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### RESEARCH FOCUS

Maritime archaeology	Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Mediterranean	Nautical technology
Digital collections	Digital cultural heritage	Photogrammetry

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2024-2026	<b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow</b> Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU), Germany. Ships as an adaptive and resilience strategy to wide-scale crisis in the Mediterranean (c.1550-700 BC): an open-access digital museum database integrating 3D modeling and virtual reality
2022-2024	<b>Scientific collaborator</b> Crete and Euboea in an interconnecting world (12th - 6th c. BC). The role of coastal settlements in short and long-distance networks of exchange. International collaboration project, directed by I.S. Lemos (Oxford) and A. Tsingarida (ULB)
09.2020-09.2022	<b>Wiener-Anspach Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> CReA-Patrimoine, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium. Protohistoric Eastern Mediterranean Ships Digital Project (1500-600 BC)

### EDUCATION

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10.2012-06.2020	<b>DPhil in Archaeology.</b> Merton College, University of Oxford, UK. Thesis: <i>Maritime Infrastructure in the Eastern Mediterranean: A Context-based Approach to Continuity and Innovation in Nautical Technology (c. 1400-700 B.C.)</i> Supervisor: I.S. Lemos. Examiners: L. Hulin and C. Broodbank.
09.2010-05.2012	<b>M.A. in Ancient History.</b> McGill University, Canada. Thesis: <i>Travels on the wine-dark sea: trans-regional networks in the Eastern Mediterranean during the Early Iron Age (c.1200 - 700 B.C.)</i> Supervisor: H. Beck.
09.2007-05.2010	<b>B.A. Joint Honours History and Anthropology.</b> McGill University, Canada. First Class Honours in History, First Class Honours in Anthropology, Graduated with Distinction, Dean's Honour roll, Norman Prentice Award. Honours Thesis: <i>Early Iron Age burial practices in the Thracian lands: an examination of elite status and social stratification.</i> Supervisor: A. Costopoulos.

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2025	LMU Mentoring Excellence (2025-2027) 5000 EUR/year
2024	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (2024-2026). 189000 EUR
2024	Honor Frost Foundation Research Grand (2024-2026). 4000 EUR

- 2022 Honor Frost Foundation Research Grant (2022-2024). 10 000 EUR  
 2020 Wiener-Anspach Postdoctoral Fellowship (2020-2022). 70 000 EUR  
 2015 Merton College Research Grant. 1500 GBP  
 2013 SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Doctoral Fellowship (2013-2016). 60 000 CAD  
 2012 Clarendon Fund DPhil Scholarship (2012-2015). 94 000 GBP  
 2011 SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) CGS Master's Scholarship (2011-2012). 17,500 CAD  
 2011 FRQSC (Fonds de Recherche sur la société et la Culture) Master's Research Scholarship (2011-2012). 17,500 CAD  
 2010 Provost's Graduate Fellowship, McGill University, Canada. 2500 CAD  
 2010 Norman Prentice Award, McGill University, Canada. 325 CAD

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer reviewed monograph

- forthcoming *Maritime Infrastructure in the Eastern Mediterranean: A Context-based Approach to Continuity and Innovation in Nautical Technology (c. 1400-700 B.C.)*. Archaeology of the Mediterranean World series. Brepols. [under contract]
- 2025 Manolova, T., C. Mauro, J. Muñoz-Sogas, and J.M. Martín (eds.) *Seascapes, sealandes, and maritime infrastructure in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Mediterranean*. Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies 13.4 [passed peer review, submitted to editors]

### Peer reviewed articles

- 2025 "Change versus continuity across the Late Bronze-Early Iron Age transition: a view from the ships," in T. Manolova, C. Mauro, J. Muñoz-Sogas, and J.M. Martín (eds.) *Seascapes, sealandes, and maritime infrastructure in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Mediterranean*. Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies 13.4 [passed peer review, submitted to editors]
- 2025 Fischer, P.M. and T. Manolova. "Boat-shaped objects of lead from Late Bronze Age Hala Sultan Tekke, Cyprus, and the Uluburun Shipwreck." *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* [passed peer review, submitted to editors]

