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Academic employment

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| Director, Center of Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA) | 2019- |
| Faculty in residence Stanford Bing Overseas Florence Campus | 2025 winter |
| Associate Professor of Classics, Stanford University | 2011- |
| Courtesy Appointment in History | 2008- |
| Assistant Professor of Classics | 2003-2011 |
| Faculty in residence Stanford Bing Overseas Florence Campus | 2009 autumn |
| Lecturer in the Classics Department, Princeton University | 2000-2003 |
| Post-doctoral director of research for Archives of European Archaeology at the Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art, Paris (France) | 1999-2000 |
| Visiting lecturer, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck College, University College, London (UK) | 2000 |

Education

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| University of Cambridge and St. John's College (UK), PhD in Classics | 1999 |
| Università di Bologna (Italy) Laurea in Lettere Classiche | 1994 |
| University of Leicester (UK), Erasmus Exchange in Archaeological Studies | Autumn 1991 |

Fellowships and honors

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|---|-----------|
| Clayman Institute for Gender Research Faculty Fellowship (SU) | 2024-25 |
| John Rexine Memorial Lecture at Colgate University | 2023 |
| Omar and Althea Dwyer Hoskins Faculty Scholar (SU) | 2020-2022 |
| Internal Faculty Fellow Stanford Humanities Center | 2017-2018 |
| New Directions Fellow of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation | 2012-2015 |
| William H. and Frances Green Faculty Fellow (SU) | 2007-2008 |
| Internal Faculty Fellow Stanford Humanities Center | 2007-2008 |
| Getty Research Grant, Spring Visiting Scholar Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles | 2006 |
| Cotsen Fellow in the Princeton Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts | 2000-2003 |
| Stanley J. Seeger Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University | 2000-2001 |
| Research Fellowship of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris (France) | 2000 |
| John Carter Brown Library Associate Fellowship, Brown University | 1999 |
| St. John's College Benefactors' Scholarship and British Academy Studentship | 1996-1999 |
| Cambridge University European Trust Scholarship (UK) | 1996-1997 |

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| Fellowship for doctoral study abroad, Università di Bologna (Italy) | 1995-1996 |
| Fellowship for doctoral study abroad, Università di Pavia (Italy; declined) | 1995-1996) |
| Unnamed Classical Scholarship, Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge (UK) | 1995-1996 |

Grants

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| Funding for Global Horizons of Digital and Public Humanities | 2023-2024 |
| Mellon Sawyer Seminar “The Data that Divides Us” | 2023-2024 |
| VPUE CESTA Departmental Grant | 2021-2024 |
| Community Engagements Office Seed Funding | 2020-2022 |
| Community Engagement Office Seed Funding (SU) | 2021 |
| VPTL Small Teaching Grant (SU) | 2019 |
| Roberta Bowman Denning Fund for Humanities and Technologies (SU) | 2016 |
| Mellon New Directions Fellowship | 2012-2015 |
| NEH Collaborative Research Grant ‘Networks in History: Data-driven tools for analyzing relationships across time’ Interim PI | 2014-2015 |
| Presidential Fund for Innovation in the Humanities Grant (SU) | 2008-2011 |

Books

A World Made by Travel: the Digital Grand Tour, Stanford University Press, June 2024
<http://doi.org/10.21627/2024wmt>

Italy’s Lost Greece: Magna Graecia and the making of modern archaeology
Oxford University Press, January 2012

Reviewed: *Classical Journal* (11/2012), *Choice* (9/2012), *Antiquity* (1/2012), *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences* (2/2013), *American Journal of Archaeology* (7/2013), *The Classical Review* (10/2013), *ForeWord Review* (5/2013), *Hermathena* (issue 191); shortlisted for 2013 Runciman Award

G. Ceserani and A. Milanese eds., *Antiquarianism, Museums and Cultural Heritage: collecting and its contexts in eighteenth-century Naples*, special issue for the *Journal of the History of Collections* 19:2, 2007

