

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

B.A., *magna cum laude*, (Archaeology and Classical Studies), University of Evansville, 1999-2002.

M.A., *with distinction*, (The City of Rome), University of Reading, UK, 2002-2003;
M.A. thesis: "Entertainment Buildings on Roman Coins and Medallions." Included a two month unit on "The City of Rome" at the British School at Rome.

Ph.D. in progress, (Greek and Roman Art and Archaeology; Roman History and Historians), University of Missouri, 2003-present (admitted to candidacy in Oct. 2006); dissertation: "Architectural Coin Types: Reflections of Roman Society."

Areas of Expertise

Greek and Roman art, architecture, and archaeology; topography of Rome; Greek and Roman numismatics; Roman history; spectacles and their venues; the antiquities trade.

Linguistic ability: Reading knowledge of Latin, Ancient Greek, German, French, and Italian; speaking knowledge of German.

Professional Employment

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Aug. 2003 – Dec. 2007, University of Missouri.

Instructor, Summer 2006, University of Missouri (complete responsibility for the course).

Researcher, Feb. 2008 – Dec. 2008, The Martberg Project, Fundmünzen der Antike, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Responsibilities included identifying coins from the Martberg (Iron Age through 4th century), entering them into a database, and systematizing the database for publication.

Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, antike Numismatik (half-time), Aug. 2008 – July 2009, Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften, Abt. II, Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Responsibilities include collaborative and independent research, maintaining the cast and photo collections, and teaching.

Other Archaeological and Professional Experience

Excavator, the Lubbock Lake Landmark, one of the oldest prehistoric sites in N. America, summer 2000.

Field School, Poggio Civitate (Murlo, Tuscany), the site is one of the oldest monumental palatial structures in Italy, summer 2001.

Prepared a guide to Roman medallions, protocontorniates, and contorniates in the Museum of Art and Archaeology at the University of Missouri – Columbia in the fall of 2004; I also attributed many unidentified types.

Staff numismatist at Yotvata, a Diocletianic auxiliary fort on the borders of the Roman Empire in southeastern Israel, on site in 2005-2007 seasons, coin finds from 2003-2007 seasons.

Honors and Awards

2004 Parkes-Weber Memorial Prize and Medal, Royal Numismatic Society (U.K.), awarded for outstanding numismatic research by scholars under 23 years of age.
2006 Graduate Student Paper Award, Archaeological Institute of America, Honorable Mention.

Noteworthy Scholarships and Fellowships

Eric P. Newman Graduate Seminar, American Numismatic Society, summer 2004.
Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) research grant for doctoral research conducted in Germany; Visiting Researcher, Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften, Abt. II, the Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main, 1 Oct. 2006 – 31 July 2007.
Charles D. Folse Fellowship, Department of Art History and Archaeology, the University of Missouri, 2007-2008.

Publications

Nathan T. Elkins. 2004. "Locating the Imperial Box in the Flavian Amphitheatre: the Numismatic Evidence," *Numismatic Chronicle* 164: 147-157.
Nathan T. Elkins. 2006. "The Flavian Colosseum *Sestertii*: Currency or Largess?" *Numismatic Chronicle* 166: 211-221.
Nathan T. Elkins. 2007. "Why Coins Matter: Trafficking in Undocumented and Illegally Exported Ancient Coins in the North American Marketplace." SAFE Feature. Available online: http://www.savingantiquities.org/feature_coins.php.
Nathan T. Elkins. 2008. "A Survey of the Material and Intellectual Consequences of Trading in Undocumented Ancient Coins: a Case Study on the North American Trade," *Frankfurter elektronische Rundschau zur Altertumskunde* 7: 1-13. Available online: <http://www.fera-journal.eu> [similar version to above article].
Nathan T. Elkins (research contributor). 2009. In: D. Wigg-Wolf (organizer), *Die Fundmünzen der römischen Zeit in Deutschland. Abteilung IV Rheinland-Pfalz. Band 4,2. Der Martberg bei Pommern (Ehem. Kreis Cochem)* (Mainz, von Zabern, forthcoming).
Nathan T. Elkins. 2009. "Coins, Contexts, and an Iconographic Approach for the 21st Century." In: H.-M. von Kaenel and F. Kemmers (eds.), *Coins in Context I: New Perspectives for the Interpretation of Coin Finds*. Studien zu Fundmünzen der Antike 23 (Mainz: von Zabern, in press), 25-46.
Nathan T. Elkins. 2009. "Treasure Hunting 101 in America's Classrooms," *Journal of Field Archaeology* (forthcoming).
Nathan T. Elkins. 2009. "Der Handel mit antiken Münzen in den USA. Ausmaß und Netzwerke," *Archäologie in Deutschland* (forthcoming).
Nathan T. Elkins. 2009. "What Are They Doing Here? Flavian Colosseum *Sestertii* from Archaeological Contexts in Hessen and the Taunus-Wetterau *Limes* (with an Addendum on *NC* 2006)," *Numismatic Chronicle* 169 (forthcoming).
Nathan T. Elkins. 2010. "The Ancient Coin Trade: Scale, Organization, and Politics." In: P. Lazarus and A.W. Barker, eds., *All the Kings Horses: Looting and*

the Reconstructable Past (provisional title). (Washington: Society for American Archaeology Press, forthcoming).

