

John Cabot University, Department of History and the Humanities

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Current Academic Employment: Full-Time (*contratto indeterminato*) Adjunct Assistant Professor (tenure-track)
in the Department of History and Humanities, John Cabot University, Rome – Italy

Courses taught: (courses are taught at JCU unless otherwise indicated; courses are standard full time undergraduate courses – 3 credit/45 contact hours per term)

2025 Spring Semester (January-May):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-2: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-3: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2024 Fall Semester (August-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-2: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-3: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2024 Spring Semester (January-May):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-2: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-3: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2023 Fall Semester (August-December):

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-3: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2023 Spring Semester (January-May):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-3: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-4: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2022 Fall Semester (August-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-2: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

THL 363-2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2022 Spring Semester (January-May):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-3: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

THL 363-2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2021 Fall Semester (September-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2021 Summer Semester II (June-July):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2021 Summer Semester I (May-June):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2021 Spring Semester (January-May):

No courses offered due to COVID pandemic

2020 Fall Semester (September-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2020 Spring Semester (January-May):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 225-2: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

THL 363-2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2019 Fall Semester (September-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-3: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

THL 363-2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2019 Spring Semester (January-May):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

THL 360: The History and Theology of the Papacy (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

THL 363-2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2018 Fall Semester (August-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-3: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

THL 360: The History and Theology of the Papacy (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University) THL 363-

2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2018 Spring Semester (January-May):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 225-1: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture
THL 360: The History and Theology of the Papacy (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)
THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)
THL 363-2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)
THE 2810-R: Religions of the World (St. John's University)
THE 2810-R1: Religions of the World (St. John's University)

2017 Fall Semester (August-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 221-3: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 225: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture
THL 360: The History and Theology of the Papacy (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)
THL 363-1: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)
THL 363-2: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)
THE 2810: Religions of the World (St. John's University)

2017 Summer Semester II (June-July):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2017 Summer Semester I (May-June):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2017 Spring Semester (January-May):

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin
RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 225: Mystics, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture
RLG 300 US/5810 UK: Comparative World Religion (Richmond University in Rome)
THE 2810-1: Religions of the World (St. John's University)
THE 2810-2: Religions of the World (St. John's University)
THL 363: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2017 J-Term Winter Session (January):

RLG 300/5810: Comparative World Religion (Richmond University in Rome)

2016 Fall Semester (August-December):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 221-3: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 225: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture
RLG 300: Comparative World Religion (Richmond University)
THL 360: The History and Theology of the Papacy (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)
THL 363: The New Testament in the Eternal City (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2016 Summer Semester I (May-June):

RLG 300: Comparative World Religion (Richmond University)

2016 Spring Semester (January-May):

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin
RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 225: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture
HST 311: Rome through the Ages: Ancient Roman History – 8th century BCE – 5th cent. CE (Richmond University)
THL 360: The History and Theology of the Papacy (CEA/Providence College/New Haven University)

2016 J-Term Winter Session (January):

RLG 300: Comparative World Religion ([Richmond University](#))

2015 Fall Semester (August-December):

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RLG 300: Comparative World Religion ([Richmond University](#))

THL 358: The Catholic Church and World Religions ([CEA/Providence College/New Haven University](#))

THL 360: The History and Theology of the Papacy ([CEA/Providence College/New Haven University](#))

2015 Summer Semester I (May-June):

LAT 101: Elementary Latin 1

RL 221: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RLG 300: Comparative World Religion ([Richmond University](#))

2015 Spring Semester (January-May):

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

HST 311: Rome through the Ages: Ancient Roman History – 8th century BCE – 5th cent. CE ([Richmond University](#))

2015 J-Term Winter Session (January):

RLG 300: Comparative World Religion ([Richmond University](#))

2014 Fall Semester (August-December):

LAT 203: Directed Readings in Latin ([Trinity College](#))

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin

RL 221: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

RL 481: Does Religion Poison Everything? Atheism, Theism, and Antitheism

2014 Summer Semester II (June-July):

HST 311: Rome through the Ages: Ancient Roman History – 8th century BCE – 5th cent. CE ([Richmond University](#))

2014 Spring Semester (January-May):

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin

RL 221: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-1: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