In Progress

A Sicilian Journey at the Ends of Enlightenment, book project in preparation

Articles and Book Chapters (selected since 2013)

‘On the Times of Network,’ in Thomas Wallnig, Giovanna Ceserani, Tommaso Venturini, “About «The Network Turn»,” *Quaderni storici, Rivista quadrimestrale* 57:2 (2022) 563-573.*

‘Ancient Greek Women in Eighteenth-Century Europe: a Preliminary Survey,’ in L. Nevett and J. Whitley eds., *An Age of Experiment: Classical Archaeology Transformed (1976-2014)*, Cambridge: McDonald Institute (2018), 223-234.

‘Digitising the Grand Tour: digital approaches, family groups and early tourism’ in Carrie Anderson, Giovanna Ceserani, Christopher Donaldson, Ian N. Gregory, Melanie Hall, Adam T. Rosenbaum & Joanna E. Taylor *Digital humanities and tourism history*, *Journal of Tourism History*, 9:2-3 (2017), 246-69.* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1755182X.2017.1419455>

‘The provenance of Greek painted vases: disciplinary debates and modern identities in the early nineteenth century’ in Sofia Voutsaki and Paul Cartledge eds., *Ancient Monuments and Modern Identities: The history of archaeology in 19th and 20th century Greece*, Routledge: New York, NY (2017) 24-40. Also translated as ‘La procedencia de los jarrones pintados griegos: debates profesionales e identidades modernas a principios del siglo XIX’ in C. Bochetti ed. *Parnaso en América*, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia (2010) 93-112.

‘Mapping the Grand Tour: British travelers in eighteenth-century Italy and the design of architecture’ (with Giorgio Caviglia, Nicole Coleman, Thea De Armond, Sarah Murray, Molly Taylor-Poleskey), in *American Historical Review* 122:2 (2017) 425-450.* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/122.2.425>

‘From Archives to Databases (and Beyond): the *Mapping the Republic of Letters* Project. Reflections on historical research in a digital age’ (with Dan Edelstein, Paula Findlen, Caroline Winterer, and Nicole Coleman), *American Historical Review* 122:2 (2017) 400-424.* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/122.2.400>

‘Antiquarian Transformations in Eighteenth-Century Europe’ in A. Schnapp ed., *World Antiquarianism: comparative perspectives*, Los Angeles: Getty Research Institute (2013) 317-42.

Digital Publications

The Grand Tour Project website <https://grandtour.stanford.edu/>

Giovanna Ceserani, Giorgio Caviglia, and Nicole Coleman (April 2017). *Interactive Visualization for British Architects on the Grand Tour in eighteenth-century Italy: Timechart of travels*. Available at: <http://republicofletters.stanford.edu/publications/grandtour/timechart/> [Created at Humanities+Design <http://hdlab.stanford.edu/>]

Giovanna Ceserani (April 2017). *Interactive Visualization for British Architects on the Grand Tour in eighteenth-century Italy. Map of Travels with timespan filter*. Available at: <http://republicofletters.stanford.edu/publications/grandtour/map/> [Created using Palladio, <http://hdlab.stanford.edu/palladio>]

Giovanna Ceserani (April 2017). *Interactive Visualization for British Architects on the Grand Tour in eighteenth-century Italy. Graph: Education*. Available at: <http://republicofletters.stanford.edu/publications/grandtour/education/> [Created using Palladio, <http://hdlab.stanford.edu/palladio>]

Giovanna Ceserani (April 2017). *Interactive Visualization for British Architects on the Grand Tour in eighteenth-century Italy. Graph: Funding*. Available at: <http://republicofletters.stanford.edu/publications/grandtour/funding/> [Created using Palladio, <http://hdlab.stanford.edu/palladio>]

Giovanna Ceserani (April 2017). *Interactive Visualization for British Architects on the Grand Tour in eighteenth-century Italy. Graph: Societies and Academies*. Available at:

