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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017–2018 Schrader Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies, Indiana University Bloomington
- 2015–2017 Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar; Department of History; North Carolina State University
- 2012–2015 Assistant Director, American School of Classical Studies at Athens (Greece)
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TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Classical Archaeology; Greek Art and Archaeology; the Bronze Age Aegean and Cyprus; Athenian topography and archaeology; Architectural sculpture; Homeric Studies; Sanctuaries; Interconnections between Greece and the eastern Mediterranean/Near East; Craftsmanship, particularly stone working, sculpture, architecture and metallurgy; Tools and technology; Experimental archaeology.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2011 Bryn Mawr College, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology
Dissertation: *Middle and Late Bronze Age Metal Tools from the Aegean, Eastern Mediterranean, and Anatolia: Implications for Cultural/Regional Interaction and Craftsmanship.*
Regular Member (2006-2007) at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens
- M.A. 2004 Bryn Mawr College, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology
- B.A. 2002 Davidson College, Department of Classics (Honors)
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PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Forthcoming. “Experimental Stonecutting with the Mycenaean Pendulum Saw,” *Antiquity*.

Forthcoming. “Tools” In I. Lemos and A. Kotsonas (eds.), *Companion to the Archaeology of Early Greece and the Mediterranean*. Wiley-Blackwell. [5,000 word manuscript on Aegean and eastern Mediterranean tools from the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age]

2017. Vitale, S., T. Marketou, C. McNamee, E. Ballan, **N.G. Blackwell**, I. Iliopoulos, C. Mantello, J.E. Morrison, K. Moulo, I. Moutafi, K.-S. Passa, and E. Vika. “The Serraglio, Eleona, and Langada

Archaeological Project (SELAP): Report on the Results of the 2011-2015 Study Seasons,” *ASAtene* XCIV, serie III, 16 (2016), 225-285.

2014. “Making the Lion Gate Relief at Mycenae: Tool Marks and Foreign Influence,” *American Journal of Archaeology* 118.3, 451-488.

2011. [with James A. Johnson] “Exploring Sacred Space: GIS Applications for Analyzing the Athienou-Malloura Sanctuary,” in *Crossroads and Boundaries: The Archaeology of the Past and Present in the Malloura Valley, Cyprus*. Edited by M. K. Toumazou, P. N. Kardulias, and D. B. Counts. Boston, MA: American Schools of Oriental Research monograph series, 291-302.

2010. “Mortuary Variability at Salamis (Cyprus): Relationships between and within the Royal Necropolis and the Cellarka Cemetery,” *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 23.2, 143-167.

Conference Proceedings

Forthcoming. Vitale, S., **N.G. Blackwell**, and C. McNamee. “Kos and Italy/Europe during the Late Mycenaean Period: Evidence for a Special Connection and its Possible Significance,” in M. Fotiadis, R. Laffineur, Y. Lolos, and A. Vlachopoulos (eds), *ΕΣΣΕΡΟΣ/HESPEROS. The Aegean Seen from the West (Proceedings of the 16th International Aegean Conference/16^e Rencontre égéenne internationale*, University of Ioannina, 18– 21 May, 2016), (AEGAEUM), Liège and Austin.

Book Reviews:

2015. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 74.1, 162-165. A.B. Knapp, *The Archaeology of Cyprus: From the Earliest Prehistory through the Bronze Age*. (Cambridge, 2013).

2014. *American Journal of Archaeology*. 118.2 (April 2014). V. Kassianidou and G. Pappasavvas (eds.), *Eastern Mediterranean Metallurgy in the Second Millennium BC. A conference in honour of James D. Muhly, Nicosia, 10th-11th October 2009*. (Oxford, 2012). http://www.ajaonline.org/sites/default/files/1182_Blackwell.pdf

2012. *American Journal of Archaeology* 116.4. P.C. Betancourt and S. C. Ferrence (eds.), *Metallurgy: Understanding How, Learning Why – Studies in Honor of James D. Muhly* (Philadelphia, 2011). http://www.ajaonline.org/sites/default/files/1164_Blackwell.pdf

