



Swansea University
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Department of Classics, Ancient History and Egyptology

Research Specialisms

Classics, Ancient History and Egyptology

Staff expertise in the Department of Classics, Ancient History and Egyptology at Swansea University spans the histories, cultures, and languages of ancient Egypt, Greece, and the Roman world.

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:

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

Conflict, Reconstruction and Memory Research Group (CRAM)

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

KYKNOS: the Centre for Research on the Narrative Literatures of the Ancient World

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:

- 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:

[Professor Mark Humphries m.humphries@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:m.humphries@swansea.ac.uk)

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

Classics, Ancient History and Egyptology

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 Ian Goh

Specialist Subjects: Latin literature, especially Roman satire and the rhetorical invective tradition; fragmentary Latin texts; Republican, Augustan, and early imperial authors, particularly of verse (e.g. Horace, elegists, Virgil), and Roman political, intellectual, and cultural history.

Dr Fritz-Gregor Herrmann

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

Professor Mark Humphries

Specialist Subjects: cultural, political, and social history of late antiquity (200-700 CE); literature and history of early Christianity; global history of the late ancient world.

Dr Ersin Hussein

Specialist Subjects: Roman Cyprus; local identity formation in the Roman provinces; Mining, metallurgy, and identity in antiquity; the ancient economy; Greek and Latin epigraphy; the materiality of objects.

Dr Nigel Pollard

Specialist Subjects: cultural heritage protection in conflict zones (Second World War and contemporary); Roman archaeology; Roman imperial history; Syria and Egypt; the history of archaeology in Italy.

Dr Maria Pretzler

Specialist Subjects: Greek History, especially the life and politics in small city states; History of states in the Peloponnese; Second Sophistic Literature; Ancient Greek Travel Writing; Pausanias.

Dr Ian Repath

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

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.

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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); private ritual, religion, magic, demonology; archaeology of religion, clay cobras and snake cults; gender, childhood, health, and daily life; dreams and nightmares.

