



Swansea University
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Department of Classics
College of Arts and Humanities

Research Specialisms and Supervisory Interests

Classics Department Research Supervision

Staff expertise in the Department of Classics, Ancient History and Egyptology at Swansea University spans from the ancient cultures and languages of Greece, Rome and Egypt to the history of late twentieth-century Europe.

Our staff are not only leading scholars in their field but also committed to teaching and public engagement. We work with museums, heritage bodies and classical language organisations.

Staff in Classics, Ancient History and Egyptology are members of the following research groups:

Centre on Digital Arts and Humanities (CODAH)

Conflict, Reconstruction and Memory Research Group (CRAM)

The Centre for Research into Gender and Culture in Society (GENCAS)

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The research of our staff and postgraduates is integral to the life of the department and it means that Swansea is a vibrant, exciting and stimulating place to study. We offer three distinct research degrees, each of which requires you to conduct original research on a specific topic:

Interpreting Egypt's Past in Wales and the World (InEPWW)

- A PhD (100,000 word thesis; three years full-time - five years part-time)
- An MPhil (60,000 word thesis; two years full-time - four years part-time)
- An MA by Research (30,000 word thesis; one year full-time - two years part-time)

Entry Requirements

PhD entry requirements are an upper second degree plus a Master's degree in a relevant subject. M.Phil and Master's by Research applicants must have a minimum of 2.1 at undergraduate level or relevant Professional qualifications. International applicants should have a minimum IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent. Students may enrol in September, January, April or July.

How to Apply

Applications can be made to either the University's Admissions Office or look at the website - www.swansea.ac.uk/postgraduate, where you will find the on-line application form and details of current fees.

Contact

Potential applicants are most welcome to contact the Arts and Humanities Graduate Centre admissions team for more details and advice on designing a research proposal, email: COAHGradCentrePGRAdmissions@swansea.ac.uk.

For further information on staff research specialisms, please contact:
Dr. Martina Minas-Nerpel, email: m.minas-nerpel@swansea.ac.uk

Visit our staff pages for full information on staff research expertise and supervisory interests:
www.swansea.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/aboutus/

Classics Department Research Supervision

Dr Joanne Berry

Specialist Subjects: Roman culture and society, Roman archaeology, Pompeii and the cities of Vesuvius, Ancient cities, Ancient houses.

Dr Evelien Bracke

Specialist Subjects: Greek and Roman myth and language, literacy in modern Wales, Latin teaching methods in the 21st century

Dr Fritz-Gregor Herrmann

Specialist Subjects: The Language, Thought and Philosophy of Archaic and Classical Greece; History of Ideas.

Professor Mark Humphries

Specialist Subjects: Late Antiquity (especially political and religious history); Early Christianity in the Roman World; Roman Cities (especially Late Antique Rome and Aquileia); Political and Cultural Interactions between Rome and Persia in Late Antiquity; Modern Historiography of Classical Antiquity and Early Christianity.

Dr Heather Hunter-Crawley

Specialist Subjects: Roman religion ('paganism', especially in the household); Christianity in Late Antiquity (especially pilgrimage and liturgical art); Roman and Late Antique visual and material culture; the senses and Sensory Archaeology.

Professor Dr Martina Minas-Nerpel

Specialist Subjects: Egyptology: Egyptian languages, especially Graeco-Roman hieroglyphic temple texts and Demotic; political and religious history of Egypt, particularly of the Ptolemaic and the Roman periods.

Dr Nigel Pollard

Specialist Subjects: 'Roman archaeology and history: Roman imperial history; urbanism, rural archaeology and economy of the Roman Roman empire, especially Italy, Africa and the east; the archaeology and history of the city of Rome; Hellenistic, Parthian, Roman and Byzantine Syria, Mesopotamia and Egypt; ceramics; the Roman army and warfare in antiquity; cultural heritage protection in conflict zones and natural disasters, both historical and contemporary.'

Dr Maria Pretzler

Specialist Subjects: Greek history; Second Sophistic; Pausanias.

Dr Ian Repath

Specialist Subjects: Ancient prose fiction, especially the Greek and Roman novels; names, allusions, and intertextuality in Greek and Latin literature; literary aspects of Plato.

Dr Tracey Rihll

Specialist Subjects: History of science, history of technology, science and technology studies, ancient history, military history, slavery, invention and innovation, technical education in antiquity.

Classics Department Research Supervision

Dr Troy Leiland Sagrillo

Specialist Subjects: Ancient Egyptian political, military, and diplomatic history with an emphasis on the late New Kingdom (Dynasty 20), the Third Intermediate Period (particularly the Libyan Period and Assyrian interaction with Kushite Egypt), and Late Period (particularly the Saite and Persian Periods); ancient Egyptian foreign relations with north Africa, Syria-Palestine, and Mesopotamia; ancient Egyptian toponymic (i.e., place name) studies; non-Egyptian lexicon in Egyptian languages; archaeological illustration and epigraphy.

Dr Kasia Szpakowska

Specialist Subjects: Egyptology (Middle Kingdom-New Kingdom-early Third Intermediate Period), private ritual, religion, magic, demonology; archaeology of religion, clay cobra figurines and snake cults; Late Bronze Age religious interactions with the Near East and Mediterranean; gender, childhood, health, medicine, technology, and daily life; dreams and nightmares.