### Open-access database

- 2022-2023 *The Ancient Mediterranean Digital Project*. <https://ancmed.ulb.be/>

### Edited book chapters

- 2020 "The Levant," in I.S Lemos and A. Kotsonas (eds.) *A Companion to the Archaeology of early Greece and the Mediterranean*. Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World. Wiley Blackwell, pp. 1185-1214. ISBN: 9781118769966.
- 2019 Manolova, T. and J. Bretschneider. "An Unprecedented Depiction of a Syro-Canaanite

Oared Galley on a Jar Sealing from Tell Tweini,” in J. Bretschneider J. and G. Jans (eds.) *About Tell Tweini (Syria). Artefacts, Ecofacts and Landscape. Research Results of the Belgian Mission.* Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 281. Peeters, pp. 117-148. ISBN: 9789042936782

- 2018 “Gems/Les Gemmes,” in J. M. Fossey and B. Caron (eds.) *Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Collection of Mediterranean Antiquities/Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, La collection des antiquités méditerranéennes.* Vol. 3. The Metal Objects and the Gems/ Les objets en metal et les gemmes. Leiden: Brill, pp. 124-200. ISBN: 9789004383296.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2025 ASOR Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 2025. Jointly with C. Barnes and G. Braun.  
ASOR Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 2025. Jointly with K. Kopanias K., A Georgiou A. and A. Ladas.  
14<sup>th</sup> International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East  
6<sup>th</sup> International Maritime Archaeology Graduate Symposium, Ioannina, Greece. April 3, 2025.
- 2024 ASOR Annual Meeting, November 23, 2024.
- 2023 29th EAA Annual Meeting, Belfast, UK. September 2, 2023.
- 2022 ASOR Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 16-19, 2022.  
Under the Mediterranean II Conference, Valetta, Malta, November 2-6, 2022.  
10<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Phoenician and Punic Studies. Ibiza, Spain, October 17, 2022.
- 2021 ASOR Annual Virtual Meeting. 2021.  
“Epic Palace: Knossos. Science-based gaming from an archaeological, economic and gamer's perspective” ASOR Annual Virtual Meeting. 2021. Jointly with P. W. Stockhammer and M. Spitzer.
- 2020 ASOR Annual Virtual Meeting.
- 2015 UK Punic Network Graduate Workshop, the Oxford Centre for Phoenician and Punic Studies, Collingwood College, Durham University, Durham, UK.
- 2014 Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of Canada, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2013 UK Punic Network Graduate Workshop, the Oxford Centre for Phoenician and Punic Studies, Merton College, Oxford, UK.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 Heritage to Bytes: Fundamentals of Digital Cultural Heritage Studies. LMU, Germany. December 3, 2024.  
Cyprus University Graduate Seminar in Shipwreck Archaeology. Nicosia, Cyprus. February 16, 2024.  
Texas A&M Graduate Seminar in Maritime Archaeology. College Station, USA. January 31, 2024.
- 2023 Greek Archaeology Group & Prehistoric and Early Greece Graduate Seminar. Oxford School of Archaeology. Oxford, UK. February 20, 2023.
- 2021 Séminaire Grèce 2021-2022, ULB, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2021 Postdoctoral Research Day of the CReA-Patrimoine, ULB, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2020 Séminaire Grèce 2020-2021, ULB, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2016 Vernant Day/ Journée Jean Pierre Vernant, Ioannou Centre, Oxford, UK.
- 2015 Prehistoric and Early Greece Graduate Seminar (PEGGS), Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford, UK.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 10.2024-  
09.2025 **Lecturer.** Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany.  
**Maritime Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean (1500-700 BC)**  
**East meets west: Phoenician and Greek Mediterranean expansion**
- 10.2013-  
06.2018 **Tutor.** University of Oxford, UK.  
**Paper: Greeks and the Mediterranean c. 950-500 BC**  
Taught multiple times in both standard and extended format (8 and 12 tutorials)  
**Paper: Homeric Archaeology and Early Greece from 1550 to 700 BC**  
Taught in the standard 8 tutorial format
- 10.2014-  
12.2014 **Teaching Assistant.** University of Oxford, UK.  
**Aristocracy and democracy in the Greek world 550-450 BC**  
Responsibilities included partial lecturing, weekly essay corrections, extended face to face feedback with students, and providing support in class discussions
- 09.2010-  
05.2012 **Teaching Assistant.** McGill University, Canada.  
Department of History and Classical Studies  
**Courses: Greek History: Archaic, Greek History: Classical, Greek Mythology**