<http://republicofletters.stanford.edu/publications/grandtour/funding/> [Created using Palladio, <http://hdlab.stanford.edu/palladio>]

Giovanna Ceserani (April 2017). *Interactive Visualization for British Architects on the Grand Tour in eighteenth-century Italy. Graph: Employments and Appointments*. Available at: <http://republicofletters.stanford.edu/publications/grandtour/employments/> [Created using Palladio, <http://hdlab.stanford.edu/palladio>]

Giovanna Ceserani and Thea De Armond (2015). *Data for British Architects on the Grand Tour in Eighteenth-Century Italy: Travels, People, Places*. Stanford Digital Repository. Available at: <http://purl.stanford.edu/ct765rs0222>

Giovanna Ceserani. (2015). *Schema for British Architects on the Grand Tour in Eighteenth-Century Italy: Travels, People, Places*. Stanford Digital Repository. Available at: <http://purl.stanford.edu/zk774hr3012>

News and Press

‘Lectures explore data’s place in the humanities’ *Stanford Report* May 2024 [LINK](#)

‘Reflections on the Digital Humanities: A Conversation with Franz Fischer and Giovanna Ceserani’ *Arcade* May 2024 [LINK](#)

‘A new sculpture on the end of Meyer Green greets passerby’ *Stanford Report* February 2022 [LINK](#)

‘Stanford supports community projects to address pandemic challenges,’ *Stanford Report* May 2021 [LINK](#)

‘What an anonymous travel manuscript from the 1700s reveals about eighteenth-century Italy; *SHC* Feb 2018 [LINK](#)

‘Umaninisti Digitali’ *La Repubblica* March 2014 [LINK](#)

‘Rewriting History’ *The Economist* October 2014 [LINK](#)

‘Mapping the Republic of Letters’ *Humanities. The Magazine of the NEH* November 2013 [LINK](#)

Collaborative Research Projects

The Data that Divides Us: Recalibrating Data Methods for New Knowledge Frameworks Across the Humanities, Sawyer Seminar. PI. Awarded 224,000\$ from Mellon Foundation to year-long seminar and support two graduate students and one postdoc in 2023-24, in collaboration with Mark Algee-Hewitt (English), Grant Parker (Classics) and Laura Stokes (History)

The Grand Tour Project, (director), see grandtour.stanford.edu; research project featured in *La Repubblica* (March 30th 2014) and *Intelligent Life* (The Economist; Nov/Dec 2014); Stanford News, 2013; <http://moreintelligentlife.com/content/ideas/john-hooper/rewriting-history>)

The Grand Tour Explorer, (director), a web based, interactive digital transformation of John Ingamells’ *A Dictionary of British and Irish Travelers to Italy 1791-1800* (YUP, 1997), created with Giorgio Caviglia (Cesta post-doc).

Comparing Comparatists: Hellenism and Religious Difference, CRASSH Sawyer Seminar, Cambridge UK, 2013-2015

Mapping the Republic of Letters, funded by a three-year Stanford Presidential Fund for Innovation in the Humanities grant (awarded in March 2008) and a NEH Digging Into Data Challenge grant (awarded in November 2009) in collaboration with Stanford professors Keith Baker, Paula Findlen (PI), and Caroline Winterer (History), Dan Edelstein (French and Italian)(PI)

Lectures and Workshops Organization (selected since 2013)