2009. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.02.18, I. Tzachili (ed.), *Aegean Metallurgy in the Bronze Age: Proceedings of an International Symposium Held at the University of Crete, Rethymnon, Greece, on November 19-21, 2004* (Athens, 2008). <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2009/2009-02-18.html>

Contributions to Newsletter

2012/2013 “Metal Implements and Tool Marks from the Levantine Second Millennium BC,” *Albright News* 17 (October 2012), 8.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2018 Indiana University, Bloomington
- Classical Mythology: CLAS-C 205 (Fall 2017)
 - Topography and Monuments of Athens: CLAS-C 420/503 (Fall 2017)
 - Ancient Athletics: CLAS-C 211 (Spring 2018)
 - Greek Sanctuaries: Archaeology of Religious Space: CLAS-C 395 (Spring 2018)

- 2015-2017 NC State University
- Ancient Mediterranean World: HI 207 (Fall 2015 & 2016; Spring 2016 & 2017)
 - Civilizations of the Ancient Near East: HI 400/500 (Fall 2015 & 2016)
 - Ancient Greek Civilization: HI 403/503 (Spring 2016)
- 2012-2015 Trip leader and/or lecturer for the ASCSA's academic programs
- Co-leader of the ASCSA's one week study-tour of Crete (Feb. 2013, 2014, 2015)
 - Leader and organizer of an eleven-day ASCSA study-tour of Cyprus (Mar. 2014)
 - Guest speaker for portions (e.g., in Boeotia, Thessaly, the Peloponnese, Athens, Attica, & Euboea) of the ASCSA's Regular Program (2012-2015)
 - Guest speaker for portions (e.g., in Athens, Attica, Thessaly, and the Argolid) of the ASCSA's Summer Sessions (Summer 2013, 2014)
- 2008-2009 Main Line School Night for adult lifelong learning (Radnor, PA)
- Homer, Myth and Archaeology (Sept.-Oct. 2008)
 - Wonders of the Ancient World (Feb.-March 2009)
- Summer 2008 Field School Director for Mitrou Archaeological Project, College Year in Athens
- Taught an intensive archaeological field school to 21 undergraduate students including on-site instruction, evening lectures, and day and weekend field trips.
- 2005-2006 Teaching Assistant, Bryn Mawr College
- Introduction to the Near East and Egypt: Archaeology 101
 - Introduction to the Classical World: Greece & Rome: Archaeology 102
- Summer 2004 Teaching Assistant for the Athienou Archaeological Project, Davidson College
- Field School in Mediterranean Archaeology: Classics 244

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD AND MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

- 2016-17 Research consultant for the North Carolina Museum of Art's collection of Cypriot and Cycladic objects (pottery, terracotta figurines, stone sculpture)
- 2015- *Experimenting with Mycenaean Tools and Stone Cutting Techniques*
Experimental archaeological project. I have cast several true tin-bronze saws and have started testing different Mycenaean stone-cutting methods.
- 2005-present *Mitrou Archaeological Project (Greece)*
Staff member: responsible for studying and publishing the metal finds (2011-present)
Director of the Basic Field School and assistant area supervisor (2008)
Area Supervisor (2005, 2007)
- 2011-present *Serraglio, Eleona, and Langada Archaeological Project (Kos, Greece)*
Expert on bronze tools: responsible for re-publishing the bronze tools from the Mycenaean finds at Serraglio, Eleona, and Langada on Kos (Oct. 2011, Nov. 2013)
- 2000-2011 *Athienou Archaeological Project (Cyprus)*
Area supervisor (2002, 2004-2005, 2007, 2011)

Teaching assistant for undergraduate field school (2004)
Study season participant; described and cataloged objects from project inventory in the Larnaca Museum (2003)
Undergraduate field school student (2001)
Volunteer (2000)

April 2007 *Corinth Excavations, ASCSA training session (Greece)*
Area supervisor

Summer 2006 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Curatorial Internship:
Catalogued, photographed and re-organized the Cypriot materials in the Ella Riegel Memorial Museum at Bryn Mawr College.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures/presentations

“Construction Methods and Political Statements at Mycenae: New Analysis of the Lion Gate Relief and Treasury of Atreus”

- Tufts University; Department of Classics. March 9, 2017; Haines-Morris Distinguished Visiting Lectureship in Classics; University of Tennessee, Knoxville. January 19, 2017.

