

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current research project

2020-2023 **Letters, Letter Collections and the Creation of Textual Authority during the Chalcedonian Controversies**

PhD in Ancient History at Ghent University
Supervisor: Prof. Dr Lieve Van Hoof

Abstract: The main parties involved in the convening of the ecumenical council at Chalcedon in AD 451 did not come to battle unprepared. Bishops used correspondence to define their faith, prove their own orthodoxy and build consensus with other clergy. The emperor, on the other hand, sent imperative letters which facilitated the actual convening of a new council and the ratification of its decisions. As the letter collections of the Council at Chalcedon show, all documented correspondents understood the latent power of their texts: either as a law or as evidence for orthodoxy, these letters would make the difference between losing or winning, anathematizing or being anathematized, during the theological controversies of the fifth century. Afterwards, their transmission in letter collections would create new narratives with their own impact on the aftermath of Chalcedon. Notwithstanding the renewed scholarly interest in the Council of Chalcedon, its letter collections have remained in the shadow to date (Price & Gaddis 2007; Price & Whitby 2009; Amirav 2015; Leuenberger-Wenger 2019). My project investigates the impact of epistulary interaction on decision making processes and its reception history in Late Antiquity.

Education

2017-July 2019 **Research Master in Ancient History** at Leiden University (*cum laude*)

MA thesis: 'Anchor-Shaping and *Romanitas*. The Role of Law and Education in Sixth-Century Communication about Roman Tradition in the Ostrogothic Kingdom'

Supervisor: Dr L.E. Tacoma

Abstract: in the *Variarum* of Cassiodorus, written around AD 530, education and Roman law played a vital role in the presentation of Amal government as traditionally Roman. By putting the *Variarum's* traditionalism first in its intellectual context of the debate about pagan and Christian education (using Ennodius' *Paraenesis didascalica* and Cassiodorus' *Institutiones*) and then in the legal context of Theoderic's created identity (studying Ennodius' Panegyric and the *Edictum Theoderici*), I discovered how and why law and education worked as tools for tradition around the Ostrogothic court of Theoderic (AD 493-526).

- 2014 **Study abroad** at the *Facoltà di giurisprudenza* of the Università degli Studi di Ferrara
 Courses: Introduction to Italian Private Law, Introduction to Italian Public Law, *Sociologia del diritto*, *Storia della giurisprudenza romana*
- 2011-2017 **Bachelor's in Greek and Latin Language and Culture** at Leiden University (*cum laude*)
 BA thesis: 'De toga en de habijt. Christelijke identiteitsvorming en de rechtsschool van Berytus in de vierde en vijfde eeuw'
 Supervisor: Dr L.E. Tacoma
 Commentator: Prof. Dr C.C. de Jonge
 Abstract: the law school in Berytus played an interesting role in the changing identity of the Roman elite in the fourth and fifth century. The *Vita Severi* as well as the writings of Basil of Caesarea show that Christian elite members had to account for their education in a rhetorical way. At the same time, however, the connection between *paideia* and the traditional Graeco-Roman religion was not as self-evident as it had once been. From the orations of Libanius, the famous sophist of Antioch, we can conclude that Berytus was a centre of social mobility and religious freedom.
- 2011-2016 **Bachelor's in Dutch Law** at Tilburg University (*cum laude*)
 BA thesis: 'Vulgair, Grieks en christelijk? Het Romeinse verlovingsrecht en de *Scholia Sinaïtica*'
 Supervisor: Dr. O.E. Tellegen-Couperus
 Abstract: the *Scholia Sinaïtica* show that not classical, but Late-Antique Roman law was taught at the law school in Berytus in the fifth century. The *Scholia* reflect Late-Antique changes in the law regarding betrothal (as codified in the *Codex Theodosianus*). This changed law should, however, not be labelled as 'vulgar', 'Hellenized' or 'Christian'.
- 2005-2011 **Gymnasium** (Pre-university secondary education) at the Pius X-College in Bladel (*cum laude*)

Grants & scholarships

- January – May 2023 Visiting scholar at the University of St Andrews (supervisor: Prof. Dr Caroline Humfress)
- January – April 2021 Fellow in residence at ERC Starting Grant "ACO" (Prof. Dr Dr Dr Peter Riedlberger, Bamberg University)
- August – December 2019 Research scholarship for a twenty-week stay at the Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome (KNIR)
- 2019 Scholarship for the two-day workshop 'Humanist Computer Interaction under Scrutiny' at Ghent University
- 2018-2019 Research scholarship for a seven-week stay at the Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome (KNIR)

