

CYNTHIA JORDAN BANNON

Academic Appointments

Indiana University Professor of Classical Studies; Associate 1999-2016; Assistant 1992-99
Adjunct Professor of History, 2008-present
Mildred Hipskind Professorship of Ancient History 2024-29
Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome: Assistant Professor, 1996-97
Emory University: Visiting Assistant Professor of Classical Studies, 1991-1992

Education

University of Michigan, Ph.D. in Classical Studies, 1991
Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges, A.B. in Classics, *cum laude*, 1984

Books

A History of Roman Water Rights (in progress).
A Casebook on Roman Water Law. University of Michigan Press, 2020.
Reviews *BMCR* (Andrew Fox) <https://bmcr.brynmaur.edu/2021/2021.11.32/>
New England Classical Journal (David M. Ratzan)
<https://crossworks.holycross.edu/necj/vol48/iss2/7/>
Gardens and Neighbors: Private Water Rights in Roman Italy. University of Michigan Press, 2009.
<http://www.press.umich.edu/titleDetailDesc.do?id=337014>
Nominated for the VIII Premio Romanistico Internazionale Gérard Boulvert
http://www.premioboulvert.unina.it/ottava_edl.php
Reviews *BMCR*, 2010.01.31 (T. R. Howe)
 Classical Review 61 (2011) 607-608. (A. Trevor Hodge)
 Journal of Roman Studies 101 (2011) 268-269. (L. Bablitz)
 Journal of Roman Archaeology 2011 24 (2) : 567-576 (C. F. M. Bruun)
 BIDR 105 (2011) 409-19 (L. Capogrossi Colognesi)
 CJ-Oline, 2014.08.07 (C. Sanchez-Moreno Ellart)
The Brothers of Romulus: Fraternal Pietas in Roman Law, Literature, and Society. Princeton University Press, 1997. <http://press.princeton.edu/titles/6234>.

Articles and Book Chapters (Refereed)

“Reconsidering the *Ver Sacrum* Vow (Livy 22.10.2-6).” (in progress)
“Sustainability on Roman Rivers.” *Journal of the British Academy* (forthcoming)
“Law and Religion in the Republic,” contracted chapter for *Oxford History of the Roman World*, co-authored with Eric Orlin (in press)
“*Sub aqua*: Latona and the Frogs in Ovid, *Metamorphoses* (6.313-81)” *AJP* 145.3 (2024) 407-32. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1353/ajp.2024.a940582>
“Legal Environments in Ulpian's Egypt” *Bulletino del istituto di diritto romano* 117 (n.s. 13) (2023) 1-24. DOI: [10.48255/2532-9812.BDIR.4S.13.2023.01](https://doi.org/10.48255/2532-9812.BDIR.4S.13.2023.01)
“Water Rights for Tombs in Eleven Inscriptions from Rome.” In *Water History* 15 (2023) 13-27. Special Issue, *Waterways Management in the Roman Empire*, edited by M. Ronin and P. Candy. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12685-022-00315-w>
“Seasonal Drought on Roman Rivers: Transport vs. Irrigation” In *Climate Change and Ancient Societies in Europe and the Near East*, edited by P. Erdkamp, J. Manning, and K. Verboven, 347-71. London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2021. DOI https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-81103-7_12

- “A Short Introduction to Roman Water Law.” *MAAR* 66: (2021) 8-25.
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/27129164> - metadata info tab contents this article was requested 1,085 times (downloads and views), making it the 8th-most requested article in 2024.
- “Free Like Sheep: Law, Humor, and Roman Political Culture (Cicero, *De Oratore* 2.284).” *Law and Literature* 31.3 (2019) 469-486. DOI: 10.1080/1535685X.2019.1590978
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1535685X.2019.1590978>
- “Fresh-Water in Roman Law: Property and Policy.” *JRS* 107 (2017) 1-30. Cited as one of the most read articles <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-roman-studies/most-read>
- “Rivers, Rights, and Romanization.” *Ancient Law, Ancient Society*, edited by D. P. Kehoe and T. A. J. McGinn, 122-43. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2017.
- “Ancient Roman Water Rights and Commons Theory.” *The Politics of Fresh Water: The Politics of Access and Identity*, edited by Catherine Ashcraft and Tamar Meyer, 13-27. London/Boston: Routledge, 2016.
- “G. Sergius Orata and the Rhetoric of Fishponds.” *CQ* 64.1 (2014) 166-82.
- “Pipes and Property in the Sale of Real Estate (*D.* 19.1.38.2)” In *New Frontiers: Law and Society in the Roman World*, edited by P. du Plessis, 207-25. Edinburgh University Press, 2013.
- “Servitudes for Water Use in the Roman *Suburbium*.” *Historia* 50 (2001) 34-52.
- “Naming Brother and Sister in Catullus 100.” *Latomus* 59.3 (2000) 541-46.
- “Self-Help and Social Status in Cicero’s *Pro Quinctio*.” *Ancient Society* 30 (2000) 71-94.
 Solicited for re-publication on <http://www.iuscivile.com> (2004).
- “Fraternal and Political Ethics in Plutarch’s Lives.” In *Atti del V convegno Plutarcho*, edited by I. Gallo, B. Scardigli, 41-50. Naples: M. D. Auria, 1995.
- “Erotic Brambles and the Text of Horace C. 1.23.5-6.” *Classical Philology* 88.3 (1993) 220-222.