“Agamemnon’s Masons: Understanding Technological Links Across the Argolid, Boeotia, and Land of Hatti”

- Classical Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania. March 3, 2016; Archaeological Institute of America public lecture; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. February 11, 2016.

“The Lion Gate Relief at Mycenae and its Connection to the Hittites”
Davidson College. Davidson, NC. November 17, 2015.

“Regional Connectivity, Technological Exchange and Stone Working in Late Bronze Age Greece”
University of Zagreb, Croatia. May 6, 2015

“The Collection of Tools in Metal Hoards from the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean Bronze Age”
University of Zagreb, Croatia. May 7, 2015 (seminar)

“Competitive and Emulative Mortuary Behavior on Early Iron Age Cyprus”
The Canadian Institute in Greece (Athens). April 29, 2015

“Hoarding Metal in the Aegean and Cypriot Late Bronze Age”
The Norwegian Institute at Athens, Greece. April 30, 2014.

“Artisan Mobility and Craft Exchange in the Aegean LBA: The Case of the Lion Gate Relief at Mycenae”
Coe College. Cedar Rapids, IA. April 7, 2014.

“How the Mycenae Lion Gate Relief Was Made: New Evidence and Implications”
American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Cotsen Hall Lecture Series. December 12, 2013.

“Metallurgical Practices and Tool Traditions in the Levantine Middle and Late Bronze Age”

University of the Holy Land, Jerusalem, Israel. Speaker for the “Daily Life in Ancient Palestine” graduate seminar. March 21, 2012.

“Late Bronze Age Stonecutting Techniques and the Making of the Mycenae Lion Gate Relief”
Creighton University, Omaha, NE. Department of Fine and Performing Arts. The Annual McCormick Lecture in Art History. December 1, 2011.

“Metallurgy and Craftsmanship in the Bronze Age Mediterranean”
Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI. Classics Department. March 12, 2010.

Conference papers and academic presentations

“Remnants of Hittite & Mycenaean Diplomacy: the Lion Gate Relief & the Tawagalawa Letter”
10th International Congress of Hittitology, University of Chicago. August 31, 2017.

“Metal Allotments from the Palace: Tool Sets in Mycenaean Hoards”
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 118th Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. January 8, 2017. (Abstract published in *118th Annual Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 40. AIA 2017)

“Kos, Italy, and Europe during the Late Mycenaean Period: Evidence for a Special Connection and Its Possible Significance” by S. Vitale and **N. Blackwell**
16th International Aegean Conference: Hesperos: The Aegean seen from the West. University of Ioannina, 18-21 May, 2016.

“The Mycenaean Pendulum Saw: Application, Adaptation, and Reconstruction”
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 117th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. January 7, 2016. (Abstract published in *117th Annual Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 39. AIA 2016)

“The ‘Serraglio, Eleona, and Langada Archaeological Project’ (SELAP): Report on the 2012 to 2015 Study Seasons” by S. Vitale, T. Marketou, **N. Blackwell**, I. Iliopoulos, C. McNamee, J.E. Morrison, K.-S. Passa.
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 117th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. January 8, 2016. (Abstract published in *117th Annual Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 39. AIA 2016)

“Metal Consumption and Production at Mitrou: Diachronic Trends from the Early Helladic through the Proto-Geometric Periods” [with Kerill O’Neill]
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 115th Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. January 4, 2014. (Abstract published in *115th Annual Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 37. AIA 2014)

“Investigating Metal Tools from the Levantine 2nd Millennium BC and Implications for Craftsmanship”
Workshop at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research. Jerusalem, Israel. May 24, 2012.

“Tool Marks on the Lion Gate Relief at Mycenae”
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 113th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. January 7, 2012 (Abstract published in *113th Annual Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 35. AIA 2012)

“Parallels between Mycenaean and Hittite Tools”
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 112th Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. January 8, 2011 (Abstract published in *112th Annual Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 34. AIA 2011)

“Bronze Tools in Prehistoric Cyprus: Implications of Distribution and Application”
American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

November 19, 2009.

“Exploring Sacred Space: GIS Applications for Analyzing the Athienou-Malloura Sanctuary”
[with James A. Johnson] American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 19, 2009.

