

TOM FRANCIS

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EDUCATION

- SEPT 2021–
PRESENT PhD Candidate in Classics, [Graduate Certificate](#) in Indo-European Studies
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
- MAY 2021 M.A. in Classical Languages, Concentration in Greek
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER
- MAY 2019 Certificate in Classical Languages
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
- MAY 2018 B.A. Majors in Latin & Greek, Minor in Business Administration
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

WORKING DISSERTATION TITLE

An Interdisciplinary Network Analysis of the Inscriptional Record in Ancient Italy

Chairs: Chris Johanson & David Goldstein

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & GUEST LECTURES

- SEPTEMBER XX, 2026 “Modeling Alphabet Diffusion and Community Interactions in Ancient Italy with Spatiotemporal Point Processes.” (w/ Muhammad Rehan) The Connected Past 2026, Toronto, Canada.
- MARCH 13, 2026 “Prose Rhythm and Punctuation as an Interpretive Tool in Diogenes of Oinoanda.” 122nd Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Mobile, AL.
- JANUARY 31, 2026 “Lost Connections: Etruscan Inscriptions in North Africa.” Unseen and Unheard: Lost Voices and Visages from the Ancient Mediterranean World, Boulder, CO.
- JANUARY 8, 2026 “Alphabets and Language Erasure: The Continuation of Roman Conquest in Modern Editions of Italic Languages.” Society for Classical Studies 2026, San Francisco, CA.
- NOVEMBER 21, 2025 “The Wandering Whom? Medical and Mystical Displacement of the Womb in Apuleius’ *Galli* Account.” Imaginations of the Womb—Uterine Imaginaries, Princeton, NJ.

- SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 "All Roads Lead to Veii: Using Networks to Contextualize Etruscan Inscriptions in Anagnina." The Connected Past 2025, Coimbra, Portugal.
- AUGUST 21, 2025 "Issues of Lexical Cognacy Encoding in IE-CoR." (w/ Klaus Kim, Laura McLean, & Muhammad Rehan) 27th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Santiago de Chile.
- MAY 7, 2025 "Introduction to the Etruscan Language and its Epigraphic Context." (Guest Lecture) Etruscan Art and Archaeology Course, Los Angeles, CA.
- MARCH 20, 2025 "Don't Sleep on Dreams: Medical Dream Interpretation in Galen and Aristides." 121st Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- MARCH 30, 2023 "A Semantic Reappraisal of Umbrian *-nky- Perfects." 119th Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Provo, UT.
- MAY 29, 2020 "Problems of Verbal Aspect in New Testament Greek: The Perfect Participle." 116th Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Online.

TEACHING

- SUMMER 2026 Origins and Nature of English Vocabulary (INSTRUCTOR), UCLA
- SUMMER 2025 Origins and Nature of English Vocabulary (INSTRUCTOR), UCLA
- SUMMER 2024 Origins and Nature of English Vocabulary (INSTRUCTOR), UCLA
- SPRING 2024 Latin 3 (CO-INSTRUCTOR), UCLA
- WINTER 2024 Latin 2 (CO-INSTRUCTOR), UCLA
- FALL 2023 Latin 1 (CO-INSTRUCTOR), UCLA
- AY 2023-2024 8th Grade Greek (INSTRUCTOR), Trinity Preparatory School (Online)
- SUMMER 2023 Intensive Summer Greek (CO-INSTRUCTOR), UCLA
- SPRING 2023 Discovering the Romans (TA), UCLA
- WINTER 2023 Ancient Greek and Roman Medicine (TA), UCLA
- FALL 2022 Discovering the Greeks (TA), UCLA

SPRING 2021	Modern Issues, Ancient Times: Race & Antiquity (TA), CU Boulder
FALL 2020	Topics in History: Alexander the Great (TA), CU Boulder
SUMMER 2020	Greek and Roman Mythology (TA), CU Boulder
SPRING 2020	Rise and Fall of Rome (TA), CU Boulder
FALL 2019	Bread and Circuses: Roman Culture and Politics (TA), CU Boulder

GRANTS & AWARDS

AY 2024–2025	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Award Advisor: Dr. Hannah Čulík-Baird
SUMMER 2024	UCLA Keck Humanistic Inquiry Research Award Advisor: Dr. David Goldstein
SUMMER 2022	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award Advisor: Dr. Brent Vine
SUMMER 2020	CU Boulder Benson Center Language Study Grant
SUMMER 2020	CU Boulder Hunter Rawlings Award
SPRING 2018	University of Richmond A&S Symposium Paper Competition Award
SPRING 2018	University of Richmond Tanner Medal for Excellence in Greek
SUMMER 2017	University of Richmond Undergraduate Research Fellow

SERVICE

CURRENT	DataX Stacks Xchange Co-Organizer
2025-2026	UCLA Classics Graduate Workshop Organizer
2023-2024	UCLA Classics Graduate Student Mentor
2022-2023	UCLA Classics Graduate Student Representative
2020-2021	CU Boulder Classics Graduate Student Event Co-Organizer

RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS

FALL 2024–PRESENT Book Proofreading, Bibliography Compilation, Data Collection
Dr. Alex Purves

WINTER 2024–PRESENT Homeric and Inscriptional Greek Data Collection
Dr. David Goldstein

LANGUAGES

ITALIAN Academic Reading Proficiency Demonstrated on Departmental Exam (Spring 2025)
Beginner Speaking Proficiency (1 Year of Coursework in 2019)

GERMAN Academic Reading Proficiency Demonstrated on Departmental Exam (Fall 2022)
Low-Intermediate Speaking Proficiency

LATIN Advanced Reading Proficiency Demonstrated on Departmental Exam (Fall 2024)

GREEK Advanced Reading Proficiency Demonstrated on Departmental Exam (Fall 2023)

ETRUSCAN Reading Proficiency

FALISCAN Reading Proficiency

SABELLIC LANGUAGES Reading Proficiency

LINEAR B Reading Proficiency

OLD ENGLISH Reading Proficiency

COMPUTER SKILLS

OPERATING SYSTEMS Windows, MacOS, Linux

LANGUAGES AND PROGRAMS Python, Jupyter, Gephi, QGIS, R & RStudio, $\LaTeX$, Microsoft Office

ADDITIONAL TRAINING COURSES

SEPTEMBER 2025 [Connected Past](#) Networks Workshop, Coimbra, Portugal

JUNE 2026 [InkCode 2](#) Digital Humanities Course, Florence, Italy

SEPTEMBER 2026 [Connected Past](#) Networks Workshop, Toronto, Canada