

# Ilia Curto Pelle

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## EDUCATION:

- 2022 - University of Oxford: **MPhil in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies**
- Master thesis on “13<sup>th</sup>-century Byzantine Coin Imitations.” Supervisors: Julien Baker and Ida Toth
  - Independent project on “Trading Goods in Justinianic Law: A Goods-driven Approach to Monetary Policy.” Supervisor: Mike Humphreys
  - Independent project on “An Eternal Home away from Home: The Epigraphy of Migrant and Itinerant Merchants in the Early Byzantine Period (5th-7th c.)” Supervisor: Ida Toth
  - Independent project on “A Conceptual Model for Black Sea Trade in the 7th-10th Centuries.” Supervisor: Julien Baker
- 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
  - 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
  - Junior paper on “Julius Vindex and the Histories of Tacitus: Memory, history, and imperial ideology.” Supervisor: Andrew Feldherr
  - Junior paper on “The Araxa Honorary Decree for Orthagoras: Dating and Historical Context.” Supervisor: Marc Domingo Gygas
- 2013 - 2018 National High School for Ancient Languages and Cultures “St. Constantine-Cyril the Philosopher”, **diploma for secondary education, grade 5.97/6.00**
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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, including translations in 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 and feedback
- 2020 – Framing the Late Antique and early Medieval Economy (FLAME) Project. Princeton University, USA. **Assistant Coordinator and Member of executive committee**
- Input over 300,000 coins from France, the Northern Balkans, and Italy into the FLAME Project’s database
  - Vetted and corrected bugs from more than 1000 finds from our contributors
  - Project ambassador at international conferences and in discussions with scholars and other institutions
- 2021 – Histories in Transition Project. University of Vienna, Austria. **Coordinator.**
- Organized several virtual seminars on the study of Carolingian historiography
  - 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/2Ya7nwq>.

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

July 2023 2023 International Medieval Congress. Leeds, UK: "**The Byzantine Oikoumene: A Medieval International Society?**"

May 2023 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI, USA: "**Challenges and Perspectives for Studying the Circulation of Sassanian Coinage.**"

February 2023 98th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America. Washington, DC, USA: "**The Byzantine Oikoumene: A Medieval International Society?**"

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

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

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

### Awards

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

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

2022 John J. Keaney 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:

2023 - Oxford University Byzantine Society, secretary

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

2021 - American Numismatic Society, member

2021 - Medieval Academy of America, member