

## Serena Witzke: Curriculum Vitae

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### Education:

McMaster University - Hamilton, Ontario  
M.A. Classics (Roman Social History) 2005-2007  
Additional Language Study: Greek, Latin, German, French 2004-2005  
Honours B.A. Classics, *Summa Cum Laude* 2000-2004

### M.A. Thesis:

“Women in ‘Government’, Women in the Provinces: Roman Monarchy and Gender Tension”  
Dr. Claude Eilers, advisor  
Dr. Michele George, Dr. Sean Corner, Dr. Claude Eilers, committee members

### Awards and Honours:

#### *Internal (McMaster University):*

Ashbaugh Prestige Scholarship (top academic honours) 2005  
The A.G. McKay Prize in Classical Studies 2004  
Faculty of Humanities Dean’s Honour List 2000-2004  
The Greek Community of Burlington and District Scholarship 2004  
Varey Scholarship (Classics) 2003  
Dr. Harry Lyman Hooker Award Scholarship (top academic honours) 2003  
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1<sup>st</sup> place in Humanities Essay Contest *Paper title: The Mausoleum of Augustus.* 2002  
McMaster Entrance Scholarship 2000

#### *External:*

Golden Key International Honour Society – Lifetime Member 2001

### Publications:

*The Togo Salmon Centenary Exhibition: The Classical World and Its Influence.*  
A. G. McKay, Nikki Cormier, Serena Witzke (McMaster Museum of Art, 2005).

### Presentations:

“*The Use and Abuse of Mythological Iconography in 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Century Art in the Togo Salmon Centenary Exhibition.*” McMaster Museum of Art, October 6, 2005.  
“*Abuse of (Wo)men: Gender Tension and Roman Political Criticism.*” McMaster University, Faculty-Graduate Symposium, February 15, 2007.

### Teaching Experience:

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill, NC  
Teaching Assistant 2007 - present

McMaster University - Hamilton, Ontario 2005-2007  
Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Greek History (Classics 1L03) and Introduction to Roman History (Classics 1LL3)  
- Constructed and taught two weekly tutorials consisting of 20-30 students, which entailed focusing reading and classroom discussion to specific learning styles and abilities  
- Graded tests, assignments and essays  
- Facilitated one-on-one office hour tutoring and student evaluation

Tutor for Classics 2LL3 (Roman History) employed by the Center for Student Development

- Edited students' essays and assignments, helped improve study skills and assisted with research
- Enabled struggling students to achieve higher grades

### **Research Experience:**

McMaster University - Hamilton, Ontario

Research assistant for Dr. Claude Eilers 2005-2007

- Edited papers and compiled bibliography for the conference proceedings for the Togo Salmon conference "Diplomacy in the Roman World"
- Currently involved in various epigraphical research for Dr. Eilers' upcoming publications

Research assistant for Dr. Cashman Kerr Prince 2005

- Created additional exercises, tests and grammar guides for Introduction to Ancient Greek

Research assistant for Dr. Katherine Dunbabin 2004-2005

- Prepared slides and research for her Cornell University lecture series in 2005 on 'Conviviality and Spectacle in the Ancient World'

McMaster Museum of Art - Hamilton, Ontario 2005

Student Curator

- Exhibition: *Togo Salmon Centenary Exhibition, The Classical World and Its Influence*
- Selected, installed and researched many pieces of Classical and Classically-inspired art from the Late Roman Republican period to the modern era

### **Administrative Experience – Classics**

McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Substitute Secretary for Carmen Camilleri 2006-2007

- Answered phones, organized exams, directed new students and inquiries

### **Other/Volunteer Experience – Academic:**

UNC/Duke Classics Graduate Colloquium, UNC-Chapel Hill 2007-2008

- Aided in organization of conference entitled "Acts and Ethics of War and Violence in the Graeco-Roman World"

CUPE 3906 Union Department Steward, McMaster University 2005-2007

- Department Steward for Classics in the Teaching Assistants' local union

Classics Department graphic designer, McMaster University 2005-2007

- Conceptualized and produced the department newsletter (2005, 2006), the Classics Graduate Studies poster and brochure, Faculty-Graduate Symposia posters, AIA of Hamilton posters for lectures and events
- Served on the technology committee for the Classics department (repairing and installing software, maintaining computers, printers, scanners, other equipment)

McMaster Graduate Students Classics Conference 2005-2006

- Aided in organization of conference entitled "Strangers and Exiles in the Roman World"

Vice President and founding member of the McMaster Classics Club 2004-2005

- Organized field trips, movie nights, fundraising and other events for the Classics Club
- Facilitated peer-tutoring in Classics, Latin and Greek topics for 2 hours twice per week.

### **Modern Languages:**

German

- Reading - Advanced; Writing - Intermediate; Speaking - Intermediate
- German Reading Comprehension for Classics Examination, M.A. level – Passed
  - Intermediate German I and II - McMaster University
  - German (Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced I and II) - Waterdown District High School

French

- Reading - Intermediate; Writing - Beginners; Speaking - Beginners
- Introduction to French I and II - McMaster University

**Ancient Languages:**

Latin

- 8 terms (4 years) of undergraduate Latin
- M.A. Latin
- Ph.D. Latin Composition

Greek

- 6 terms (3 years) of undergraduate Greek
- M.A. Greek