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Education information

2014– Doctoral researcher at the University of Helsinki majoring in Latin Language and Roman Literature Title of doctoral dissertation: *Occasions and Motives for Sacred Dedications in Antiquity*

My doctoral dissertation analyses the reasons for dedicating votive gifts to the gods, and the expression of those reasons in Greek and Roman votive inscriptions. My research is twofold. The first part will analyse the expressions themselves; the vocabulary and syntax of the inscriptions, and pictorial representations. This part will be data-driven and descriptive in nature. The second part will concentrate on a more historical and qualitative approach, analysing the votive practise in the Greco-Roman world in the light of my research material.

2008–2013 Master of Arts (majoring in Latin Language and Roman Literature, and minoring in Greek Language and Literature, and Classical Archaeology)

Master's thesis: *Votive Inscriptions Dedicated to Asclepius* (in Finnish: *Asklepiokselle omistetut votiivipiirtokirjoitukset*)

2005–2008 Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Latin Language and Roman Literature, and minoring in Greek Language and Literature, and Classical Archaeology)

Other academic training:

5.7.2024 Data Driven Classics: Exploring the Power of Shared Datasets, King's College London

4.10.–30.11.2021 Kypros kulttuurien kohtaamispaikkana (Cyprus - meeting place of cultures), course organized by the Finnish Institute in Rome, the Finnish Institute at Athens, and The Finnish Institute in the Middle East

8.–11.4.2019 EpiDoc and Treebanking training workshop, University of Helsinki

12.10.2018 Basic studies in Modern Greek, University of Helsinki

3.–7.7.2017 Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School, University of Oxford

18.1.–7.2.2016 Workshop on scientific methodology in classical and medieval studies, Finnish Institute in Rome

18.2.–12.5.2013 Course in scientific research in classical studies, Finnish Institute in Rome

27.10.–6.12.2011 Advanced course in classical archaeology in Athens, University of Helsinki and the Finnish Institute at Athens

21.8.–4.9.2011 European summer school in epigraphy in Poitiers

8.9.–19.10.2008 Course in classical studies organized by the Finnish Institute in Rome and the Finnish Institute at Athens

Employment

Doctoral Researcher, Doctoral Programme in History and Cultural Heritage

University of Helsinki

Finland

26 Mar 2014 → present

Department of Cultures

University of Helsinki

Finland

1 Jan 2018 → present

Administrative and communications assistant

The Foundation of the Finnish Institute in the Middle East

Finland

1 Aug 2024 → present

Publications

Harrastivatko muinaiset roomalaiset sukututkimusta?

Aho, L., 8 Dec 2024, In: Suku : lehti sukututkijoille. 2024, 4, 7 p.

Johannes Sundwall: Antiikin aatteen mies

Aho, L., 25 Oct 2018, *Utile dulci: Antiikin kulttuurin opetuksesta ja harrastuksesta*. Kuivalainen, I., Pietilä-Castrén, L. & Selkokari, H. (eds.). 50 ed. Helsinki: Taidehistorian seura - Föreningen för konsthistoria, p. 64-75 12 p. (Taidehistoriallisia Tutkimuksia; no. 50).

Terveyttä jumalia lahjomalla

Aho, L., 8 Jun 2018, In: Suomen lääkärilehti. 73, 23, p. 1535 1 p.

Tracing motives for votive offerings in Greek and Roman votive inscriptions

Aho, L., 2017

Aias Telamonin poika: Homeroksen traaginen sankari

Aho, L., 2016, In: Helikon : Suomen Ateenan-instituutin ystävien jäsenlehti. 1, p. 2-7 6 p.

Lahjoja jumalille

Aho, L. K., 2016, In: Roma : Villa Lanten ystävien vuosikirja. XV , p. 86-94 9 p.

Implying and expressing motives for sacred dedications

Aho, L. K., 2015.

Asklepiokselle omistetut votiivi- ja piirtokirjoitukset

Aho, L. K., 2013, 138 p.

Symposium – Annales maximi minimiqve: Symposium ry:n ensimmäiset viisikymmentä vuotta

Aho, L. (Editor), 2010, 115 p.