“A Lesson for Island Archaeology: The Isolation of the Cellarka Cemetery at Salamis”
American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
November 21, 2008.

“The Nature of Interaction Between Cyprus and Sardinia at the Transition of the LBA to the EIA”
American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
November 16, 2007.

“Swimming, Floating, Paddling and/or Sailing to Cyprus: Pygmy Hippopotami and Seasonal Occupation at Akrotiri-Aetokremnos, Cyprus.” Bryn Mawr College Graduate Student Symposium: To the Ends of the Earth: Journeys Ancient to Modern. Bryn Mawr, PA. October 13, 2007.

“Implications of Variation within the “Royal Cemetery” at Salamis (Cyprus)”
American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
November 17, 2005.

“Late Bronze Age Cypriot Exports: A Comparative Distribution of Oxhide Ingots and Pottery”
University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Conference on Land and Sea: Trade and Exchange within the Eastern Mediterranean and the Near East. Philadelphia, PA. April 29, 2005.

“Instruments of Sacrifice: The Religious Function of Early Minoan Daggers”
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) 106th Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
January 9, 2005. (Abstract published in *106th Annual Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 28. AIA 2005)

“The Use of GIS to Study the Distribution and Function of Objects at the Malloura Sanctuary”
Society for American Archaeology (SAA) 68th Annual Meeting. Milwaukee, WI. April 11, 2003.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2015-2016 | Research grant from the Institute for the Study of Aegean Prehistory (INSTAP) to fund an experimental archaeological project titled <i>Experimenting with Mycenaean Tools and Stone Cutting Techniques</i> |
| Spring 2012 | Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Junior Research Fellowship
W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem |
| Fall 2011 | Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Harriet and Leon Pomerance Fellowship |
| 2009-2011 | Mrs. Giles Whiting Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities |
| 2008-2009 | Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Research Fellowship. Funding for dissertation research in Cyprus, Greece and Turkey. |
| 2008 | The Danielle Parks Memorial Fellowship: |

Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute

- 2008-2009 Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Anna C. and Oliver C. Colburn Fellowship
Declined
- Summer 2006 NEH Curatorial Internship at Bryn Mawr College's Ella Riegel Memorial Museum
- 2002 W. Kendrick Pritchett Award in Classics, Davidson College
- 2002 Elected to Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) National Leadership Honor Society
- Summer 2001 National Science Foundation (NSF-REU) Fellowship Award to participate on the Athienou Archaeological Project (AAP) field school
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SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2017 Judge for the 2017 NC State Graduate Student Research Symposium
- 2016 Manuscript referee for the *American Journal of Archaeology (AJA)*
- 2015-2016 Undergraduate Honors Thesis committee member
- NC State University, Department of History. William Tyler Ellis: "The Battle of Adrianople and Its Significance in the Transformation of the West"
- M.A. Thesis committee member; outside reader
- UNC, Chapel Hill, Department of Classics: Ana Wagner, "The Ahhiyawa Question: Providing Archaeological Evidence for the interconnection between the Hittites and the Mycenaeans"
- 2014 Manuscript referee for the *Bulletin of American Schools of Oriental Research (BASOR)*
- 2012-2014 ASCSA representative to the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) in Athens, Greece, including an Academic Sub-committee, sponsored by the US Embassy in Athens.
- Fall 2005 Chair of organizing committee for Bryn Mawr College Graduate Student Symposium: "After Death and After Life: The End or Beginning?"
- 1999-2002 Davidson College Honor Council member
Elected by student body through silent vote
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2002-present Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)
- 2003-present American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)

2002-2003 Society for American Archaeology (SAA)

LANGUAGES

Modern: French (reading), German (reading), Modern Greek (intermediate reading and speaking)

Ancient: Greek, Beginning Latin, Beginning Hittite

REFERENCES

Professor Emeritus James C. Wright, Bryn Mawr College, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, jwright@brynmawr.edu

Professor Aleydis Van de Moortel, University of Tennessee, Department of Classics, avdm@utk.edu

Professor S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State University, Department of History, thomas_parker@ncsu.edu

Professor Michael K. Toumazou, Davidson College, Department of Classics, mitoumazou@davidson.edu