I led conferences focused on in-depth examination of primary sources, graded both weekly short assignments, essays and longer research papers as well as exams and was responsible for student inquiries and assistance

09.2011-  
12.2011     **Lecturer.** McGill University, Canada.  
Department of History and Classical Studies

**Course: Greek Mythology**

I was co-lecturer for a class of 350 students and was responsible for preparing and delivering my own lectures and grading all student assignments.

## FIELDWORK

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2022-  
2023     **Lefkandi (Xeropolis), Euboea.** Directed by Prof. Irene S. Lemos. Study season.

2021     **Itanos, Crete.** CReA-Patrimoine, ULB. Directed by Profs. Athéna Tsingarida and Didier Viviers

2019     **Hala Sultan Tekke, Cyprus.** University of Gothenburg. Directed by Prof. Peter M. Fischer

2011     **Iron Age Thracian peak sanctuary, Mt. Saint Ilia (Velingrad)**  
**Preliminary surveying of Agathopolis (Ahtopol).** National institute of Archaeology, Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria. Directed by Prof. Diana Gergova

2010     **Thracian Royal necropolis of Sveshtari.** National institute of Archaeology, Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria. Directed by Prof. Diana Gergova

2008     **Thracian town Kabyle, Classical period.** Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria.

## EVENTS ORGANIZATION

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2022-2027     **Maritime Session Chair.** ASOR Annual Conference.

2023     **Session organizer.** Seascapes, Sealanes, and Maritime Infrastructure in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Mediterranean. 29<sup>th</sup> EAA Annual Meeting.

2015     **Convenor.** Maritime Worlds Seminar. The Oxford Centre for Maritime Archaeology (OCMA), University of Oxford, UK.

2013-2014     **Convenor.** Prehistoric and Early Greece Graduate Seminar (PEGGS).  
Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford, UK.

2011     **Conference organizing committee.** “Money and Power in the Roman republic.”  
McGill University, Canada. Conference held May 19, 2011.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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03.2023-     **Copy editor & digital editor.** ISAW. Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, NYU

05.2016-  
06.2016     **Manuscript map editor.** Quinn, J. 2017. *In search of the Phoenicians.*  
Princeton University Press.

09.2010-     **Research Assistant.** McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

05. 2012            Department of History and Classical Studies.

06.2012-           **Intern.** Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada.  
09.2012            Study and publication of the museum's collection of ancient gems

05.2011            **Radio talk.** McGill University, Montreal, Canada. In collaboration with Prof. K. Moore.  
BBC3 Money Talks: Banks in Ancient Mesopotamia (aired June 14, 2011).

09.2010-           **Research Assistant: Indexing and Mapping.** Blackwell's Encyclopedia of Ancient  
09.2011            History. Under the supervision of Dr. Haze Humboldt.

09.2009-           **Content Editor.** McGill University, Montreal, Canada.  
05.2010            Hirundo Journal of Classical Studies.

## LANGUAGES

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English, French, Bulgarian, Russian (fluent)  
Spanish, Italian (reading)

## SOFTWARE (3D MODELLING)

RealityCapture            Zbrush  
Adobe Lightroom        Marmorset Toolbag

## REFERENCES

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