Activities**Data Driven Classics: Exploring the Power of Shared Datasets**

Aho, L. (Attendee)

5 Jul 2024

Private Material Religion across Cultures

Aho, L. (Attendee)

6 Jun 2024 → 7 Jun 2024

Aias – heeros myytin ja materian välissä

Aho, L. (Speaker)

26 Feb 2024

Legacies of the Roman Republic: Law, text, and Spaces

Aho, L. (Attendee)

18 Jan 2024 → 19 Jan 2024

Julius noster

Aho, L. (Attendee)

8 Sept 2023

76e session de la Société Internationale Fernand De Visscher pour l'Histoire des Droits de l'Antiquité

Aho, L. (Attendee)

22 Aug 2023 → 26 Aug 2023

Finnish Institute at Athens

Aho, L. (Visiting researcher)
18 Apr 2023 → 30 May 2023

Antiikintutkimuksen verkosto - Finnish Network for the Study of the Ancient World (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Member)
5 Apr 2023 → ...

Syynilmaisun valitseminen kreikan- ja latinankielisissä dedikaatioissa

Aho, L. (Speaker)
27 Jan 2023

Antiikintutkimuksen päivät

Aho, L. (Attendee)
26 Jan 2023 → 27 Jan 2023

Lahjoja jumalille – votiivilahjan antamisen syyt piirtokirjoituksissa

Aho, L. (Speaker)
4 Aug 2022

Cyprus - meeting place of cultures

Aho, L. (Attendee)
4 Oct 2021 → 30 Nov 2021

Current Trends in (Digital) Epigraphy

Aho, L. (Attendee)
1 Oct 2021

ENCODE Project Conference

Aho, L. (Attendee)
25 Jan 2021

Kulttuuri-, mielipide- ja tiedelehtien liitto Kultti ry (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Member)
2021 → 2024

HCAS Symposium Mediterranean Flows

Aho, L. (Attendee)
10 Dec 2020 → 11 Dec 2020

L'Egitto in ottica romana. Indagini sulla cultura materiale

Aho, L. (Attendee)
4 Sept 2020 → 5 Sept 2020

Votiivilahjan antamisen syyn ilmaiseminen kreikan- ja latinankielisissä votiivipiirtokirjoituksissa

Aho, L. (Speaker)
25 Jan 2020

Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Member)
2020 → ...

Spaces of Roman Constitutionalism

Aho, L. (Attendee)

26 Sept 2019 → 28 Sept 2019

The authorship and manufacturing of inscribed dedications

Aho, L. (Speaker)

13 Sept 2019

Expressing and implying motives for votive offerings

Aho, L. (Speaker)

25 Jul 2019

Institutum Romanum Finlandiae

Aho, L. (Visiting researcher)

12 Jun 2019 → 7 Jul 2019

EpiDoc and Treebanking training workshop

Aho, L. (Attendee)

8 Apr 2019 → 11 Apr 2019

Expressing motives for dedicating in Greek and Roman dedications

Aho, L. (Speaker)

21 Feb 2019

Implying and expressing motives for dedicating in Greek and Roman votive inscriptions

Aho, L. (Speaker)

10 Dec 2018

Johannes Sundwall - antiikin aatteen mies

Aho, L. (Speaker)

27 Nov 2018

Passages from Antiquity to Middle Ages

Aho, L. (Attendee)

23 Aug 2018 → 25 Aug 2018

Digital Grammar of Greek Documentary Papyri, "PapyGreek"

Aho, L. (Attendee)

7 Jun 2018 → 8 Jun 2018

Finnish Institute at Athens

Aho, L. (Visiting researcher)

3 Apr 2018 → 5 Jun 2018

Ancient Digital Humanities

Aho, L. (Attendee)

6 Mar 2018

Votum solvit - expressing the motives for votive offerings in sacred dedications

Aho, L. (Speaker)

8 Feb 2018

Votum solvit - occasions for votive offerings in antiquity

Aho, L. (Speaker)

24 Nov 2017

DHOxSS - Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School 2017

Aho, L. (Attendee)
3 Jul 2017 → 7 Jul 2017

Latin and the Republic of Letters, Diachronic Concepts of Education from Oral Tradition to Digital Humanities (LEDH)

