

Bret Devereaux

Curriculum Vitae

CB #3195

Pauli Murray Hall

UNC-Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC 27599

devereau@live.unc.edu / 703-965-0192

Education:

2018 Ph.D., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Dissertation: "The Material and Social Costs of Roman Warfare in the Third and Second Centuries B.C.E.," supervised by Richard Talbert

2011 M.A., Classical Civilizations, Florida State University

2007 B.A., History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Journal Articles:

2020 "Strategy and Cost: Carthaginian Naval Strategy in the First Punic War Reappraised," *Historia* 69.4 (2020): 459-481

Papers Presented:

2021 Presented "The Cutting Edge: The Adoption and Impact of Mail Body Armor in the Roman Republic" at the 2021 Society for Military History Annual Meeting

2020 Presented "Mail Armor in the Middle Republic: Adoption, Prevalence and Impact" at the 2020 Society for Classical Studies/Archaeological Institute of America Joint Annual Meeting

2018 Presented "Carthaginian Strategy and Expenses in the First Punic War" at the 2018 Society for Classical Studies/Archaeological Institute of America Joint Annual Meeting

2016 Presented "Reassessing Polybius on Naval Power in the First Punic War" at the 2016 Classical Association of the Middle-West and South Annual Meeting

2016 Presented "Costs Beyond Manpower: Equipment in Rome's Macedonian Wars" at the 2016 Society for Classical Studies/Archaeological Institute of America Joint Annual Meeting

2012 Presented "Lucretius, Epicurus and Augustan Ideology" at the 2012 Classical Association of the Middle-West and South Annual Meeting

2009 Presented "The Dignity of War: Roman Field Artillery in the Late Republic and Early Empire" at the University of Florida – Florida State University Graduate Colloquium

Book Reviews

- 2021 Review of A. Merrow, A. von Hassel and G. Starace, *Caesar's Great Success: Sustaining the Roman Army on Campaign* (Frontline, 2020). *Journal of Military History* 85.2

Honors and Awards:

- 2017 Doris G. Quinn Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
2014 Mowry and Clein Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill

Traditional Media Publications

- 2021 "Roman Lessons for the American All-Volunteer Force," forthcoming in *The National Interest*
2021 "The U.S. Military Needs Citizen-Soldiers, Not Warriors" in *Foreign Policy*, April 19, 2021
2021 "Ancient Greece Had Hard Lessons on Partisan 'Stasis'" in *Foreign Policy*, March 7, 2021
2020 "The Corner That State Universities Have Backed Themselves Into" in *The Atlantic*, August 23, 2020
2020 "American Police Should Know Where Rome Went Wrong" in *Foreign Policy*, July 20, 2020
2020 "Hard Times Don't Make Strong Soldiers" in *Foreign Policy*, May 2, 2020

Public Engagement

- 2019-present Weekly history weblog, *A Collection of Unmitigated Pedantry* (www.acoup.blog).
2021 Podcast Guest, "BLAH 134 | Battlefields of bits and bytes – the history of the RTS genre with Bret Devereaux" on *The Boiled Leather Audio Hour* (<https://www.patreon.com/posts/blah-134-of-bits-52923940>)
2021 Podcast Guest, "AW150 – Introducing mail armor in the Roman Army" on *Ancient Warfare Podcast* (<https://ancientwarfare.libsyn.com/aw150-introducing-mail-armor-in-the-roman-army>)
2021 Podcast Guest, "Abulafia and Devereaux – the ancient Mediterranean" on *Subject to Change* (<https://www.buzzsprout.com/207869/8481869-abulafia-and-devereaux-the-ancient-mediterranean>)
2021 Podcast Guest, "The Siege of Gondor – Bret Devereaux rates the Witch King – a Bad Man, a Good General" on *Subject to Change* (<https://www.buzzsprout.com/207869/8190521-the-siege-of-gondor-bret-devereaux-rates-the-witch-king-a-bad-man-a-good-general>)
2021 Podcast Guest, "Bret Devereaux Cancels Saruman (Helm's Deep as Ancient Military History)" on *Subject to Change* (<https://www.buzzsprout.com/207869/8060512-bret-devereaux-cancels-saruman-helms-deep-as-ancient-military-history>)
2021 Podcast Guest, "How the Imperium of Man Compares to Other Empires in History" on *Chapter Tactics*

- (<https://www.frontlinegaming.org/2021/02/15/chapter-tactics-194-how-the-imperium-of-man-compares-to-other-empires-in-history/>)
- 2020 Work featured in Will Pavia, “Echoes of the Somme Ring in Tolkien’s Wars,” in *The Times of London*, May 23, 2020
(<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/echoes-of-the-somme-ring-in-tolkiens-wars-7mz39ml9s>)
- 2020 Podcast Guest, “So Say We All: Battlestar Galactica and its Historical Context, with Bret Devereaux” on *The Boiled Leather Audio Hour*
(<https://www.patreon.com/posts/blah-103-so-say-34033191>)
- 2019 Podcast Guest, “Ancient Rome and the Cost of War with Bret Devereaux, *The Hour of History Podcast* (<https://www.hourofhistory.com/ancient-rome-and-the-cost-of-war-with-bret-devereaux-hoh-podcast-ep-93/>)
- 2019 Podcast Guest, “Squaring the Circle: Historical Realism and Fantasy Literature, with Bret Devereaux” on *The Boiled Leather Audio Hour*
(<https://www.patreon.com/posts/blah-90-squaring-28018385>)

Teaching Experience:

- 2021-Present **Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
- 2020-2021 **Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of History, NCSU**
Ancient Mediterranean World (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- 2018-2020 **Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
Ancient History: Near East, Greece, Rome (Spring 2020)
Global History of Warfare (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
Early Modern Europe (Spring 2019)
- 2012-2018 **Graduate Student Instructor, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
Ancient History: Near East, Greece, Rome (Instructor of Record: Fall 2016)
- 2012-2018 **Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**
Global History of Warfare (Spring 2016, Spring 2018)
Sports in American History (Fall, 2015)
European History to 1650 (Spring 2015)
History of Greece (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)
History of Rome (Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2017)
Introduction to Medieval History (Fall 2012)
- 2011-2012 **Adjunct Instructor, Department of Classics, Florida State University**
Classical Mythology (Spring 2012)
Ancient Mythology: East and West (Fall 2011)
- 2009-2011 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Classics, Florida State University**
Ancient Mythology: East and West (Instructor of Record: Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Grader: Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2009)

Professional Association Membership:

Society for Classical Studies

Archaeological Institute of America

Association of Ancient Historians

Classical Association of the Middle West and South

Society for Military History

Language Skills:

Latin – Advanced Reading Comprehension

Greek – Advanced Reading Comprehension

French – Intermediate Reading Comprehension

German – Intermediate Reading Comprehension