

## PhD Comprehensive Exam Reading List in GREEK and ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY

### For CLASSICS/HISTORY Stream PhD students

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#### USING THIS READING LIST

You are expected to understand the major themes in the archaeology of the primary time periods represented here, from Bronze Age Greece to Imperial Rome. Under each time period is listed “Background Reading” followed by a specific “Topic” that represents a prominent or very current debate in the archaeology of that time period.

**Background Reading:** How much you need to consult these materials depends on the background you have in archaeological and historical subjects. For instance, if you feel very shaky about the timeline, events and material culture of the Greek Iron Age, you should review and understand the material presented in these chapters. If you have a strong background in Imperial Rome, perhaps you only need to skim those chapters to be sure you have everything covered. The sources listed here cover the important archaeological remains that you will want to understand, as well as chapters on the historical context that will be needed to understand the socio-political motivations for the construction of buildings, monuments and art left behind in the archaeological record.

**Topic:** For each time period a topic has been chosen that is a prominent or very current debate in the discipline about that time period. You are expected to understand the nature of that debate, the primary scholars who have contributed to it, and the major arguments about the subject. Please be prepared to answer questions about this debate specifically or to insert these ideas into a much broader question about Greek or Roman archaeology.

#### OVERVIEW TOPIC

##### **What is Classical Archaeology?**

Where are the borders of the discipline? How does this fit with other disciplines like Art History, Ancient History and Anthropological Archaeology?

1. Snodgrass. 2012. "What is Classical Archaeology? Greek Archaeology," in S.E. Alcock and R. Osborne (eds.) *Classical Archaeology* 2nd ed. (Wiley-Blackwell) 13-29.
2. M. Millett. 2012. "What is Classical Archaeology? Roman Archaeology," in S.E. Alcock and R. Osborne (eds.) *Classical Archaeology* 2nd ed. (Wiley-Blackwell) 30-47.
3. M. Squire. 2012. "Classical Archaeology and the Contexts of Art History," in S.E. Alcock and R. Osborne (eds.) *Classical Archaeology* 2nd ed. (Wiley-Blackwell) 468-500.
4. R. Laurence. 2012. *Roman Archaeology for Historians* (Routledge). Chapter 1: "Questions of Evidence"; Chapter 2: "Dialogues of Academic Difference" pp. 1-23.

## **BRONZE AGE GREECE**

### **Background Reading:**

- J. Pedley. 2011. *Greek Art and Archaeology*, 5th ed. (Prentice Hall): Chapter 2 "The Middle Bronze Age c. 2000—1550 BC"; Chapter 3 "The Late Bronze Age c. 1550—1100 BC."
- D. Preziosi and L.A. Hitchcock. 1999. *Aegean Art and Architecture* (Oxford)
- S. Pomeroy et al. 2012. "Early Greece and the Bronze Age," in *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History* (Oxford) Chapter 1.

### **Topic: Political, social, and economic networks**

What is network analysis and how is it used to help understand complex systems? How do we reconstruct economies of ancient societies?

1. Halstead, Paul. 2007. "Toward a model of Mycenaean palatial mobilization," In Michael L. Galaty and William A. Parkinson (eds), *Rethinking Mycenaean Palaces II: Revised and Expanded Second Edition*. Los Angeles: The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology. 66-73.
2. Morris, Ian. 2005. "Archaeology, standards of living, and Greek economic history," In J.G. Manning and Ian Morris (eds.), *The Ancient Economy: Evidence and Models*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. 91-126.
3. Brughmans, T. 2010. "Connecting the dots: towards archaeological network analysis," *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* 29.3, 277-303.
4. Knappett, Carl, Tim Evans and Ray Rivers. 2008. "Modeling maritime interaction in the Aegean Bronze Age," *Antiquity* 82, issue 318, 1009-1024.
5. Galaty, M.L., Nakassis, D. and Parkinson, W.A. 2016. "Introduction." Discussion and Debate: Reciprocity in Aegean Palatial Societies: Gifts, Debt, and the Foundations of Economic Exchange" *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 29.1: 61-132.