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| Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series ‘The Data that Divides Us’ | 2023-2024 |
| Global Horizons of the Digital and Public Humanities A Research Institute Collaboration with VeDPH at Ca’ Foscari | 2023- |
| Digital Horizons, co-founder and co-organizer of this lecture series with the SHC | 2021- |
| DH Long View, co-founder and co-organizer of this global online lecture series CESTA/UCL Center for Digital Humanities | 2020-2022 |
| Stanford Humanities Center/CESTA Geballe Workshop ‘Critical Data Practices in Humanities Research’ | 2020-2023 |
| ‘Data Practices Conference: How data science, digital humanities, and libraries address sources, methods, and meaning’ | 2020 |
| Organizer (with Jean-François Dunyach Simon McDonald) of the workshop <i>L'Italie et l'Antiquité: imaginaire et voyage au siècle des Lumières</i> , Sorbonne University in Paris | 2019 |
| Organizer of the workshop <i>Digitizing the Grand Tour II: a workshop on the worlds and lives of eighteenth-century travellers to Italy</i> , September 8 th and 9 th Stanford Humanities Center | 2017 |
| Organizer of the workshop <i>Digitizing the Grand Tour: a workshop on the worlds and lives of eighteenth-century travellers to Italy</i> , March 4 th and 5 th Stanford Humanities Center | 2016 |
| Stanford Humanities Center/Mellon Workshop Bios: Interrogations, Observations, Studies SHC Mellon Workshop | 2013-2014 |

PAPERS

Invited papers for colloquia and lectures and conference papers (since 2013, selected)

‘Identities in the archives, prosographical studies and historical data: eighteenth-century Venetian Note de’ Forestieri’

- *Global Horizons of Digital and Public Humanities ‘Cities and Water’*, Venice University, October 2023

‘Magna Graecia, Greece and History of Archaeology in Early Modern Europe’

- *Paving the Way to the Rediscovery of Ancient Greece(15th-19th century)* Venice University, October 2023

‘Introducing the Grand Tour Explorer: Digital Humanities and the History of Travel’

- *Paving the Way to the Rediscovery of Ancient Greece(15th-19th century)* Venice University, October 2023

‘A World Made by Travel: Introducing the Grand Tour Explorer’

- *Books in Motion and Digital Histories: a collaborative workshop*
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, June 2023

‘Finding the Classical Past in South Italy’

- *The John Rexine Memorial Lecture*, Classics Dept and the Center

for Freedom and Western Civilization, Colgate University, April 2023

‘Of Books and Horses: Traveling in the late Republic of Letters’

- *Crossroads of Knowledge: Italy and the Republic of Letters*, UC Berkeley, October 2022

‘Tracing the Lower Greek Empire in Italy’s Heel’

- *Byzantine History and the Antiquarian*, Princeton, September 2022

‘Un Approccio Digitale al Grand Tour settecentesco in Italia’

- Seminario di dottorato storia moderna, Università Sapienza, Rome, April 2022 (remote format)

‘Learning to Scythe: the eighteenth-century classical traveler and the agricultural sketch’

- *The Classical Tradition and the Making of Knowledge*
USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, February 2022

‘Mapping Grand Tour Travelers’

- *Annual Conference of the French Society for the Study of the Anglophone World in the 17th and 18th Centuries*, January 2021 (remote format)

‘A World Made of Travel: Digital Approaches to the Eighteenth-Century Grand Tour of Italy’

- *The Society of Fellows Public Lecture Series*, Princeton University, December 2019

‘Intersections: Projects and Perspectives in Digital Humanities’

- *Connected Histories of Religion, Science and Other Objects*, University of Verona, July 2019

‘The Stanford Digital Grand Tour Project: an Introduction’

- *L'Italie et l'Antiquité: imaginaire et voyage au siècle des Lumières*, Sorbonne University in Paris, June 2019

‘From Res Rustica to Enlightenment Agriculture: The Writing Blocs of John Symonds (1730–1807)’

- *L'Italie et l'Antiquité: imaginaire et voyage au siècle des Lumières*, Sorbonne University in Paris, June 2019

‘A World Made by Travel: Digitizing the Eighteenth-Century Grand Tours of Classical Italy’

- *Guangqi International Center for Scholars*, Normal University, Shanghai, June 2019

‘Paper Tours: Traveling and Writing between England and Italy in the Later Eighteenth Century’

- *CMEMS, Center for Mediaeval and Early Modern Studies*, Stanford University, January 2019