2018	Scholarship for the XIV Collegium of Roman Law on 'The Theodosian Code: Compilation, Transmission, Reception' of the Center for Studies and Research of Ancient Law (CEDANT) at the University of Pavia
2017	Scholarship for the interdisciplinary 'Latin epigraphy on location' MA course at the Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome (KNIR)
2015	Scholarship for the interdisciplinary 'Constantijn en Rome' BA course at the Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome (KNIR)
2014	Scholarship for an Italian language course at the Università degli Studi di Ferrara – Common European Framework (CEF) level C1 obtained and certified by the <i>Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera</i> (CILS)
2014	ERASMUS grant for a semester abroad at the <i>Facoltà di giurisprudenza</i> of the Università degli Studi di Ferrara
2013	Scholarship for an Italian language course at the <i>Michelangelo Istituto di Lingua e Cultura Italiana</i> in Florence – CEF level B1
2012-2013	Scholarships for Italian language courses at the Language Center of Tilburg University – levels A1 and A2
2010	Scholarship for the 'European Legal History A' BA course at Tilburg University (part of the programme 'Volgen van colleges voor excellente vwo'ers': university courses for high-school students) – graded with an A

Publications

'The Theodosian Family, Bishop Leo I of Rome and their Competition for Piety through Correspondence' (pending approval from *Journal for Late Antique Religion and Culture*).

'Narratives of Authority around Chalcedon's Canon 28: the Emperor Marcian, Bishop Leo I and the Functions of Late-Antique Imperial Letters in Ecclesiastical Letter Collections' (pending approval of final revisions from *Journal of Early Christian Studies*).

'Godefroy and the Laws of Julian the Apostate. An Episode in the Life Story of the Codex Theodosianus', in: Liebs, D. & Mantovani, D. (eds.), *Il codice Teodosiano: redazione, trasmissione, ricezione* (forthcoming).

M. Loth & M. Kooijman, 'Cassatie in variaties. Over de functie, de organisatie en het functioneren van de cassatierechter', in: R. de Graaff e.a. (ed.), *Rechtsvorming door de Hoge Raad*, Nijmegen: Ars Aequi Libri 2016.

'O tempora, o mores! Hoe komt een volk aan een wettenbundel? Over de geschiedenis van het gewoonterecht', *SecJure* 2012/2013-4, p. 44-45.

'Van bruidsschat tot bloedbad: wet versus traditie in India', *SecJure* 2012/2013-3, p. 10-11.

'Lol in de rechtszaal. Quintilianus en de komische redenaar', *SecJure* 2012/2013-2, p. 30-31.

'Moord in het oude Athene: religie of ratio?', *SecJure* 2012/2013-1, p. 13-15.

Presentations

May 2023 **'Legislating the Late-Antique Church: Marcian, Pulcheria and their Normative Letters around the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)'**, *Institute of Legal and Constitutional Research PhD Legal Interest Group, University of St Andrews*

April 2023 **'Rhetoric and Power in the Political Letters Around the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)'**, *Postgraduate Mediaeval History Seminars, University of St Andrews*

March 2023	'Imperial Correspondence and Ecclesiastical Decision Making Processes During and After Chalcedon (AD 451-453)', <i>MA course 'Comparative Studies in Legal History' (coordinator: Prof. Dr Caroline Humfress), University of St Andrews</i>
January 2023	'The Emperor and The Empress. Letters from the Eastern Roman Emperor Marcian and his Spouse Pulcheria Augusta to Bishop Leo of Rome before the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)', <i>Late-Antique working group, University of St Andrews</i>
December 2022	'Letters and Letter Collections in the Context of Late-Antique Church Councils: An Introduction ', <i>responsa and communal letters working group, Princeton University</i>
October 2022	'Theodosius II, Bishop Leo I and the Power of Imperial Letters. A Unique Case of Late-Antique Imperial Family Correspondence', <i>workshop 'Co-workers in God's service: forging Early Christian Churches (300-700 CE)', Royal Holloway, University of London</i>
July 2022	'Imperial and Ecclesiastical Letters Around the Council of Chalcedon (451): The Power Perspective ', <i>IMC (International Medieval Congress) Leeds</i>
May 2022	'Leo of God or Leo of Rome? The overt and hidden authority of Bishop Leo of Rome in a fifth-century Constantinopolitan letter collection on the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)', <i>TeTra (Text and Transmission) Joint Research Seminar, KU Leuven</i>
March 2022	'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: a Collected Narrative of Letters in the Advance Towards the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)', <i>OIKOS Oxford PhD Days</i>
March 2021	'Return to Sender? How Bishop Leo I of Rome Reclaimed Dipositive Power for his Tome in the Novara collection on the Case of Eutyches (AD 449)', <i>workshop 'Conflict management: networking emperors and bishops, Universität Bern</i>
February 2021	'Three Letters, Three Perspectives. Interpreting late-antique epistles in civil and ecclesiastical decision-making processes', <i>joint presentation with Dr Dario Internullo and Dr Aäron Vanspauwen, Universität Bamberg</i>
December 2020	'A Letter from Rome to Rome. Anatolius' Reworking of Chalcedon's Narratives (December 451)', <i>Work-in-Progress Meeting of the OIKOS Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Research Group</i>
June 2020	'Letters or Laws? The Normative Meaning of Interaction in the Letter Collections of the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)', <i>Online Conference Roman Political Culture at Leiden University</i>
May 2020	'Dismembering Intentional Collections? The Late Antique Correspondence Networks of Symmachus (340-402) and Pope Leo I (390-461)', <i>joint presentation with Matthijs Zoeter, Meeting of Cultural Actions in the Ancient World (CIAW)</i>