Aho, L. (Attendee)
4 May 2017 → 5 May 2017

Revisiting Cauponae, Material culture and social space in Roman bars and inns

Aho, L. (Attendee)
20 May 2016

New work on South Italy and Sicily

Aho, L. (Attendee)
28 Apr 2016

On research methods in classical philology and archaeology

Aho, L. (Speaker)
15 Feb 2016

Occasions and Motives for Sacred Dedications in Antiquity

Aho, L. (Speaker)
11 Feb 2016

EAGLE2016 - International Conference on Digital and Traditional Epigraphy in Context

Aho, L. (Attendee)
27 Jan 2016 → 29 Jan 2016

Workshop on scientific methodology in classical and medieval studies

Aho, L. (Attendee)
18 Jan 2016 → 7 Feb 2016

Using the past: Romanists, totalitarianism and its legacy

Aho, L. (Attendee)
22 Oct 2015 → 23 Oct 2015

Institutum Romanum Finlandiae - Suomen Rooman instituutti

Aho, L. (Visiting researcher)
1 Aug 2015 → 30 Jul 2016

Arctos : Acta Philologica Fennica (Journal)

Aho, L. (Reviewer)
2015

Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Board member)
2015 → 2019

Institutum Romanum Finlandiae

Aho, L. (Visiting researcher)
16 Jun 2014 → 15 Jul 2014

Emperors and the Divine - Rome and its Influence

Aho, L. (Attendee)

30 Jan 2014 → 31 Jan 2014

PhD students at the University of Helsinki HYVÄT (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Member)

2014 → ...

Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Secretary)

2014 → 2015

Evolution of the cult of Asclepius

Aho, L. (Speaker)

13 Nov 2013

Course in scientific research in classical studies

Aho, L. (Attendee)

18 Feb 2013 → 12 May 2013

Suomen Klassillis-filologinen yhdistys (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Member)

2010 → ...

Symposium ry (External organisation)

Aho, L. (Chair)

2008 → 2010

Grants, fellowships and awards:

2023	Doctoral School in Humanities and Social Sciences - HYMY Travel Grant (700 €)
2020	Doctoral School in Humanities and Social Sciences- financial support (427 €)
2020	Doctoral School in Humanities and Social Sciences' travel grant (800 €)
2019	Doctoral School in Humanities and Social Sciences' travel grant (985 €)
2016	AMNE (Ancient Near East and Mediterranean) award (1500 €)
2015	Wihuri-fellowship in Rome (22.000 €)
2015	AMNE (Ancient Near East and Mediterranean) award (1500 €)
2014	Finnish Cultural Foundation's grant (22.000 €)
2014	AMNE (Ancient Near East and Mediterranean) award (1000 €)

Student community

Student Society for Classics (Symposion), University of Helsinki:

President 2008– 2010

Vice-president 2007

Editor for the magazine Rostra 2006–2012

Other relevant work experience

16.12.2016– Publicist, The Genealogical Society of Finland

1.1.2014–1.6.2015 Communications assistant, The Genealogical Society of Finland

1.1.–1.6.2011 Project manager of family society survey, The Genealogical Society of Finland

12.10.–19.11.2010 Librarian (substitute) at the Genealogical Society of Finland

19.5.–17.8.2008 Assistant at the library of the Faculty of arts, University of Helsinki

1.6.2007–1.1.2014 Assistant librarian at the Genealogical Society of Finland

31.7–31.8.2006 Assistant, Turku Adult Education Centre

Relevant job skills (in addition to academic research):

•Organising events

I have experience in organising different types of events from formal dinners (up to 150 persons) to educational courses and mass events (up to 2000 persons). I have also been responsible for organising webinars and online events (with Zoom) and recording and editing lectures.

•Social media presence and marketing

I have been responsible for the social media and marketing (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Flickr) in my role as a publicist. I have also been responsible for creating, maintaining, and updating websites and an online shop. I'm also responsible for editing and sending newsletters (MailChimp).

•Layout, editing, and graphic design

I have experience in layout for magazines, books, and marketing materials (using InDesign). I have also edited articles and books, and designed posters, flyers, book covers, and other marketing materials. I am the editor in chief of the Genealogical Society's digital magazine Jalmari.