HST 311: Rome through the Ages: Ancient Roman History – 8th century BCE – 5th cent. CE ([Richmond University](#))

2013 Fall Semester (August-December):

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin

RL 221: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

RL 225-2: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture

2013 Summer Semester II (June-July):

HST 311: Rome through the Ages: Ancient Roman History – 8th century BCE – 5th cent. CE ([Richmond University](#))

2013 Summer Semester I (May-June):

RL 221: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2013 Spring Semester (January-May):

LAT 282: Directed Readings in Latin
RL 221: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 225-1: Mystic, Saints, and Sinners: Studies in Medieval Catholic Culture
HST 311: Rome through the Ages: Ancient Roman History – 8th century BCE – 5th cent. CE (Richmond University)

2012 Fall Semester (August-December):

LAT 102: Elementary Latin 2
RL 221: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2012 Summer Semester I (May-June):

RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2012 Spring Semester (January-May):

LAT 102: Elementary Latin 2
RL 221-1: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church
RL 221-2: The Popes of Rome: History of the Catholic Church

2011 Fall Semester (August-December):

LAT 101: Elementary Latin 1
RL 221: History of the Catholic Church

2011 Spring Semester (January-May):

LAT 101: Elementary Latin 1
RL 221: History of the Catholic Church

Academic Formation:

2010 **Universität Wien** – Institute for Classical Philology, Middle & Later Latin (University of Vienna)

Dr. phil. (Ph.D.) *sebr gut 1 / summa cum laude* (Dissertation: “*Unitas in Latin Antiquity: the Contribution of Cyprian*”)

Thesis Director: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Kurt Smolak
Second Reader: Univ.-Ao. Prof. Dr. Christine Ratkowitsch
Referee: Univ.-Ao. Prof. Dr. Georg Danek

2009 **Pantheon Institute of Technology and Design, Roma - Italia** – Faculty of graphic design: free-hand, CAG (Illustrator, Photoshop, CorelDraw, QxPress), web design

Diploma professional

2003 **Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana** and the **Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum**, Roma - Italia

Faculty of Cultural Heritage and History (interdisciplinary studies in archaeology, archives, art history, cataloguing, conservation and legislation, library sciences, museum curatorship)

Faculty of Patristic Sciences (Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, Roma - Italia)

Faculty of Systematic Theology

S.T.L. *magna cum laude* (thesis: “*Unitas*” in *Cyprian of Carthage: Change, Confusion, Contradiction, or Continuity*)

Thesis Director: Prof. Ord. Philipp Renczes, Dr. Theol.

2001 Pontificia Universitas Gregoriana, Roma - Italia

Faculty of Cultural Heritage and History (interdisciplinary studies in archaeology, archives, art history, cataloguing, iconology, conservation and legislation, library science, museum curatorship)

Faculty of Theology

S.T.B. *magna cum laude*

1997 Saint Charles Borromeo, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Faculty of Undergraduate Studies and the Liberal Arts: Major: Philosophy, Greek, and Latin

B.A. *magna cum laude*

Languages: Modern: *castellano; Deutsch; English; français; italiano*
Ancient: *Greek, Latin*

In situ employment, research, and teaching-related applications

2013-present **Alberese Archeological Project** in Toscana (excavating units & mapping contexts; cleaning and cataloguing finds) – www.progettoalberese.it – (field work on excavations *in situ* of glass and jewelry factory, food and commerce river and seaport from 1st-5th cents. CE)

1997-present **Official licensed guide** (*con patentino*) of Rome and the Vatican

- City and Province of Rome (all sites, museums, and monuments *pending authorization*)
- Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica
- 1st – 4th century CE Roman necropolis *in Vaticano* (a.k.a. the “*scavi*”)

April 1999 Archaeological and historical research *in situ* Israel and Palestine (Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee); Amman-Petra, Jordan (R. Mackowski, Ph.D., S.S.D., moderator)

April 1998 Archaeological and historical research *in situ* Istanbul-Izmir, Turkey (R. Mackowski, Ph.D, S.S.D., moderator)

Pertinent peer reviewed publications:

Monograph (published):

“*Unitas*” in *Latin Antiquity: Four Centuries of Continuity*, Peter Lang Verlag, Frankfurt am Main, 2011, 220p, ISBN 9783631614938.