## **IRON AGE-ARCHAIC GREECE**

### **Background Reading:**

- J. Pedley. 2011. *Greek Art and Archaeology*, 5th ed. (Prentice Hall): Chapter 4 "The Dark Age and Geometric Greece c. 1100—700 BC"; Chapter 5 "The Orientalizing Period c. 700—600 BC"; Chapter 6 "Archaic Greece c. 600—480 BC."
- A.M. Snodgrass. 2000. *The Dark Age of Greece* (Routledge)
- J. Boardman. 1991. *Greek Sculpture: The Archaic Period* (Thames & Hudson)
- S. Pomeroy et al. 2012. *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History* (Oxford): Chapter 2 "The 'Dark Age' of Greece and the Eight-century 'Renaissance' (ca. 1200-750/700,"); Chapter 3 "Archaic Greece (c. 750/700-480)."

### **TOPIC: Collapse and reemergence of complex society**

What does collapse mean? ( doe)-10(s )25(c) RI-712 048B230044>100051004A00481200B4>100003JFJETQq0.00000912



S. Pomeroy et al. 2012. *Ancient Greece: A Political, Social, and Cultural History* (Oxford): Chapter 10 "Phillip II and the Rise of Macedon"; Chapter 11: Alexander the Great; Chapter 12: Alexander's Successors and the Cosmopolis.

\*No special topic for Hellenistic Greece. Just know the background of the period and its archaeology.

## **ARCHAIC and EARLY REPUBLICAN ROME**

### **Background Preparation:**

N. Ramage and A. Ramage. 2015. *Roman Art*, 6th ed. (Pearson). Chapter 2 "The Roman Republic"

R.R. Holloway. 1994. *The Archaeology of Early Rome and Latium* (Routledge)

T.J. Cornell. 1995. *The Beginnings of Rome: Italy and Rome from the Bronze Age to the Punic Wars (c. 1000-264 BC)* (Routledge)

Boatwright-Gargola-Lenski-Talbert. 2011. *The Romans from Village to Empire* (Oxford) Second edition. Chapters 1-8.

Mario Torelli, 1988. "Archaic Rome between Latium and Etruria," *The Cambridge Ancient History* VII, 2 (Cambridge).

### **TOPIC: State formation and the rise of Rome**

What are the primary factors in the process of a small settlement becoming a large 'State'? What are the archaeological indicators of this growth and status? What factors came into play specifically in Rome and how did this dictate the organization of the city?

1. L. Motta and N. Terrenato. 2006. "The Origins of the State *par excellence*: Power and Society in Iron Age Rome," In C. Haselgrove (ed.) *Cambridge (Cambridge, 7-8 juillet 2005)* (Glux-en-Glenne: Bibracte) 225-234.
2. D. Haggis and N. Terrenato. 2011. "Introduction," in D. Haggis and N. Terrenato (eds.) *State Formation in Italy and Greece: Questioning the Neoevolutionist Paradigm* (Oxbow)
3. Ammerman. 2011. "Relocating the center: a comparative study," in D. Haggis and N. Terrenato (eds.) *State Formation in Italy and Greece: Questioning the Neoevolutionist Paradigm* (Oxbow) Ch. 14.
4. Ammerman. 1990. "On the origins of the Forum Romanum," *American Journal of Archaeology* 94, 627-45.
5. Ammerman. 1996. "The *Comitium* in Rome from the beginning," *American Journal of Archaeology* 100, 121-136.

## **LATE REPUBLIC and EARLY IMPERIAL ROME**

### **Background Reading:**

N. Ramage and A. Ramage. 2015. *Roman Art*, 6th ed. (Pearson). Chapter 3 "Augustus and the Imperial Idea"; Chapter 4 "The Julio-Claudians."

J.S. Richardson. 2012. *Augustan Rome 44BC to AD 14: The Restoration of the Republic and the Establishment of the Empire* (Edinburgh)

Boatwright-Gargola-Lenski-Talbert. 2011. *The Romans from Village to Empire* (Oxford) Second edition. Chapters 9-10.

**TOPIC: Images as power and visual language in Rome**

How do Rome's politicians of the late Republic and early empire use images as propaganda? What are the most successful building programs? How do the overall messages of different individuals vary or agree? How does the Roman use of the built environment differ from that of 5th century Athens?

1. T. Hölscher. 2004. *The Language of Images in Roman Art* (Cambridge). "Introduction," "The Greek Paradigm" and "The Monuments: How the language works" pp. 1-