

# Ilia Curto Pelle

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## EDUCATION:

- 2022 - University of Oxford: **MPhil in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies**
- Independent project on “Trading Goods in Justinianic Law: A Goods-driven Approach to Monetary Policy.” Supervisor: Mike Humphreys
- 2018 - 2022 Princeton University: **A.B. in Classics | Ancient History concentration. Certificates in Hellenic Studies, Medieval Studies and History and Practice of Diplomacy**, 3.98/4.00 GPA, graduated with highest honors
- Senior thesis on “The Transformation of the Balkan Aristocracy between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> centuries. Supervisors: Daniela Mairhofer and John Haldon
  - Junior paper on “The Araxa Honorary Decree for Orthagoras: Dating and Historical Context.” Supervisor: Marc Domingo Gygax
  - 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
- 2013 - 2018 National High School for Ancient Languages and Cultures “St. Constantine-Cyril the Philosopher”, **diploma for secondary education**, 5.97/6.00
- 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:

- 2022 - Dr. Michael Maas, Rice University, Houston, TX, USA. **Research Assistant.**
- Reading, checking, and editing of footnotes
  - Verification of citations from primary and secondary sources
  - Translation of text from Greek and Latin.
- 2022 - Research Assistance Support Team. Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, UK. **Administrator.**
- Management and administration of the Research Assistance Support Team
  - Processing and allocation of RA requests from faculty to team members
  - Storage and organization of RAST-related documentation
  - Gathering and reviewing of feedback. My goal is to put RAST on the SBS map and to develop an
- 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
- 2021 – 2022 Histories in Transition Project. University of Vienna, Austria. **Coordinator.**
- Organized several 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 June 2021.”
  - Created a Zotero database with more than 1000 bibliographical entries that are to serve as the foundation of an online database
- 2018 – 2022 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
  - Reviewed other student’s finds to ensure consistency across the Roman, Seleucid, and Byzantine collection and prepared the data for linking to Nomisma.org project

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**PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS:****Articles**

Curto Pelle, Iliia. "The Araxa Honorary Decree for Orthogoras: Dating and Historical Context." *The Macksey Journal* 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* (Spring 2022): 36-48, <https://bit.ly/34pmJ3U>.

**Presentations**

September 2022 "The impact of "Slavic invasions" on coin circulation in the Northern Balkans." XVI International Numismatic Congress. University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland.

March 2022 "Khan Krum and the Change of Bulgarian Grand Strategy at the Turn of the 9th Century." Colloquium of Global Medieval and Renaissance Studies. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA

January 2022 "The FLAME Project: a Digital Perspective on Early Medieval Coinage." Small Change: New Perspectives on Early Medieval Money. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK.

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**

2022 Wakeham Humanities Scholarship, St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

2022 Membership of Phi Beta Kappa (ΦBK) honor society, Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton chapter, Princeton, NJ, USA

2022 John J. Keane Prize for best senior thesis, Classics Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

2022 Judith Laffan Memorial Prize, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

2022 Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies Senior Thesis Prize, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

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

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**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)

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

Arabic intermediate, ARA 101-102 (Elementary Arabic), A+ grade

**Digital qualifications**

Frequent user of Microsoft Office Packet (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access). Proficiency with Zotero digital libraries. Proficiency with Project management software (Gantt Charts, Microsoft Teams, Teamseer)

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

2022 - The Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies, member

2021 - American Numismatic Society, member

2021 - Medieval Academy of America, member

2021 - British Institute in Ankara, member