

Gregory A. Smith
Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D. in History, Harvard University (2005)
A.M. in History, Harvard University (1999)
B.A. in Classics and History, Case Western Reserve University (1996)

Professional Appointments

Chair, Department of History, Central Michigan University (2016–present)
Associate Professor, Department of History, Central Michigan University (2012–present)
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Central Michigan University (2006–2012)
Lecturer, Departments of Classics and History, Case Western Reserve University
(2005–2006)

Publications and Presentations

Book Project

- *Body, Soul, and Spirits in the Roman Empire: An Attenuated History* (in progress)

Articles

- “*Daimones*, Evolution, and the Pneumatic Type of Thought,” ed. Emmanuela Bakola and Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe, in *Locating the Daimonic: Daimones, Spaces, and Places in the Greek World* (Oxford: Taylor & Francis, forthcoming).
- “Augustine on Demons’ Bodies,” in *Demons*, ed. Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe, *Studia Patristica* LXXXI, vol. 8 (Leuven: Peeters, 2017), 7–31.
- “Physics and Metaphysics,” in *The Oxford Handbook to Late Antiquity*, ed. Scott F. Johnson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).
- “How Thin is a Demon?” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16 (2008), 479–512.
- “The Myth of the Vaginal Soul,” *Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies* 44 (2004), 199–225.
- “*Sine rege, sine principe*: Peter the Venerable on Violence in Twelfth-Century Burgundy,” *Speculum* 77 (2002), 1–32.

Other Publications

- “Demons, Greek and Roman,” in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, ed. Roger Bagnall et al. (Malden, Mass.: Wiley, 2012).
- Review of *En soufflant la grâce: Âmes, souffles et humeurs en Grèce ancienne*, Collection HOROS (Grenoble: Jérôme Millon, 2007) by Edoarda Barra-Salzédo, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (September 2008)

Presentations

- “What Kind of Problem Do Demons Solve?” Invited paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 19, 2017.
- “Did Augustine Make a Difference? Demons’ Bodies Before and After the *Cogito*.” Paper presented at the XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, England, 10 August 14–August 2015.
- “Otherworld Beings in Ancient Greece and Rome.” Paper presented at “Otherworldly Beings in the Ancient World,” University of Washington, Seattle (May 2015).
- “Demons, Evolution, and the Pneumatic Type of Thought.” Paper presented at King’s College, London (March 2015).
- “Tertullian and Augustine on Demons and Souls.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (May 2014)
- “Augustine on Tertullian on the Soul.” Paper presented at the Greater Michigan Ancient Christianity Society, Kalamazoo, Michigan (January 2012)
- “Demons and Thoughts from Tatian to Philoponus.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (May 2010)
- “The Physics and Metaphysics of Late Ancient Slavery.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, California (January 2010)
- “Body, Soul, and Spirit in Late Antiquity: Augustine in Context.” Invited paper, Searching the Sacred lecture series, Hope College (March 2008)
- “Air, Angels, and Astral Bodies: The Soul and Other Very Thin Things.” Harvard University: Religions and Cultures in Mediterranean Antiquity Workshop (November 2004)
- “Authorship and Computational Philology in Greek and Byzantine Literature.” Invited paper for a special panel on the *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae*, Byzantine Studies Conference (October 2004)
- “Athanasius and the Greek *Life of Antony*: Authorship and the Soul.” Invited paper for the Washington-Area Seminar on Late Antiquity, George Washington University (April 2004)
- “Did Athanasius Write the Greek *Vita Antonii*? Authorship and the Soul.” Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, Washington DC (February 2004)
- “‘Bodies Are Not What We Are’ – Or Are They? Towards a Cultural History of the Soul in Late Antiquity.” Dumbarton Oaks (January 2004)
- “Magic and the Masses in Late Antiquity: The Myth of the Vaginal Soul.” Harvard University: Medieval Society Works in Progress Series (February 2003)
- “A Cultural History of the Soul in Late Antiquity.” Dumbarton Oaks (April 2002)
- “Peter the Venerable on Violence in Twelfth-Century Burgundy.” Harvard University: Humanities Center Seminar on Medieval Studies (October 2000)

Fellowship and Awards

- CHSBS Nominee, Faculty Excellence Exhibition, Central Michigan University (2014)
- NEH Summer Seminar for University and College Teachers (2007)
- Faculty Research and Creative Endeavors Research Grant, Central Michigan University (2007)
- Harold K. Gross Prize, for the dissertation showing greatest promise of a distinguished career of historical research, Department of History, Harvard University (2005)
- Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University (2003–2004)
- Junior Fellowship in Byzantine Studies, Dumbarton Oaks (2003–2004)
- Vincent M. Scramuzza Fellowship, Harvard University (1997–1999)
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (1997–1998)

Teaching Experience

Central Michigan University (2006–present)

- History 101: Western Civilization to 1700
- History 301: The Craft of History
- History 238: Ancient Greece and Rome
- History 338: Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire
- History 342: Culture of Renaissance Italy: The Grand Tour (study abroad)
- History 496/738a: Research Seminar in Ancient History
- History 537: The Age of Cicero
- History 636a: Graduate Colloquium in Ancient Mediterranean History
- Latin 101 and 102: Elementary Latin I and II

Before CMU

- Ancient Greek History
- Ancient Greek Language: Prose (Herodotus)
- Ancient Greek Language: Poetry (Homer)
- Medieval History: Survey
- Ancient Greek Democracy
- The Christian Revolution
- Latin 4: Introduction to Latin Poetry
- Power and Society in Medieval Europe: A Crisis of the Twelfth Century
- The Roman Empire
- The Rome of Augustus
- Western Societies, Politics, and Cultures: From Antiquity to 1650

Guest Lectures

- Plato, the *Republic*, and the Invention of the Self (2 lectures), CMU (Fall 2011, 2012)

- Introduction to the Later Middle Ages (2 lectures), Columbia University (February 2005)
- The World of Late Antiquity, Harvard University (April 2003)
- Power and Society in Medieval Europe, Harvard University (October 2001)
- Roman History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (September 2001)

Other Pedagogical Activities

Theses Directed

- Elizabeth Lafray (PhD candidate, Department of History, CMU, 2007–2014)
Thesis: “The Air She Breathes: Gendered Psychological Activity in Archaic Greece” (defended 2014)

University Service

Central Michigan University

- Graduate Council / Graduate Committee (2012–2014)
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2007–2010)
Chair (2009–2010)
Vice-Chair (2008–2009)
- General Education Subcommittee (2008–2009)

College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences (CMU)

- CHSBS Technology Committee (2008–present)
- CHSBS Student Paper Competition Committee (June 2009)
- CHSBS Committee on Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (2006–2007)
- Warriner/Chien Scholarship Committee (June 2007)

Department of History (CMU)

- Department Chair (2016–present)
- Director of Graduate Studies (2012–2015)
- Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society) (2007–2012)
- Website Design and Administration/Web Coordinator (2007–present)
- Graduate Studies (2006–2009)
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2009–2011)
- Personnel Committee (2011–2012)
- Study Abroad Coordinator (2006–2007)