Other publications

- “Celsus *pater*” and “Celsus *filius*.” *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. 2017.
- “Augury,” “Twelve Tables” (revised entries). World Book Encyclopedia.
- Editorial assistant to Simon Slings for *Plato’s Apology of Socrates: A Literary and Philosophical Study with a Running Commentary*. Leiden: Brill, 1991.
- The Perseus Project*, technical writer and translator, 1990-91.
- Perseus 1.0 User’s Manual with M. Flanagan, K. Withey, and E. Mylonas; edited by G. Crane. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992.
- “The Perseus Project.” In *Hypertext/Hypermedia Handbook*, 480-87. Edited by E. Berk, J. Devlin. New York: Reviews 1991.

Lectures: Invited/Competitive (* = refereed)

- * “Viewing River Towns through Roman law” Celtic Conference in Classics 2025, Coimbra, Portugal, 16 July 2025 (invited).
- * “Sustainability on Roman Rivers.” Sustainable Water Management: Learning from the Past to Inform the Future, British International Research Institutes, London 15-16 March 2024.
- * “Roman Water Rights on the Apalachicola” Association of Ancient Historians Conference, Keynote Tallahassee Florida, 21 April 2023
- * “Law and Style in Livy’s Ver Sacrum Vow (22.1-.2-6).” Society for Classical Studies, New Orleans, January 2023.
- * “Legal Style in Livy’s Ver Sacrum Vow (22.10.1-6).” LXXVe Session de la Société internationale d’Histoire des Droits de l’Antiquité Fernand de Visscher, Brussels, Sept. 2022. (Accepted;

- declined)
- * “Latona and the Frogs: Ovid’s Hydraulic Politics.” SCS 9 January 2021 (online)
 - * “The Jurist’s Nile: Exotic Exemplum?” Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Annual Meeting 29 May 2020 (online).
 - * Hydraulic Power: Poetry and Politics in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, Keynote Address to the Indiana Classical Caucus, 3 April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid19 pandemic)
 - * “Tombs and Truck Gardens: Water Rights in the Roman Suburbium.” Conference on “Water and Waterways Management in the Roman Empire,” University of Edinburgh, 18 July 2019
 - * “Seasonal Drought on Roman Rivers: Transport v. Irrigation.” Conference on “Climate and Diversity in Ancient Worlds: Diversity in Collapse and Resilience,” Brussels 22-24 May 2019.
 - “Roman Water Law: Aims and Assessments.” Conference on “Water and Culture in Rome and Italy,” American Academy in Rome, 18 April 2019 (invited).
 - * “Legal Humor and Republican Political Culture (Cic. *De Orat.* 2.284).” Society for Classical Studies, 4 January 2019.
 - “Regional Rhetoric in Roman Law.” University of Cincinnati, Department of Classics, 6 November 2017.
 - * “Freedom in *Fideicommissum*: Regional and Ideological Justifications.” LXXIe Session de la Société internationale d’Histoire des Droits de l’Antiquité Fernand de Visscher, Bologna, 14 Sept. 2017.
 - * “Contingent Water Supply in Roman Trusts.” Association of Ancient Historians, Providence, RI, May, 2017 (accepted, but declined).
 - “Law and the Environment in the Roman Empire.” Boston University, 17 January 2017.
 - “Rivals and *Rivi*: Fresh Water in Roman Public and Private Law.” Bowdoin College, 17 October 2016.
 - “Romanizing Law in the Provinces.” UCLA History Department, 20 January 2015.
 - * “Regulating and ‘Romanizing’ the Environment.” Society for Classical Studies, Annual Meeting, 9 January 2015.
 - “Finding a ‘Commons’ in Roman Law (Water Rights).” The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, IUB, 8 December 2014.
 - “Repairing an Aqueduct: Local Water Systems in the Roman World.” Middlebury College, 17 March 2014.
 - “Knowing Names: Fish and Finance in Varro’s *De re rustica*.” Vanderbilt University, 11 Nov. 2013.
 - “Rivers, Rights, and Romanization.” Conference on Ancient Law Ancient Society, Ann Arbor, 26 Oct. 2013.
 - * “The Status of Fishponds in Varro’s *De re rustica*” Association of Ancient Historians, Columbus, Ohio, 17 May 2013.
 - * “Ancient Roman Water Rights and Commons Theory.” Conference on “The Politics of Fresh Water: Access and Identity in a Changing Environment,” Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, Middlebury College, 16 March 2013.
 - * “C. Sergius Orata: Parasite, *Piscinarius*, or *Pedarius*?” Classical Association of the Canadian West, Calgary, 13-14 March 2011.
 - * “A Commons Theory Approach to Water Rights.” International Water History Association, Delft, 15-19 June, 2010.
 - * “A Disputed Water Channel (*D.* 8.5.18 Jul. 6 *ex Min.*).” Association of Ancient Historians, April, 2008.
 - * “Fish Farming and Fraud: Rational Economic Strategies for Roman Landowners?” American Philological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., January, 2008.
 - “Survey and Roman Law in the Rural Water Supply: a Case Study at Sutrium.” University of Calgary, 19 September 2003.

