

Curriculum Vitae
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AREAS OF INTEREST

Homer, Parmenides and the Presocratics, Plato and the Platonic tradition, Greek and Indian philosophy, ancient religion, mystery cults.

EDUCATION

- December 2024 Ph.D. in Greek and Latin.
Ohio State University, Department of Classics. Columbus, OH.
Dissertation: "The Homeric Psychology of Parmenidean Meditation."
Advisors: Tom Hawkins and Sarah Iles Johnston.
Committee: Benjamin Folit-Weinberg and Hugh B. Urban.
- May 2018 M.A. in Classics, Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies.
University of New Mexico, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
Albuquerque, NM.
Master's Thesis: "Cathartic Concentration: Meditation and Altered States in Apuleius' *Metamorphoses*."
Advisor: Lorenzo F. Garcia Jr.
Committee: Monica Cyrino, Osman Umurhan, and Luke Gorton.
- May 2012 B.A. in English, Minor in Latin.
University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Since 2026 Visiting Lecturer of Classics, the University of New Mexico, Department of Languages, Cultures, and Literatures. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2024-2026 Lecturer, Ohio State University, Department of Classics. Columbus, OH.
- 2018-2024 Instructor and Graduate Associate, Ohio State University, Department of Classics. Columbus, OH.
- 2015- 2018 Instructor and Graduate Associate, University of New Mexico, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. Albuquerque, NM.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2023 The A. G. Woodhead Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, “*Thumos* and *Psuchē* as Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Arousal in the Homeric Poems.”

2010-2012 Dean’s List, UNM College of Arts and Sciences

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Forthcoming

2026 “Homeric Psychology and the Autonomic Nervous System.” *TAPA* 156 (2026): 253-281.

Accepted

2026 “Pneumatic Channels and the Embodied Soul in Plato’s *Timaeus* and the *Chaldean Oracles*.” Accepted for inclusion in the proceedings of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies 2025 meeting in Athens, Greece (Accepted 4/25/26, volume expected in early 2027.).

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS DELIVERED

2027 “Parmenides’ Cosmology of Souls in Porphyry’s *On the Cave of the Nymphs*. Society for Classical Studies. Boston, Massachusetts. January 7-10 (Accepted).

2026 “Heroic Immortality in the Proem of Parmenides.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Mobile, Alabama. March 12, 2026.

2026 “Homeric *Thumos* and *Psuchē* as Smoke from an Inner Fire.” Society for Classical Studies. San Francisco, California. January 10, 2026.

2025 “*Thumos*, *Thusia*, and the Death of Homeric Animals.” Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religion. Chicago, Illinois. November 8, 2025.

2025 “Pneumatic Channels and the Embodied Soul in Plato’s *Timaeus* and the *Chaldean Oracles*.” International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. Athens, Greece. June 19, 2025.

2025 “Homeric Parapsychology: The *Psuchē* of Patroklos and Near-Death Precognition.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. March 20, 2025.

2025 “Mapping the Mind, Body, and Cosmos in the *Chaldean Oracles*.” Society for Classical Studies. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January 3, 2025.

2024 “Meditation and Platonic Contemplation.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South. St. Louis, Missouri. April 3-6, 2024.

2024 “Parmenides and Ethereal Immortality.” New York University Biennial Classics Graduate Student Conference. New York, New York. March 7-8, 2024.

2023 “*Thumos* and *Psuchē* as Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Arousal in the Homeric Poems.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Provo, Utah. March 31.

2018 “Reincarnation, Re-reading, and Transcendence in Apuleius’ *Metamorphoses*.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Albuquerque, New Mexico. April 11-14.

2017 “The Hegelian Trajectory of Senecan Thought.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Kitchener, Ontario. April 6.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor:

Elementary Latin I:

Latin 101, University of New Mexico: Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016.

Latin 1101, Ohio State University: Spring 2020; Fall 2023, Fall 2024.

Intermediate Latin I:

Latin 201, University of New Mexico: Fall 2017. Readings in Eutropius' *Breviarium Ab Urbe Condita* and Apuleius' *Metamorphoses*.

Latin 1102, Ohio State University: Fall 2022, Spring 2025, Fall 2025.

Intermediate Latin II:

Latin 202, University of New Mexico: Spring 2017. Readings in Catullus' *Carmina*.

Latin 1103, Ohio State University: Fall 2024 (2 sections), Book 1 of Apuleius' *Metamorphoses*. Fall 2025 (2 sections), selections from Vergil, Ovid, and Apuleius.

Advanced Latin I:

Latin 2101, Ohio State University: Fall 2021. Cicero's *In Catilinam* and *Pro Archia*.

Intermediate Ancient Greek I:

Greek 1102, Ohio State University: Spring 2024.

Intermediate/Advanced Ancient Greek:

Greek 2110/301, University of New Mexico: Fall 2026.

Greek Mythology:

Honors Classical Mythology, Ohio State University: Spring 2026.

Underworld Odysseys:

CLST/COMP 334, University of New Mexico: Fall 2026.

Teaching Assistant:

Greek Mythology (Classics 107, University of New Mexico): Fall 2015; Fall 2016.

Greek Mythology (Classics 107, University of New Mexico, Online): Summer 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Summer 2017; Fall 2017.

Greek Civilization (Classics 204, University of New Mexico): Spring 2016.

Roman Civilization (Classics 205, University of New Mexico): Spring 2017.

Apocalypse in the Ancient World (Religious Studies 347, University of New Mexico): Fall 2017.

Classical Mythology (Classics 2220, Ohio State University): Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019; Spring 2023; Summer 2023 (online); Summer 2024 (online), Spring 2025; Spring 2026 (online).

Introduction to Classical Literature (Classics 1101, Ohio State University): Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Spring 2022.

SERVICE

Contributor to a working group designing a course on Religion and Psychedelics, organized by Hugh B. Urban. Ohio State University. Fall 2025-Spring 2026.

Organizer: Reading group on Gregory Shaw's *Hellenic Tantra*. Center for the Study of Religion, Ohio State University. December 2025.

Presenter: "Ancient Stoicism for Modern Life," World Language Expo 2016. Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, UNM.

Events Judge: Junior Classical League, New Mexico Chapter. Albuquerque, NM. March 14, 2015; April 23, 2016; April 22, 2017.

REFERENCES

Tom Hawkins, Professor of Classics, OSU (hawkins.312@osu.edu)

Sarah Iles Johnston, College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Religion, OSU (johnston.2@osu.edu)

Benjamin Folit-Weinberg, Assistant Professor of Classics, OSU (folit-weinberg.1@osu.edu)

Lorenzo F. Garcia Jr., Associate Professor of Classics, UNM (lfgarcia@unm.edu)