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## Utbildning 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

## Anställning

### Doktorand, Doktorandprogrammet i historia och kultursarv

Helsingfors universitet

Finland

26 mar 2014 → present

### Avdelningen för kulturer

Helsingfors universitet

Finland

1 jan 2018 → present

### Informatör

Suomen Sukututkimusseura ry

Finland

16 dec 2016 → present

## Publikationer

### Johannes Sundwall: Antiikin aatteen mies

Aho, L., 25 okt 2018, *Utile dulci: Antiikin kulttuurin opetuksesta ja harrastuksesta*. Kuivalainen, I., Pietilä-Castrén, L. & Selkokari, H. (red.). 50 red. Helsinki: Taidehistorian seura - Föreningen för konsthistoria, s. 64-75 12 s. (Taidehistoriallisia Tutkimuksia; nr. 50).

### **Terveyttä jumalia lahjomalla**

Aho, L., 8 jun 2018, I: Suomen lääkäri-lehti. 73, 23, s. 1535-1541 s.

### **Tracing motives for votive offerings in Greek and Roman votive inscriptions**

Aho, L., 2017

### **Aias Telamonin poika**

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

### **Lahjoja jumalille**

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

### **Implying and expressing motives for sacred dedications**

Aho, L. K., 2015.

### **Asklepiokselle omistetut votiivipiirtokirjoitukset**

Aho, L. K., 2013, 138 s.

## **Aktiviteter**

### **Current Trends in (Digital) Epigraphy**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

1 okt 2021

### **ENCODE Project Conference**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

25 jan 2021

### **Kulttuuri-, mielipide- ja tiedelehtien liitto Kultti ry (Extern organisation)**

Laura Aho (Medlem)

2021 → ...

### **HCAS Symposium Mediterranean Flows**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

10 dec 2020 → 11 dec 2020

### **L'Egitto in ottica romana. Indagini sulla cultura materiale**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

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 (Extern organisation)**

Laura Aho (Medlem)

2020 → ...

### **Spaces of Roman Constitutionalism**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

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 (Besökande forskare)

12 jun 2019 → 7 jul 2019

**EpiDoc and Treebanking training workshop**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

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 (Närvarande)

23 aug 2018 → 25 aug 2018

**Digital Grammar of Greek Documentary Papyri, "PapyGreek"**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

7 jun 2018 → 8 jun 2018

**Finnish Institute at Athens**

Laura Aho (Besökande forskare)

3 apr 2018 → 5 jun 2018

**Ancient Digital Humanities**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

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 (Närvarande)

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 (Närvarande)

4 maj 2017 → 5 maj 2017

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

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

20 maj 2016

**New work on South Italy and Sicily**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

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 (Närvarande)

27 jan 2016 → 29 jan 2016

**Workshop on scientific methodology in classical and medieval studies**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

18 jan 2016 → 7 feb 2016

**Using the past: Romanists, totalitarianism and its legacy**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

22 okt 2015 → 23 okt 2015

**Institutum Romanum Finlandiae - Suomen Rooman instituutti**

Laura Aho (Besökande forskare)

1 aug 2015 → 30 jul 2016

**Arctos : Acta Philologica Fennica (Tidskrift)**

Laura Aho (Referentgranskare)

2015

**Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (Extern organisation)**

Laura Aho (Styrelsemedlem)

2015 → 2019

**Institutum Romanum Finlandiae**

Laura Aho (Besökande forskare)

16 jun 2014 → 15 jul 2014

**Emperors and the Divine - Rome and its Influence**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

30 jan 2014 → 31 jan 2014

### **PhD students at the University of Helsinki HYVÄT (Extern organisation)**

Laura Aho (Medlem)

2014 → ...

### **Suomen Ateenan-Instituutin ystävät ry (Extern organisation)**

Laura Aho (Sekreterare)

2014 → 2015

### **Evolution of the cult of Asclepius**

Laura Aho (!!Speaker)

13 nov 2013

### **Course in scientific research in classical studies**

Laura Aho (Närvarande)

18 feb 2013 → 12 maj 2013

### **Suomen Klassillis-filologinen yhdistys (Extern organisation)**

Laura Aho (Medlem)

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.