

Curriculum Vitae – Aske Damtoft Poulsen

Personal information

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Education (with date of award), including postdocs

- Swedish Research Council Postdoc at Lund University: 01.05.2024-present
- Carlsberg Foundation Re-Integration Fellow at Aalborg University: 01.09.2021-30.04.2024
- Carlsberg Foundation Internationalisation Fellow at Bristol University: 01.02.2019-31.08.2021
- Postdoc at the Swedish Institute in Rome (01.09.2018-31.01.2019)
- PhD in Latin from Lund University: 18.05.2018
- Master-degree in Latin from Oslo University: 16.01.2013
- Bachelor-degree in History from Oslo University: 17.01.2011
- Bachelor-degree in Latin from Oslo University: 13.01.2011

Periods of leave

- Parental leave: 10.12.20-25.03.21.
- Parental leave: 14.08.2023-31.12.2023.

Publications

Published dissertation

- Poulsen, A.D. 2018. *Accounts of Northern Barbarians in Tacitus' Annales: a contextual analysis*. Media-Tryck, Lund University. ISBN: 978-91-7753-669-7.
- Reviews:
 - C. Damon in *Mouseion* 16.2 (2019), pp. 379-382.
 - A. Chauvot in *Latomus* 78.4 (2019), pp. 1124-1127.
 - L. Brännstedt in *Statsvetenskaplig tidskrift* 122.1 (2020), pp. 119-121.

Edited volumes

- Poulsen, A.D. & A. Jönsson (eds). 2021. *Usages of the Past in Roman Historiography*. Brill.
- Reviews:
 - C. Balmaceda in *The Classical Review* (2021), pp. 1-2.
 - J. Corke-Webster in *Greece & Rome* 68.2 (2021), pp. 325-326.
 - M.O. Lindholdmer for *Clio* online (<https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-97929?language=en>)
 - S. Bartera in *Gnomon* 96.1 (2024), pp. 81-83.

- R. Praet in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*
(<https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2023/2023.04.34/>)
- Nilsson, A.M.H., A.D. Poulsen & J. Svensson (eds.). 2017. *Humanitas: Festschrift till Arne Jönsson* (Makadam).

Journal articles

- Poulsen, A.D. 2023. “Conflicting Reports: Augustus’ relationship with the senate and established order during his road to power in *Res Gestae*, Velleius Paterculus, Suetonius, and Tacitus”. *Histos* 17, pp. 52-78.
- Poulsen, A.D. 2017. “The Language of Freedom and Slavery in Tacitus’ *Agricola*”. *Mnemosyne* 70.5, pp. 834-858.
- Poulsen, A.D. 2013. “Why No Mercy? A Study of Aeneas’ Missing Virtue”. *Symbolae Osloenses* 87.1, pp. 95-133.

Book chapters

- Poulsen, A.D. (forthcoming). “‘If Brutus and Cassius had won...’ Counterfactual thinking and forgetting in Velleius Paterculus’ *Roman History*”. In V. Schulz & C. Pieper, *Fortetting and Power in Ancient Literature* (Steiner).
- Poulsen, A.D. (forthcoming). “Rebels without a Cause: Echoes of Sallust’s *Bellum Catilinae* in Tacitus’ account of the Gallic rebellion of AD 21 (*Ann.* 3.40-47)”. In O. Devillers & B.B. Sebastiani (eds.), *Sources et modèles des historiens anciens, vol. III* (Ausonius).
- Poulsen, A.D. (forthcoming). “Tricking the Tricksters: Tacitus on the Thracian Affair of 19 CE (*Ann.* 2.64-67)”. In J. Hall & A. Beek (eds.), *Surprise and Deceit in Ancient Warfare* (De Gruyter).
- Poulsen, A.D. (forthcoming in 2024). “All Roads Lead to Ruin: Sallust’s idea(s) of history and futurity”. In C. Krebs (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Sallust* (CUP).
- Poulsen, A.D. (forthcoming in 2024). “*Annals* 2: Waiting for Germanicus to die”. In K. Shannon-Henderson & S. Bartera (eds.), *Oxford Critical Guide to Tacitus* (OUP).
- Poulsen, A.D. 2021. “Introduction”. In A. Damtoft Poulsen & A. Jönsson (eds.), *Usages of the Past in Roman Historiography* (Brill), pp. 1-22.
- Poulsen, A.D. 2021. “From Thræsea Paetus to Calgacus – or was it the other way around? An example of Tacitean intratextuality”. In A. Damtoft Poulsen & A. Jönsson (eds.), *Usages of the Past in Roman Historiography* (Brill), pp. 169-193.
- Poulsen, A.D. 2020. “Teleology with a human face: ‘side-shadowing’ and its effects in Tacitus’ treatment of Germanicus (*Annals* 1-2)”. In A. Turner (ed.), *Reconciling Ancient and Modern Philosophies of History* (De Gruyter), pp. 149-182.
- Nilsson, A.M.H., A.D. Poulsen & J. Svensson (2017). “Förord/Preface”. In A.M.H. Nilsson, A.D. Poulsen & J. Svensson (eds.), *Humanitas: Festschrift till Arne Jönsson* (Makadam), pp. 11-18.
- Poulsen, A.D. 2017. “Golden Age Barbarians in Vergil’s *Aeneid* and Tacitus’ *Germania*”. In A.M.H. Nilsson, A.D. Poulsen & J. Svensson (eds.), *Humanitas: Festschrift till Arne Jönsson* (Makadam), pp. 147-161.

