

SARA R. JOHNSON

Associate Professor
Department of Modern and Classical Languages
337 Mansfield Road, U-1057
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT 06269-1057
(860) 486-5388

22 Oliva Ct
East Hartford, CT 06108
(860) 289-8897
sjohnson@uconnvm.uconn.edu

Areas of Special Interest:

Hellenistic Judaism
Hellenistic History
Ancient Fictions

Education:

| | | |
|--|------------|-----------------------------|
| University of California at Berkeley | 1992-1996 | Ph.D. |
| University of California at Berkeley | 1990-1992 | M.A., (Roman History) |
| Oxford University (Somerville College) | 1988-1990 | B.A., First Class |
| Bryn Mawr College | 1984-1988 | B.A., Magna Cum Laude |
| Washington International School | grad. 1984 | International Baccalaureate |

Dissertation:

Mirror, Mirror: Third Maccabees, Historical Fictions and Jewish Self-Fashioning in the Hellenistic Period

Committee: E.S. Gruen (dissertation chair), S. Bartsch, D. Boyarin, S. Elm

Employment

Associate Professor, University of Connecticut at Storrs, 2004-present

Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut at Storrs, 1998-2004

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Rochester, 1996-1998

Publications:

Books

Historical Fictions and Hellenistic Jewish Identity: Third Maccabees in its Cultural Context. Berkeley: University of California Press (forthcoming, Dec. 2004).

Articles

"Novelistic Elements in Esther: Persian or Hellenistic, Jewish or Greek?" Accepted for publication by Catholic Biblical Quarterly. 45 pp. in MS.

"Third Maccabees: A Jewish Novel? Historical Fictions and Jewish Self-Fashioning in the the Hellenistic Period." Accepted for publication in an edited volume. Provisional citation: Ancient Fiction and Early Jewish and Christian Narrative, vol. 2, edited by J. Brant et al. SBL Symposium Series. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press. 18 pp. in MS.

"Antiochus IV's Procession at Daphne (166 BC): A Roman Triumph? A Case Study in the Relations of Rome and Syria 175-164 BC" JAGNES 4.1 (1993) 23-34.

"More than the Day of their Victory': Chariton and Thucydides on the Sicilian Expedition." Under review at Classical World. 42 pp. (MS, double-spaced, including endnotes)

Book Reviews

Review of C. Habicht, Athens from Alexander to Antony, trans. D. Schneider, Cambridge 1997, New England Classical Journal, February 2000. 3 pages.

Professional Talks:

- Chair, Introductory Remarks, Panel Discussion, "Gruen's Heritage and Hellenism: The Reinvention of Jewish Tradition." Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 18, 2000.
- "Third Maccabees: A Jewish Novel? Historical Fictions and Jewish Self-Fashioning in the Hellenistic Period." Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Nashville, TN, November 20, 2000.
- Panelist, Plenary Discussion, "Ecce Discipuli: Secondary/Post-Secondary Articulation." Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, October 14, 2000.
- " Vox Populi in Fiction and History: From Thucydides to Chariton's Callirhoe (revised)." Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, May 4, 2000.
- Respondent, Ma'yan Jewish Feminist Research Group, New York, NY, April 6, 2000. Responding to paper read by Susan Marks, "Buried in Her Wedding Veil: Death Imagery and Jewish Brides in the Greco-Roman World."
- "Novelistic Elements in Esther: Persian or Hellenistic, Jewish or Greek?" Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL, December 20, 1999.
- " Vox Populi in Fiction and History: From Thucydides to Chariton's Callirhoe." Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, October 23, 1999.
- "The Politics of Redaction: the Apocalyptic Reframing of the Court Tales in the Book of Daniel." Edson Memorial Lectures, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 19, 1999.
- "Imagining Identities: Hellenistic Jewish Historical Fictions." Judaic Studies Faculty Forum Luncheon Lectures, March 24, 1999.
- "Daughter of Noah, Teacher of Homer: The Third Sibylline Oracle." University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, February 18, 1998. Also given, in revised form, for the CLCS Colloquium Series, at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, November 2, 1998.
- "Inebriated Elephants and Other Historical Curiosities: Third Maccabees, Jewish "Romance" and Hellenistic Jewish Identity." University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, April 23, 1996. Also given, in a revised form, at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 1996; Vassar College, February 1997; University of Pennsylvania, February 1997; University of Connecticut, February 1998; University of Illinois at Chicago, February 1998; and Brooklyn-CUNY, February 1998.
- "The Parian Marble in its Historical Context." American Philological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, December 30, 1995.