‘The Digital Grand Tour: Preserving and Transforming Print Culture Information for New Understandings of 18th-Century Travel to Italy’

- *Digital Humanities to Preserve Knowledge and Cultural Heritage: Collaborate, Compute, Share, and Visualize International Workshop*, CESTA, Stanford, April 2019

‘Climbing Snowy Aetna: antiquity, travel and the collecting of knowledge’

- The Stanford Classics Department Colloquium, November 2018

‘The Grand Tour, questions of digitizing and scale’

- *Re-Enlightenment Project: Praxis I meeting*, Stanford University, April 2018

‘Archaeology and Its History: Position Paper’

- *Post-classicism Initiative*, Department of Classics, Princeton University, February 2018

Sicilian travel and the search for the cosmopolitan Enlightenment

- Humanities Center Fellows Series Talk, Stanford, September 2017

‘Mapping the 18th-century Grand Tour of Italy *digitally*: where was the money in 18th-century travel?’

- Workshop on economic history and digital techniques, Harvard Business School, June 2017

Response for ‘Findings. Is computation changing the study of history and literature?’

- Literary Lab Second Annual Conference, Stanford University, April 2017

‘Family Ties on the Grand Tour’

- *Family Ties: Exploring Kinship and Creative Production in Nineteenth-Century Britain*, University of Otago, Dunedin NZ, February 2017

‘The Grand Tour Explorer: creating dynamic and interactive digital resource for the study of eighteenth-century travel to Italy’

- *Cesta Seminar Series at Stanford*, January 2017

Response for Archaeology and Early Modern Identities Panel

- *Mobilities and Materialities Working Group*, Townsend Center, Berkeley UC, February 2016

‘Mapping the 18th-century Grand Tour of Italy *digitally*: British Travelers and Shapes of Architecture’

- *Italian Studies Colloquium*, Brown University, December 2015

‘Early Modern Magna Graecia: antiquities and nations before the age of nationalism’,

- *The State and Its Past: Consolidating National Identities Through History, Archaeology, and Politics*, University of Chicago, October 2015

‘Athens and Jerusalem in the sixteenth-century: a tale of three cities’,

- Pre-circulated paper for *Comparing Comparatisms: Hellenism and Religious Difference*, CRASSH Sawyer Seminar, Cambridge UK, December 2014

‘Speaking of the devil: ancient genealogies for religious differences’

- Response paper for *Comparing Comparatisms: Hellenism and Religious Difference*, CRASSH Sawyer Seminar, Cambridge UK, September 2014

‘Visual Bridges to Times Past’

- Keynote lect. for *The Time is Out of Joint*, UBC CNERS Graduate Conference, Vancouver, May 2014

‘Greek History and the Early Modern Dutch Republic: Emmius’s use of Thucydides 1605-1626’

- *Reception of Herodotus and Thucydides*, Warburg/ICS conference, London (UK), March 2014

‘Verdi and Garibaldi: Heroes of the Risorgimento’

- Humanities West Conference Verdi’s Masterwork: Opera and the Birth of Modern Italy, San Francisco, November 2013

‘Original beliefs: Greek and Frisian Origins in early 17th-century Dutch historiography’

- *Problems of Faith: Belief and Promise in medieval and early modern Europe*, Berkeley, September 2013

‘On early modern histories and historians of ancient Greece’

- Lecture and seminar for *The Discovery of the Classical World(s)*, Classics Department and Mahindra Humanities Center Colloquium, Harvard University, April 2013

‘Early Modern Material Pasts: Architects, Proto-Archaeologists, and the Power of Images in the Eighteenth Century’

- Society for Classical Studies panel *What can Early Modernity do for Classics?*, New Orleans, January 2015.

‘Ancient Greek Women in Early Modern Europe’

- *An Age of Experiment: Classical Archaeology Transformed (1976-2014). Celebrating 80 Years of Anthony Snodgrass*, Cambridge UK, November 2014.