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Present Position

2018-2019 Berggruen Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
Research scholar
Department of Classics and History and Philosophy of Science Program
Stanford University, 2006--

Education

University of Minnesota BA 1971
Montana State University Honorary Doctorate 2007

Books

Gods and Robots: Myths, Machines, and Ancient Dreams of Technology.
Princeton University Press, 2018, audiobook

- Chinese, Taiwan, Korean translations

The Amazons: Lives and Legends of Warrior Women across the Ancient World.
Princeton University Press, 2014, paperback and audiobook 2015

- French, Italian, Spanish, German, Chinese translations
- Sarasvati Award, Best Nonfiction Book in Women and Mythology, Association for the Study of Women & Mythology, 2016
- *New York Times Book Review*, "The Year in Reading" 2016
- Shortlisted for the 2014 London Hellenic Prize
- *Foreign Affairs'* Best Military, Scientific, and Technological Books of 2015
- *American Scientist's* Science Book Gift Guide 2014
- Silver Medal, World History, Independent Book Publisher Awards
- Film-TV series option purchased 2014 and renewed 2018
- Smithsonian Channel-Urban Canyons TV documentary-dramatization, March 2018
- Ted-ed animation, "Were Amazons Real?" 2018

The Poison King: The Life and Legend of Mithradates, Rome's Deadliest Enemy. Princeton University Press, 2009, paperback and audiobook 2011

- Italian, German, Spanish, Turkish, Russian, Chinese translations
- Finalist, National Book Award, nonfiction, 2009
- *Washington Post* Best Books of 2009
- Gold Medal, Biography, Independent Book Publisher Awards, 2010

Fossil Legends of the First Americans. Princeton University Press, 2005, paperback 2007

- featured in History Channel "Quest for Dragons" and "Monster Quest"; *National Geographic* "Water Monsters," 2006

Greek Fire, Poison Arrows & Scorpion Bombs: Biological and Chemical Warfare in the Ancient World. Duckworth/Overlook Press, 2003, paperback 2004, 2nd ed with new Introduction, 2009, audiobook 2010

- Spanish, Japanese, Polish, Chinese, Turkish, Greek, Chinese translations
- featured in History Channel "Ancient WMDs"; *National Geographic* "12 Poison Tales," 2005

The First Fossil Hunters: Paleontology in Greek and Roman Times. Princeton University Press, 2000, paperback 2001, 2nd ed with new Introduction, 2011

- Spanish, Greek, Korean, Hungarian, Chinese translations
- History Channel "Ancient Monster Hunters"; "Mythic Creatures" traveling exhibit, American Museum of Natural History, Field Museum, and other venues, 2007-18

Selected Publications (more articles on request)

"Tyrants and Robots," *History Today*, Nov 2018

"An Artificial Intelligence Wake-Up Call from Ancient Greece," Project Syndicate, Oct 16, 2018, widely syndicated

"African Geomythology" article in progress, co-authoring with Charles Helm, Julian Benoit et al.

"Amazons in all Shapes, Sizes, and Colors: What the *Wonder Woman* Movie Got Right," *Princeton University Press Blog*, June 13, 2017

"Dreams of Human Powered Flight: The Myth of Daedalus," in *Unravelling Ancient Myths and Legends*, www.Ancient-Origins.net, e-book 4, Feb 2017

"Amazons in Iranian Culture and Persian Literature," *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, 2017

"Replicants and Robots: What Can the Ancient Greeks Teach Us?" *Aeon*, May 16, 2016

"Warrior Women: The Archaeology of Amazons," chapter in *Women in Antiquity*, ed. Jean Turfa and Stephanie Budin (Routledge, 2016)

"Ancient Amazons: Warrior Women in Myth and History," *World Financial Review*, March 25, 2016

"Warrior Women: Myths and Reality of the Amazons," *Foreign Affairs*, May 6, 2015