- “Rules, Analysis, Analogies: Writing about Roman Law.” Conference on Writing Across the Curriculum, Bloomington, 2001.
- *“Teaching Myth through Modern Poetry: An Interdisciplinary Workshop.” Conference on American Women and Classical Myths, College Park, Maryland, 1999.
- *“Funeral for a Friend: Rhetoric and Law in Cicero's *Pro Quintio*.” American Philological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 1998.
- *“Cultivating Neighbors and Crops.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, Va., 1998.
- *“You Can't Choose Your Relatives: Roman Notions of Kinship.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Annual Meeting, Nashville, 1996.
- “Brothers in the *Adelphoe* and the *Menaechmi*.” Kalamazoo College, May 1996.
- *“Fraternal Practices at Rome.” Association of Ancient Historians, Annual Meeting, Nashville, 1995.
- “Homosexuality and Catullus 100.” American Philological Association, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 1994. “Brother Knows Best.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 1994
- *“Appeals to *Pietas*.” American Philological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C., 1993.
- “Am I My Brother's Partner?” Michigan State University, October 1993
- *“Lovers and Brothers in *Aeneid* IX.” Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Annual Meeting, Iowa City, 1993.
- *“Strategies in the Moment before Pharsalus in Appian, Caesar, and Lucan.” American Philological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1991.

Public Talks

- “Race and Ethnicity in the Classical World,” panelist, Co-sponsored by the Eskenazi Museum of Art and the IU Ancient Studies Program. 28 Feb 2025.
- “‘Nil Magis Mirandum:’ Roman Aqueducts.” National Junior Classical League Convention, Bloomington, Indiana. July 26, 2016.
- “Beyond Public and Private: Fresh Water in Roman Law.” Ancient Studies Colloquium, 4 Dec. 2015.
- “Historians by Any Other Name—An Adjuncts’ Roundtable,” Department of History, IUB, 11 Nov. 2011.
- “The Water Supply for Roman Farms: Common Resource and Property Rights.” Mini-University, IUB, June 2011.
- “Challenging Water Rights (*D.* 8.5.18 *Jul. 6 ex Min.*), Social and Economic Contexts,” Brown Bag Lunch Talk, Department of History IUB, Jan. 2005.
- “Another Time, Another Place: Active Learning about Ancient Rome.” 20th Annual Spring Symposium, Instructional Support Services, IUB, 17 April 2002.
- “Writing about Roman Law,” Writing across the Curriculum Conference 1 June 2001.
- “Three Tiers for Analyzing Roman Law,” Faculty Roundtable on Writing across the Curriculum, College of Arts and Science, Indiana University, 29 March 01.
- “A String of Pearls: Women, Marriage, and Roman Law,” in connection with an exhibit at the Indiana University Art Museum, “The Spindle and the Shrine,” 13 November 2000.
- “Course Content in Images. The Lupa Website for C102 Roman Culture,” IU Summerfare, Faculty Instructional Projects, Teaching and Learning Technologies Lab, 26 May 1999.
- On teaching with *Perseus*, Wabash College, Classics Department, November 1994
- On *Perseus* and C101 Greek Culture, Indiana University, Authoring Tools User Group, April 1994.
- Indiana University, Inforum, December 1993