Fellowships, Scholarships and Academic Honors:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship | Summer 2000 |
| Research Council (Small Grant) | 1999-2000 |
| 1999 Edson Memorial Lectures, invited junior scholar | Oct. 1999 |
| Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fellowship | 1995-1996 |
| Newhouse Foundation Fellowship | 1995-1996 |
| Paul J. Alexander Memorial Fellowship | Spring 1995 |
| Dora Garibaldi Scholarship | 1994-1995 |
| Newhouse Foundation Fellowship | July 1994 |
| Humanities Predoctoral Fellowship | 1990-1993 |
| Coombs Prize in History | Nov. 1989 |
| Bull Scholarship in Ancient and Modern History | June 1989 |

Field Experience:

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---|
| Tel Dor, Israel | Summer 1992 | A. Stewart, Director Area F (Hellenistic/Roman strata) |
| Sepphoris, Israel | Summer 2000 | UConn Faculty representative |

Teaching Experience:

My regular teaching responsibilities at Connecticut include elementary Greek and intermediate Latin (on a rotating basis), a large lecture course in Roman Civilization offered each spring, a variety of small tutorial studies in advanced Latin and Greek texts (normally one or two each semester), and 200-level courses in translation (Ancient Fictions and Roman Historians, taught on a two-year rotation; I plan to add Hellenistic Judaism to this rotation in future). A detailed list follows.

| | | | |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Classics 299 | Cicero's Pro Caelio | Fall 2003 | UConn |
| Classics 299 | Ovid's Metamorphoses | Spring 2003 | UConn |
| Classics 299 | Suetonius' Caligula | Fall 2002 | UConn |
| Classics 299 | Homer's Iliad (Book 1) | Fall 2002 | UConn |
| Classics 299 | Latin Lyric | Spring 2001 | UConn |
| Classics 299 | Plato's Apology | Fall 2001, 2003 | UConn |
| Classics 299 | Warfare in the Ancient World | Fall 2001 | UConn |
| Classics 299 | Livy & Tacitus | Fall 2000, 2004 | UConn |
| Classics 123 | Intermediate Latin I | Fall 2000, 2001, 2002 | UConn |
| Classics 227 | Roman Historians (now in trans.) | Fall 2000, 2002, 2004 | UConn |
| Classics 244 | Ancient Fictions | Fall 1999, 2001, 2003 | UConn |
| Classics 103 | Classical Mythology | Summer 1999, 2003 | UConn |
| Classics 172 | Elementary Greek II | Spring 99, 00, 01, 03, 04 | |
| Classics 102 | Roman Civilization | Spring 99, 00, 01, 03, 04 | |
| Classics 171 | Elementary Greek I | Fall 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003 | |
| Classics 227 | Latin Historical Prose (adv. Latin) | Fall 1998 | UConn |
| Classics 141 | Ancient World | Spring 1998 | Rochester |
| Greek 111 | Beginning New Testament Greek | Spring 1998 | Rochester |
| Latin 104/204 | Catullus | Fall 1997 | Rochester |
| Greek 110 | Beginning New Testament Greek | Fall 1997 | Rochester |
| Classics 200 | Classical Mythology | Spring 1997 | Rochester |
| Latin 203 | Ovid's Metamorphoses | Spring 1997 | Rochester |
| Classics 141 | The Ancient World | Fall 1996 | Rochester |
| Latin 103 | Intermediate Latin (Virgil) | Fall 1996 | Rochester |
| Greek Workshop | Plato, <i>Apology</i> ; Euripides, <i>Hecuba</i> | Summer 1995 | UC Berkeley |
| Latin 10 | Intensive Elementary Latin | Spring 1994 | UC Berkeley |
| UGIS 44A | Topics in Western Civ: Ancient | Fall 1993 | UC Berkeley |
| Latin Workshop | Intensive Elementary Latin | Summer 1993 | UC Berkeley |
| History 4A | Origins of Western Civ: Ancient | Spring 1993 | UC Berkeley |
| Greek 2 | Elementary Greek (2nd sem.) | Fall 1992 | UC Berkeley |

Professional Service

Member, Executive Committee, M.A. program in Judaic Studies (monthly meetings), 1998-present
Member, Board of Directors, Classical Association of Connecticut (bimonthly meetings), 1998-present
Administration of Arjona/Luckey Memorial Fund for short-term graduate student loans, 2000-present
Faculty consultant, 2002 Advanced Placement Latin examination reading, June 2002, Educational Testing Service, Princeton NJ. Same in June 2004.

Professional Societies:

American Philological Association
Society for Biblical Literature
Association for Jewish Studies
American Classical League
Classical Association of New England