"The Invention of Science: Review of Leroi's *The Lagoon: How Aristotle Invented Science*," *London Review of Books*, 2015

"When Alexander Met Thalestris," *History Today*, 2015

"Tracking a legend: An Early Cretaceous sauropod trackway from Zhaojue County, Sichuan Province, southwestern China," with Xing et al. *Ichnos* 22 (2015): 22-28

"Dinosaur tracks, myths and buildings: The Jin Ji (Golden Chicken) stones from Zizhou area, northern Shaanxi, China," with Xing et al. *Ichnos* 22 (2015): 224-32

"Making Sense of Nonsense Inscriptions Associated with Amazons and Scythians on Athenian Vases," co-authors J. Colarusso and D. Saunders. *Hesperia* 83.3 (September 2014)

"Where Wonder Woman Came From," *LA Times*, December 5, 2014

"Who Invented Trousers?" *Natural History* magazine, October 2014

"Alexander the Great: A Questionable Death." In *History of Toxicology: vol 1, Antiquity*, ed. P. Wexler. Academic Press, 2014

"The Folklore of Dinosaur Trackways in China: Impact on Paleontology," with Xing et al., *Ichnos* 18,4 (2012): 213-20

"Lianhua Baozhai (Lotus Mountain Fortress): Evidence of Co-existing Ancient Chinese and Dinosaur Tracks," with Xing and Chen Yu, *Geological Bulletin of China*, 2011

"Mithradates, Scourge of Rome," *History Today*, 2009

"Suppression of Indigenous Fossil Knowledge." 2008. In *Agnotology: Making and Unmaking of Ignorance*, ed. R. Proctor and L. Schiebinger. Stanford University Press, 163-82

"Place Names Describing Fossils in Oral Traditions." 2007. In *Myth and Geology*, ed. B. Masse and L. Piccardi. London: Geological Society, 245-61

"Ancient References to the Fossils in the Land of Pythagoras." 2004. With N. Solounias. *Earth Sciences History* 23:283-96

"Early Modern Legends of Poison *Khil'ats* in India." 2003. With M. Maskiell. In *Robes of Honour: Khil'at in Pre-Colonial and Colonial India*, ed. S. Gordon. Oxford: Oxford University Press

"The Folklore of Footprints in Stone: From Classical Antiquity to the Present." 2001. With W.A.S. Sarjeant. *Ichnos* 8, 1:143-63

"Killer Khilats: Legends of Poisoned Robes of Honour in India. Parts 1 & 2." 2001. With M. Maskiell. *Folklore* [London] 112:23-45, 163-82

"The 'Monster of Troy' Vase: The Earliest Artistic Record of a Vertebrate Fossil Discovery?" 2000. *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* 19, 1:57-63

"The Nessus Shirt in the New World: Smallpox Blankets in History and Legend." 1995. *Journal of American Folklore* 108:54-77.

Selected Honors, Residencies, Cultural Activities

Berggruen Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, 2018-2019

Judge, Nonfiction, National Book Awards, 2015

Getty Villa, Malibu, Guest Researcher, August-September 2010

Finalist, Nonfiction, National Book Awards 2009

Humanities Council Old Dominion Fellow, Princeton University, 2005-2006

Residency, Ucross Foundation Writers Colony, Ucross, WY, Fall 2000

PEN/Jerard Fund Award, finalist nonfiction essay, 1998

Public lectures, Getty Villa, Chicago Art Institute, American Museum of Natural History, Boston Museum of Fine Art, Houston Art Museum and Museum of Natural History, Dallas Art Museum, Smithsonian, Philadelphia Museum of Art and Archaeology, Google, Oxford University, Seattle Town Hall, etc.

Consultant for numerous film and TV documentaries, US, UK, and Europe

Consulting for books and articles, *National Geographic*

Consulting for museum exhibits, American Museum of Natural History, etc.

Monthly contributor to the award-winning history of science website "Wonders and Marvels," 2011-2017