Book Reviews

- G. Rowe. *Princes and Political Cultures: the New Tiberian Senatorial Decrees* (Ann Arbor, 2002), *Journal of Roman Studies* 93 (2003): 396-397.
- K.-J. Hölkeskamp. *Senatus Populusque Romanus. Die politische Kultur der Republik – Dimensionen und Deutungen* (Stuttgart, 2004), *Journal of Roman Studies* 97 (2007): 268-270.
- K.E. Welch. *The Roman Amphitheatre: from its Origins to the Colosseum* (Cambridge, 2007), *Journal of Roman Studies* 98 (2008): 254-255.

Works in Progress

- “Religion, Ruler Cult, and *Pompa* in the Colosseum.”
- “References to Trajanic Coin Types in Juvenal’s First Satire.”
- (with David Gill) “The Material and Intellectual Consequences of Collecting Classical Coins without a History” (provisional title).
- “A Late Roman Purse Hoard from the Roman Auxiliary Fort at Yotvata.” I am also publishing the other coin finds from the 2003-2007 seasons.
- Review of L. Hefner. *Darstellungsprinzipien von Architektur auf kaiserzeitlich römischen Münzen* (Dettelbach, 2008).

Select Refereed and Invited Presentations

- “Imperial Cult in the Colosseum,” Ancient Studies Symposium, the University of Missouri, February 2004; Graduate Conference, Dept. of the Classics, Harvard University, April 2004; AIA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Jan. 2005.
- “The Function and Distribution of Flavian Colosseum *Sestertii*: Coins or Medallions? (preliminary results of the die study),” Ancient Studies Symposium, the University of Missouri, February 2005.
- “The Flavian Colosseum *Sestertii*: Currency or Largess? (Results of a Die Study),” AIA/APA joint panel on numismatics, AIA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Jan. 2006.
- “References to Trajanic Coin Types in Juvenal’s First Satire,” Graduate Conference, Dept. of Art History, Boston University, March 2006.
- “The Ideology of Schematization on Architectural Roman Imperial Coin Types,” Graduate Conference, Dept. of the Classics, Harvard University, April 2006.
- “Architecture on Late Roman Coins in the Context of Late Roman Art,” AIA/APA joint panel *Architectura Numismatica*, AIA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Jan. 2008.
- “The Distribution of Flavian Architectural Coin Types in Archaeological Contexts,” Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference (TRAC), Amsterdam, the Netherlands, April 2008.
- “The Ancient Coin Trade in North America: Scale, Organization, and Politics,” Hauskolloquium at the Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften, Abt. II, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, 24 April 2008 (invited).
- “Der Handel mit antiken Münzen in den USA. Ausmaß und Netzwerke,” 3. Konferenz zum Kulturgutschutz, Berlin, 4 November 2008 (invited).

- “Ausmaß und Netzwerk des Münzhandels im Internet,” Workshop on “Raubgrabung und Handel mit Kulturgütern” at the Hessian Police Academy in Wiesbaden, 19 November 2008 (invited).
- “Balkan Metal Detector Finds: Feeding the Coin Trade in the USA,” Conference “Archäologie zwischen Römern und Barbaren,” organized under the auspices of the Römisch-Germanische Kommission and the Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften at the Goethe Universität Frankfurt, 19-22 March 2009 (invited).
- “Interpreting Architectural Coin Types from Recorded Contexts: The Flavian and Trajanic Periods,” International Numismatic Congress, Glasgow, August 2009 (accepted).

Teaching Experience

- Graduate Teaching Assistant, MU, Survey of Western Art I: Prehistoric to Medieval Art, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, and Fall 2007.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, MU, Survey of Western Art II, Spring 2005 and Spring 2006.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, MU, Introduction to Roman Art and Archaeology, Spring 2004 (Writing Intensive Course).
- Instructor, University of Missouri (MU), AHA 1120, Survey of Western Art II: Renaissance to Contemporary Art, Summer 2006 (complete responsibility).
- Instructor, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Übung – Die Bildsprache auf römischen Münzen. Methoden und Deutungen, Summer 2009 (complete responsibility).

Committee Positions and Professional Service

- Member, Student Affairs Interest Group, Archaeological Institute of America, 2005 – present.
- Member, Cultural Heritage Policy Committee, Archaeological Institute of America, Appointed Oct. 2008 – present.
- Guest speaker on ancient portraiture for the art classes of Iberia High School, MO, November 2005.
- Co-Coordinator of the 15th Annual University of Missouri and Kansas University Art History and Archaeology Graduate Student Symposium, “*Urbs et Rus*: Exploring Aspects of the Urban and Rural,” 2006.
- Volunteer, Saving Antiquities for Everyone (SAFE), 2007 – present.
- Co-Organizer, with Stefan Krmnicek, “Contextual Numismatics: New Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Methodologies,” AIA colloquium, Philadelphia, Jan. 2009.

Professional Affiliations

- Fellow, Royal Numismatic Society, elected 2003
- Member, Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, since 2000
- Member, Archaeological Institute of America, since 2001
- Member, Association of Ancient Historians, since 2001
- Member, American Numismatic Society, since 2003
- Member, Society of Architectural Historians, since 2006
- Member, Israel Numismatic Society, since 2006
- Member, Società Numismatica Italiana, since 2007