Reviews

- Krag, C. (transl.) 2023. *Tacitus’ Germania*. Spartacus. In *Klassisk Forum* (forthcoming in 2024).
- Walters, B. 2020. *The deaths of the Republic: imagery of the body politic in Ciceronian Rome*. Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press. Pp. 176. ISBN 9780198839576. In *Journal of Roman Studies* 111 (2021), pp. 240-242.

- Marcone, A. (ed.). 2021. *Sallustio e la storiografia tardo repubblicano: Contributi del Centro Studi sallustiani*. Milano: Mondadori Education. In *Gnomon* 95.6 (2023), pp. 561-562.

Encyclopedia entries

- Poulsen, A.D. 2023. “Ampsivarii”, “Boiocalus”, “Caratacus”, “Cimbri”, “Cugerni”, “Flavus”, “Gotones”, “Hyrcanian Forest”, “Intertextuality”, “Maroboduus”, “Mattiaci”, “Mosa”, “Rhenus”, “Sugambri”, “Taunus”, “Tencteri”, “Treveri”, “Tubantes”, and “Vannius”. In E.V. Pagán (ed.), *Tacitus Encyclopedia* (Wiley-Blackwell).
- Cacciuttolo, S, A.D. Poulsen, A. Pezzella & C. Poloni (scil. *Schola aestivalis clandestina Thesauri Linguae Latinae 2021*). FORTHCOMING. “ninguo (ningo)”. In *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae vol. IX I, Fasc. 6 (nimietas - ny)* (De Gruyter).

Teaching (see “teaching portfolio” for more information)

- Teacher in courses on ancient history at Aalborg University, 2023.
 - Module 10: Ancient history
 - Module 11a: Ancient history (project module)
- Teacher in Latin at Aalborg University (on a voluntary basis), 2021-2022: Introduction to Latin.
- Teacher in courses on Latin poetry and prose at Lund University, 2014-2017:
 - LATA01: Efterklassiskt latin (“Post-classical Latin”).
 - LATA02: Klassisk prosa och poesi I (“Classical prose and poetry”).
 - LATA03: Fortsättningskurs I (“Latin continuation course I”).
 - LATA04: Fortsättningskurs II (“Latin continuation course II”).
- BA thesis supervision: “Freedom in Velleius Paterculus” (student name: Tommy Rahm). Grade: “Very Good” (the highest possible grade at Lund University).
- Latin teacher at Oslo Cathedral School (a 28% position), 2012-2013.
- Teaching assistant in courses on Latin poetry and prose at Oslo University, 2012-2013:
 - LAT1402: Cicero
 - LAT1404: Latinske episke tekster (“Latin epic”)
 - LAT2401: Augusteisk poesi (“Augustan poetry”)

Pedagogical qualifications (see “teaching portfolio” for more information)

- Course in university pedagogics (for eligibility to positions as associate professor in Denmark) at Aalborg University, 2023- (planned completion in December 2023).
- Courses in pedagogics at Lund University, 2014-2015:
 - 06/07/2015, Lund: “Learning and Teaching in Higher Education – continuation”.
 - 13/02/2014, Lund: “Learning and Teaching in Higher Education – introduction”.

Conference and workshop organisation

- 09-10.06.2023, Aalborg University: “Language of Autocracy: Ancient and Modern”, with Carsten Hjort Lange
- 03-04.11.2022, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul: “Narrative and narratology in pre-modern historiography”, with Ingela Nilsson & Matthew Kinloch
- 26.10.2019, Bristol: “Imperial Power, Imperial Truth”, with Ellen O’Gorman - <https://www.fasticongressuum.com/single-post/2019/06/01/CALL-26062019-Imperial-Power-Imperial-Truth---Bristol-England>

- 11-12.01.2018, Lund: “Usages of the Past in Roman Historiography”, with Arne Jönsson – <http://konferens.ht.lu.se/usages-of-the-past-in-roman-historiography/>

Reading group organisation

- “Critical Theory Reading Group”: Bristol, June-September 2020.
- “Praising the Princeps in Imperial Prose”: Bristol, June-July 2019.

