn/ASCSA and Princeton University. One unpublished report submitted to the MTAP and Greek Ephoreia, with Kurtis Tanaka.
- 2013-2014 Ephesus Project, Turkey. Architectural and Hydraulics Investigator, under supervision of Sabine Ladstätter, Österreichisches Archäologisches Institut. “Water pipes and conduits in Ephesus,” two unpublished reports submitted to the Turkish Ministry of Culture, one published chapter in edited volume [see above].
- 2012 Islamic Jarash Project, Jordan. Architectural and Hydraulics Investigator, under supervision of Alan Walmsley, University of Copenhagen. “Water in Late Antique Jarash,” unpublished report submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Jordan. Researcher supported by ACOR Harrell Fellowship.
- 2012 Chungul Kurgan Project, Ukraine. Architectural investigator, under supervision of Renata Holod, UPenn. Article for *Journal of Archaeological Science* published November 2016 [see above].
- 2009-2014 Site studies supported by Louis J. Kolb Society in: Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Albania, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus, China, and Turkey’s provinces of Cilicia, Lycia, Caria, Ionia, Lydia, Pisidia, Phrygia, Galatia, Bithynia, Paphlagonia, and Pontus
- 2009 Avkat Field Survey Project, Intensive Survey Team Leader and Architectural Investigator, under supervision of John Haldon and Hugh Elton, Princeton and the British Institute in Ankara, with Trent University. Preparation of one unpublished report.