“*Unitas ex Africa: was Tertullian the origo of imperial unification?*”, 45p., in *The Roman Empire during the Severan Dynasty*, DE SENA, E., ed., American Journal of Ancient History (AJAH), Gorgias Press, June 2013, 590p, ISBN 978-1-59333-838-1.

Translation as ghostwriter:

The Nutrition Revolution, LAPORTE-ADAMSKI, P., Verdechiaro Edizioni, Baiso, Reggio Emilia – Italy, 2015, 90p., ISBN 978-88-6623-235-3.

“Chapter 2.3.3: The Byzantine Empire and the First Barbarian Kingdoms”, PORENA, P., in “Part 2: Ancient Societies and Their States” in the *Oxford Handbook of Economies in the Classical World*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, U.K., 2012.

Papers Presented and Conferences Attended:

- **The Severan Age: Commemoration of the 1800th Anniversary of the Death of Septimius Severus:** John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, 24-25 April 2011. Paper presented: “*Unitas ex Africa: was Tertullian the origo of imperial unification?*”
- **Bridging the Gap: Commemoration of the 1700th Anniversary of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge:** John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, 24-25 May 2012. Paper presented: “*Christoborubacchanysos in Vatic ad circum: the origin of Constantine’s ‘illumination’ in light of an imperial necropolis*”

Conferences Organized:

- **Bridging the Gap: Commemoration of the 1700th Anniversary of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge:** John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, 24-25 May 2012.

Film & TV Documentary appearances and interviews:

Ancient Warriors. NETFLIX/BBC/RAI documentary series. Picasso Films. December 2019.

Ancient Footprints. NETFLIX/BBC/RAI documentary series. Picasso Films. June 2019.

Empire Games: NETFLIX/BBC/RAI documentary series. Picasso Films. June 2018.

Youth. Major motion picture. Director: Paolo Sorrentino. 2015.

Decoded. THE HISTORY CHANNEL. “The Vatican”, June 2012.

Current Research Interests and Projects:

- **Ancient Philosophy:** reexamination and evaluation of economic, political, religious, and sociological dynamics determinative of the gradual predominance of Neo-Platonism over Late Stoicism from the Augustan through Theodosian Ages; reexamination of the Phoenician roots of Stoicism
- **Ancient Religion:** reexamination and evaluation of the transformation of pagan solar monotheism specifically in the Bacchic/Dionysiac cult and the Christian/Gnostic cult from the Nerva-Antonine through the Severan ages specifically in Rome (*in situ* research of necropolis *in Vaticano*)
- **Archaeology, Conservation and Legislation of Cultural Patrimony:** Palazzo Porcari in Rome, Italy

(14th – 15th centuries CE); Ancient Roman Necropolis *in Vaticano* (1st – 4th centuries CE)

- **Comparison of ancient and contemporary theoretical mathematical and physical models:** comparison of stoic thought on physics and its bearing on contemporary models of theoretical physical theories (e.g. ancient stoicism, platonic solids, Euclidean geometry, Schläfli's Symbols, Maxwell's Equations, Gödel's Theorem, T.O.E., string/M theory, Unified Field Theory)
- **Linguistics and Literary Theory:** examination of 20th century logical analysis/"positivism" precedents in authors (especially Stoics) of the Late Republican/Augustan (Varro, Ovid), Early Imperial (Seneca the Younger, Pliny the Elder), and Severan/3rd century crisis (Ulpian, Tertullian, Cyprian) Ages
- **Medieval-Renaissance church-state politics, international law, history, and archaeology:** papal politics, the Florentine-Roman noble Porcari Family, and the Palazzo Porcari in Rome from 1378-1498
- **Socio-politics, jurisprudence and law, ecclesiology:** transmission and reception of Ulpian, Tertullian, and Cyprian in the imperial-ecclesial dynamic and *ius civile* from the 4th – 9th centuries CE
- **Theology, philosophy, and history:** evaluation of determination of two distinct branches of anteNicene Christian thought, i.e. not only neo-platonic but stoic, also, in contrast to opinion that there exists either a melding of the two or a strictly Platonist influence that prevailed in the ante-Nicene/preConstantinian epoch.