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EDUCATION:

March-June, 2021 American Numismatic Society Lyceum on Roman and Ancient Greek Coins

2018 - Princeton University: **A.B. in Classics | Ancient History concentration. Certificates in Hellenic Studies, Medieval Studies and History and Practice of Diplomacy,**

- Senior thesis on “The Transformation of the Balkan Aristocracy between the 3rd and 7th centuries. Supervisors: Daniela Mairhofer and John Haldon
- Junior paper on “The Araxa Honorary Decree for Orthagoras: Dating and Historical Context.” Supervisor: Marc Domingo Gyax
- Junior paper on “Julius Vindex and the Histories of Tacitus: Memory, history, and imperial ideology.” Supervisor: Andrew Feldherr
- Independent project on “Changes in Coin Circulation in the Northern Balkans (6th-8th c.): Intersections of Economic and Scientific Evidence for the “Barbarian Invasions.” Supervisor: Alan Stahl
- Independent project on “Seleucid Serrated Coins: Questions of Reform and Dynastic Continuity.”

2013 - 2018 National High School for Ancient Languages and Cultures “St. Constantine-Cyril the Philosopher”, 5.97/6.00 diploma for secondary education

- Concentration in Latin and Italian languages
 - Study of Classical culture, mythology, history
 - Independent projects on the Pagan influences on the iconography of the Virgin Mary and on the symbiosis of cultures and religions in the Palatine Chapel of Palermo. Supervisor: Vesselina Vachkova
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

May 2021 - Histories in Transition Project. University of Vienna, Austria. **Coordinator.**

- Helped organize a number of virtual seminars on the study of Carolingian historiography, most notably the seminar on “Bede and the continent. The afterlives of Bede’s chronicles, 8th to 12th centuries in Jun 2021.”
- In the process of creating a Zotero database with more than 1000 bibliographical entries that are to serve as the foundation of an online database

Aug 2020 - Framing the Late Antique and early Medieval Economy (FLAME) Project. Princeton University, USA. **Assistant Coordinator.**

- Input over 175,000 coins from France, the Northern Balkans, and Italy into the FLAME Project’s database
- Vetted and corrected bugs from more than 500 finds from our contributors

June – July, 2020 Center for the Study of Democracy. Sofia, Sofia-city, Bulgaria. **Intern.**

- Helped prepare a policy brief on Chinese economic influence on good governance and environmental policies of countries in Central and Eastern Europe
- Preparation of materials for the “Authoritarian Shadows in the European Union” website, including evaluations of pro-authoritarian tendencies among Bulgarian Members of the European Parliament.

Sep 2018 - Princeton University Numismatic Collection. Princeton University, USA. **Cataloger.**

- Cataloged coins within the online database of the Numismatic Collection’s to make it available to a wider public
 - Prepared data from the collection’s coins to link the database to the Nomisma.org project
 - Reviewed other student’s finds to ensure consistency across the Roman, Seleucid, and Byzantine collection
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PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS:

Articles

Curto Pelle, Iliia. "The Araxa Honorary Decree for Orthogoras: Dating and Historical Context." *Richard Macksey Journal of Johns Hopkins University* 2, no. 1 (September 2021) <https://bit.ly/2Ya7nwg>.

Curto Pelle, Iliia. "The transformation of Mard ō Mard from a Persian tradition to a literary topos." *Helicon: The Yale Undergraduate Journal of Classics*. (forthcoming).

Presentations

April 2021 "The Araxa Honorary Decree for Orthogoras: Dating and Historical Context." Richard Macksey National Undergraduate Humanities Research Symposium 2021. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA.

May 2020 "A New Approach to Seleucid Serrated Coins: Questions of Reform and Dynastic Continuity." Princeton Research Day 2020. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA.

Awards

2020 2019-2020 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

2018 Award of Merit, The Outstanding Students of Bulgaria, Bulgarian Ministry of Education, Sofia

2014 / 2016 First Place, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences' Student Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia

RELEVANT SKILLS:

Languages

Bulgarian native fluency

English C2, Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), 221/230; IELTS, Band 8

Italian native fluency

Russian native fluency

German C1, Goethe-Zertifikat C1, 79.5/100

Latin academic-level (diploma for completed secondary education with specialization in Latin and Italian, 6.00/6.00 grade); SAT Latin, 800/800; participation at 2019 and 2020 Paideia Conference "Living Latin and Greek" in New York City; CLA 232 (Introduction to Medieval Latin), A grade.

Ancient Greek academic-level (diploma for completed secondary education, 6.00/6.00 grade); participation at 2019 and 2020 Paideia Conference "Living Latin and Greek" in New York City; CLA 105 (Socrates), A grade.

French B2, (diploma for completed secondary education, 6.00/6.00 grade)

Old Bulgarian academic-level (diploma for completed secondary education, 6.00/6.00 grade)

Church Slavonic academic-level (diploma for completed secondary education, 6.00/6.00 grade); SLA 422 (Church Slavonic and History of Slavic), A grade.

Ge'ez intermediate, CLA 410 (Introductory Classical Ethiopic), A grade

Digital qualifications

Frequent user of Microsoft Office Packet (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access). Proficiency with the creation and management of Zotero digital bibliographies. Experience with data organization and management. Website design. Experience organizing events on Zoom and Google Teams.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

May 2021 - Bulgarian Cultural Center of Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Delaware. **Guest lecturer**.

Jan 2020 - Princeton Charter Club. **Historian**.

Nov 2019 - Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission. **Intern**.

Sep 2018 - Princeton Studies in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages. Princeton University, USA. **Peer reviewer** since 2019, **Vice editor-in-chief** since 2020, **Editor-in-Chief** since May 2020.

2018 - 2021 Princeton University Classics Club. **President**. Leadership of the Princeton University club, responsible for preserving, cultivating, and sharing the passion for the classical past among the student body. Organization of first-ever virtual "Princeton Certamen" competition for high-school students of Latin and Greek in 2021. Preparation of letter against discrimination within the curriculum of the Classics department at Princeton.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

2021 - American Numismatic Society, member

2021 - Medieval Academy of America, member