

Curriculum Vitae of David L. Jacks II

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Education:

- University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario – Expected Fall 2028
Ph.D., Classics; Greek and Roman Literature
- Baylor University, Waco, Texas – May 2023
B.A., University Scholar; Greek, Latin; *summa cum laude*
Thesis: “Μῆτις and Δόλος in Homer and Hesiod” (Outstanding Distinction) – Advisor,
Dr. Jeffrey Fish
- Oriel College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England – Michaelmas 2022
Visiting Students Programme: Literae Humaniores; 1st Class

Scholarships:

- Connaught International Scholarship – University of Toronto | 2023-2028
- Gates Cambridge Scholarship: Finalist | 2023
- Faculty Scholarship – Baylor University | 2019-2023
- C. Clifton Robinson and Betsy Sharp Robinson Endowed Scholarship – Baylor University | 2019-2023
- Hanchey Family Classics Scholarship – Baylor University | 2021-2023
- Glennis McCrary Goodrich International Studies Scholarship – Baylor University | 2022
- Invitation to Excellence Scholarship – Baylor University | 2019

Publications:

- “Antiochus IV’s Abomination of Desolation: A Frankenstein Theory.” *The Pulse*, 19.1 (2023): 12-24
- “Character Formation as Persuasive Ethos in *Lysias I* and *III*.” *The Pulse*, 18.1 (2022): 31-42
- “Ἀγκυλομήτης Versus Μῆτις: A Thematic Word Study in the Homeric and Hesiodic Corpora.” *Philomathes*, 6.1 (2022): 54-75

Conference Presentations:

- “The River Scamander: Embodiment of Anger and Mirror of Achilles.” Presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of the CAC at the invitation of the University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba | May 14-16 2025
- “Moderation and ῥυσμός in Archilochus 128W.” Presented at the 121st Annual Meeting of CAMWS at the Invitation of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois | March 19-22, 2025
- “You Can’t Handle the Truth: Deceptive Speech and Ulterior Motives in the *Homeric Hymn to Hermes*.” Presented at the international conference “Fact and Fiction: Deceptive Discourse in Ancient Epic” hosted by the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON | April 5-6, 2024
- “Δόλος and Μῆτις in the Doloneia: An Odyssean Aristeia.” Presented at the 119th Annual Meeting of CAMWS at the Invitation of the Utah Classical Association, Provo, Utah | March 29-April 1, 2023

- “Αγκυλομήτης Versus Μητίς: What is Bent Μητίς?” Presented at the 118th Annual Meeting of CAMWS at the Invitation of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC | March 23-27, 2022
- “*Aeneid I* and the Harvard School Debate.” Presented at the Eleventh Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Classics Research Conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN | February 19, 2022

Awards:

- Ursa Small Grant – Baylor University | 2022
Research grant awarded to Dr. Jeffrey Fish, my mentor, and me to cover travel and accommodation for one week of research on three unpublished papyri in Oxford’s Oxyrhynchus Collection
- The American Classical League National Latin Exam – Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension: Perfect Score | 2023
- The American Classical League National Greek Exam – Attic Prose: Highest Honor | 2022
- Eta Sigma Phi Maureen Dallas Watkins Latin Prose Composition Contest: Honorable Mention | 2022
- Eta Sigma Phi Maureen Dallas Watkins Advanced Greek Translation Contest: 2nd Place | 2021

Service:

- University of Toronto Graduate Academic Appeals Board | Member: 2025-Present
- University of Toronto Graduate Education Council | Member: 2024-Present
- University of Toronto Classics Graduate Student Union | Vice-President: 2024-Present
- Eta Sigma Phi National Collegiate Classics Honorary Society – Gamma Omega Chapter | Vice-President: 2022-2023

Involvement:

- The Classical Association of Canada | Member: 2025-Present
- Phi Beta Kappa Society | Member: 2022-Present
- Society for Classical Studies | Member: 2022-Present
- The Classical Association of the Middle West and South | Member: 2021-Present
- Eta Sigma Phi National Collegiate Classics Honorary Society – Gamma Omega Chapter | Member: 2020-2023
- Ampersand Society – Baylor University | Member: 2020-2023

Research Experience:

- Research Trainee to Victoria Wohl – University of Toronto, Department of Classics | 2023-Present
- Research Assistant to Walid Saleh – University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion | 2023-Present
- Research Assistant to Alden Smith – Baylor University, Department of Classics | 2021-2023
- Research Assistant to Jeffrey Fish – Baylor University, Department of Classics | 2021-2023
- Research Assistant to Jeffrey Hunt – Baylor University, University Scholars Program | Spring 2022

Teaching Experience:

- Instructor – University of Toronto, Department of Classics | LAT101H1F | Fall 2025
- Teaching Assistant to Matthew Ludwig – University of Toronto, Department of Classics | CLA160H1S | Spring 2025
- Teaching Assistant to Regina Höschele – University of Toronto, Department of Classics | CLA236H1F | Fall 2023

References:

- Jonathan Burgess: Professor of Classics | University of Toronto | jonathan.burgess@utoronto.ca
- Alden Smith: Emeritus Professor of Classics | Baylor University | alden_smith@baylor.edu
- Jeffrey Fish: Associate Professor of Classics | Baylor University | jeff_fish@baylor.edu
- Juliane Kerkhecker: Grocyn Lecturer in Classics, Fellow of Oriel College | University of Oxford | juliane.kerkhecker@classics.ox.ac.uk
- Kenneth Jones: Associate Professor of Classics, Chair | Baylor University | k_r_jones@baylor.edu