Teaching

2022-2023	Two guest lectures for MA course Capita Selecta Ancient History, Universiteit Gent Discussing primary and secondary sources related to: 'Ecclesiastical Decision Making Processes: (1) Towards a New Church Council / (2) The Power Couple'
2021-2022 and 2022-2023	Two guest lectures for MA course Tekstanalyse Latijnse bronnen ('Textual Analysis of Latin sources'), Universiteit Gent Analytical reading of primary sources on 'Diplomatic sources: Correspondence between the Western and Eastern Roman imperial court. (1) How to ask questions to a letter (2) Asking questions – new perspectives'.

- 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Tutoring for **BA course** 'Historische Praktijk I: Klassieke Oudheid' ('Historical Practice I: Classical Antiquity'), Universiteit Gent
Coaching and assessing first-year students in writing their first paper.
- 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Assisting with **BA course** 'Inleiding Historisch Onderzoek' ('Introduction to Historical Research'), Universiteit Gent
Assessing two essays and giving personal feedback.
- 2020-2021 **StudyCoach** for first-year history students, Universiteit Gent
Coaching first-year students to enhance social cohesion during Covid; developing and giving seminars on general study and research skills.

Employment history

- 2016-2017 **Student assistant** for the Ancient History Department of the Humanities Faculty at Leiden University
Assisting the university teaching staff with their research and teaching by searching for literature, designing exercises for Ancient History courses and supporting a job interview committee.
- 2016-2019 **Yoga instructor** at 'Yoga per Tutti' in Leiden
Teaching yoga classes in Dutch, English and Italian. For this I set up my own yoga school and completed an internationally certified yoga course in Italian at the *Accademia di Cultura Orientale SATYUGA* in Rome.
- 2016 **Student assistant** for the Legal History Department of the Law Faculty at Leiden University
Teaching the **BA course** 'Historische Ontwikkelingen van het Recht' (Roman law of property).
- 2015-2016 **Tutor** for Lector Studiebegeleiding at the Haganum Gymnasium in Den Haag
Advising high-school students on their study planning and courses (mainly Greek and Latin).
- 2013-2015 **Student assistant** for the Private Law Department of Tilburg Law School at Tilburg University
Supporting the university teaching staff with their teaching and research.
- 2012 **Study coach in Private Law** at Magister JFT, the study association of Tilburg Law School
Teaching first-year students how to read law books, Supreme Court rulings and exams, and tutoring them for the BA Introduction to Private Law course.
- 2011-2014 **Student ambassador** for Tilburg University
Representing Tilburg University at secondary schools by giving presentations, standing at information markets and helping during the Open Days.
- 2010-2012 **Tutor** for 'Huiswerkbegeleiding Reusel-De Mierden' in Hulsel
Tutoring in specific subjects (Maths, English, German, French, Dutch) and helping students with their study planning.

Language skills

Dutch (mother tongue), English (CEF C2), Italian (CEF C1), German (CEF C1), French (CEF B2).

Extracurricular activities

2023	Co-organiser of the international and interdisciplinary workshop 'Letters and Politics in Late Antiquity' with Prof. Dr Lieve Van Hoof and Matthijs Zoeter, Universiteit Gent
2022-present	Member of the Ghent Centre for Late Antiquity
2020-present	Member of OIKOS (Dutch National Research School in Classical Studies)
2017	Co-organiser of a one-day conference with emeritus professor H. Versnel about 'Coping with Versnel: Debating Ancient Religions', Universiteit Leiden
2015-2016	Participant in the theatrical production 'Octavia' with the stage group of Sophia Aeterna
2015-present	Member of Philips van Leyden B.P. (Association for Roman Law and European Legal History in Leiden)
2015-2016	Quaestor of Philips van Leyden B.P.
2015-2019	Member of Collegium Classicum c.n. M.F. (Association for Classical Languages in Leiden)
2014-2019	Member of Sophia Aeterna (Study association for Greek and Latin Language and Culture in Leiden)
2014-2015	Member of the international study association I*ESN Ferrara
2013	Participant in the National Fast Mooting Competitions in Tilburg
2012-2013	Editor of SecJure (Juridical magazine of Tilburg Law School)
2012	Assistant at the First Annual Global Law Conference of the Law Schools Global League in Tilburg
2012-2014	Member of DiCiT (Moot association of Magister JFT)
2011-2015	Member of Magister JFT (Study association of Tilburg Law School)