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Education information

2013– PhD candidate 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:

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 student, 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

Publicist

Suomen Sukututkimusseura ry

Finland

16 Dec 2016 → present

Publications

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 lääkäri-lehti. 73, 23, p. 1535 1 p.

Tracing motives for votive offerings in Greek and Roman votive inscriptions

Aho, L., 2017

Aias Telamonin poika

Aho, L., 2016, In: Helikon : Suomen Ateenan-instituutin ystävien jäsenlehti. 2016, 1

Lahjoja jumalille

Aho, L. K., 2016, *ROMA : Villa Lanten ystävien vuosikirja*. Vol. XV . p. 86-94 9 p.

Implying and expressing motives for sacred dedications

Aho, L. K., 2015.

Asklepiokselle omistetut votiivipiirtokirjoitukset

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

Activities

Current Trends in (Digital) Epigraphy

Laura Aho (Attendee)

1 Oct 2021

ENCODE Project Conference

Laura Aho (Attendee)

25 Jan 2021

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

Laura Aho (Member)

2021 → ...

HCAS Symposium Mediterranean Flows

Laura Aho (Attendee)

10 Dec 2020 → 11 Dec 2020

L'Egitto in ottica romana. Indagini sulla cultura materiale

Laura Aho (Attendee)

4 Sep 2020 → 5 Sep 2020

Votiivilahjan antamisen syyn ilmaiseminen kreikan- ja latinankielisissä votiivipiirtokirjoituksissa

Laura Aho (Speaker)

25 Jan 2020

Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (External organisation)

Laura Aho (Member)

2020 → ...

Spaces of Roman Constitutionalism

Laura Aho (Attendee)

26 Sep 2019 → 28 Sep 2019

The authorship and manufacturing of inscribed dedications

Laura Aho (Speaker)

13 Sep 2019

Expressing and implying motives for votive offerings

Laura Aho (Speaker)

25 Jul 2019

Institutum Romanum Finlandiae

Laura Aho (Visiting researcher)

12 Jun 2019 → 7 Jul 2019

EpiDoc and Treebanking training workshop

Laura Aho (Attendee)

8 Apr 2019 → 11 Apr 2019

Expressing motives for dedicating in Greek and Roman dedications

Laura Aho (Speaker)

21 Feb 2019

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

Laura Aho (Speaker)

10 Dec 2018

Johannes Sundwall - antiikin aatteen mies

Laura Aho (Speaker)

27 Nov 2018

Passages from Antiquity to Middle Ages

Laura Aho (Attendee)

23 Aug 2018 → 25 Aug 2018

Digital Grammar of Greek Documentary Papyri, "PapyGreek"

Laura Aho (Attendee)

7 Jun 2018 → 8 Jun 2018

Finnish Institute at Athens

Laura Aho (Visiting researcher)

3 Apr 2018 → 5 Jun 2018

Ancient Digital Humanities

Laura Aho (Attendee)

6 Mar 2018

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

Laura Aho (Speaker)

8 Feb 2018

Votum solvit - occasions for votive offerings in antiquity

Laura Aho (Speaker)

24 Nov 2017

DHOxSS - Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School 2017

Laura Aho (Attendee)

3 Jul 2017 → 7 Jul 2017

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

Laura Aho (Attendee)

4 May 2017 → 5 May 2017

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

Laura Aho (Attendee)

20 May 2016

New work on South Italy and Sicily

Laura Aho (Attendee)

28 Apr 2016

On research methods in classical philology and archaeology

Laura Aho (Speaker)

15 Feb 2016

Occasions and Motives for Sacred Dedications in Antiquity

Laura Aho (Speaker)

11 Feb 2016

EAGLE2016 - International Conference on Digital and Traditional Epigraphy in Context

Laura Aho (Attendee)

27 Jan 2016 → 29 Jan 2016

Workshop on scientific methodology in classical and medieval studies

Laura Aho (Attendee)

18 Jan 2016 → 7 Feb 2016

Using the past: Romanists, totalitarianism and its legacy

Laura Aho (Attendee)

22 Oct 2015 → 23 Oct 2015

Institutum Romanum Finlandiae - Suomen Rooman instituutti

Laura Aho (Visiting researcher)

1 Aug 2015 → 30 Jul 2016

Arctos : Acta Philologica Fennica (Journal)

Laura Aho (Reviewer)

2015

Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (External organisation)

Laura Aho (Board member)

2015 → 2019

Institutum Romanum Finlandiae

Laura Aho (Visiting researcher)

16 Jun 2014 → 15 Jul 2014

Emperors and the Divine - Rome and its Influence

Laura Aho (Attendee)

30 Jan 2014 → 31 Jan 2014

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

Laura Aho (Member)

2014 → ...

Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (External organisation)

Laura Aho (Secretary)

2014 → 2015

Evolution of the cult of Asclepius

Laura Aho (Speaker)

13 Nov 2013

Course in scientific research in classical studies

Laura Aho (Attendee)

18 Feb 2013 → 12 May 2013

Suomen Klassillis-filologinen yhdistys (External organisation)

Laura Aho (Member)

2010 → ...

Grants, fellowships and awards:

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.