Conference, workshop, and seminar presentations

- 18-19.01.2024, The Danish Institute in Rome (Roman Historiography: Nature and methodologies): “Historiographical intertextuality revisited – with some examples from Tacitus”.
- 05-07.07.2023, Eichstätt (Forgetting and Power): “Alternatives – or not – to one-man rule in Velleius Paterculus’ *Roman History*”.
- 09-10.06.2023, Aalborg (Language of Autocracy: Ancient and Modern): “Inevitability and madness in the imperial accusations of ancient Rome”.
- 19.08.2022, Odense (Klassisk Konvent): “Svig og bedrageri i Tacitus, *Årbøger 2*”.
- 27.07.2022, Heidelberg (departmental research seminar): “Autocracy without alternative: the inevitability of one-man rule in the early imperial Roman historians”.
- 19-20.05.2022, Stockholm (Den Svenska Filologkongressen / The Triennial Swedish Philology Congress): “Tacitus, *Annales 2*” (in Swedish).
- 29.03.2022, Oslo (departmental research seminar): “All Roads Lead to Ruin: Teleology and counterfactuality in Sallust’s history of Rome”.
- 14.03.2022, Newcastle (History of Writing seminar, via zoom): “*Machinator doli Caesar: Augustus and the Fall of Rome/Troy (Tac. Ann. 1.10.1-4)*”.
- 17-18 & 24-25.09.2021, Stanford (via zoom): ‘Cambridge Companion to Sallust conference’ – “Roman Futures and Sallust’s Idea of History”.
- 15.03.2021, Aalborg/Odense (via zoom): ‘Studiegruppen for Romersk Historie og Historiografi’ – “The Rhetorical Turn in Ancient Historiography” (in Danish).
- 14-15.01.2021, Exeter (panel participation, via zoom): ‘Viral Rhetorics: Commonplaces: Isolation, Exclusion, Community’.
- 12.11.2019, Genova (International Workshop on the forthcoming *Tacitus Encyclopedia*): “The *Tacitus Encyclopedia* experience: learning how to be lost in the Hercynian Forest”.
- 26.10.2019, Bristol (Imperial Power, Imperial Truth): “Introductory Remarks”.
- 18.09.2019, Aalborg (departmental research seminar): “Krig og/er fred i Tacitus” (in Danish).
- 03.09.2019, Durham (Roman Law and Latin Literature): “*Lex* and biopolitics in the portrayal and rhetoric of the *delatores*”.
- 01.04.2019, Royal Holloway (Tacitus for the Twenty-first Century): “Arminius, Germanicus, and other ‘side-shadowing’ devices in the works of Tacitus”.
- 12.03.2019, Bristol (departmental research seminar): “Peace and Power in the Roman Principate”. Preliminary versions presented at The Swedish Institute in Rome (01.11.2018) and the SAXO institute at Copenhagen University (28.11.2018).
- 11-12.01.2018, Lund (Usages of the Past in Roman Historiography): “*Solitudo* from Calgacus to Thrasea Paetus, or was it the other way around?”.
- 31.10.2016, Yale (Greco-Roman Seminar): “Tacitus’ Barbarians: what are they good for?”.
- 11.05.2015, Lund (Den Svenska Filologkongressen / The Triennial Swedish Philology Congress Philology): “The Golden Age Barbarians of Vergil’s *Aeneid*”.

- 07.11.2014, Riga (Colloquium Balticum) “The Language of Liberty and Slavery in Tacitus’ *Agricola*”.
- 19.08.2014, Leeds: ‘Commemorating Augustus’ – “Conflicting reports? Three accounts of Augustus’ involvement in the civil wars”.
- 08.11.2013, Marburg: ‘Colloquium Balticum’ – “Battlefield Supplication in the *Aeneid*”.

Popular engagement activities

- 30.04.2024, Nibe Kino: ”Kleopatras næse, og andre kontrafaktiske tanker”.
- 19.03.2024, Sønderborg Folkeuniversitet: “Tacitus: vores guide til autokratiet”.
- 15.03.2024, Ribe Katedralskole: “Tacitus og autokratiet” (3.5 hour workshop on Tacitus and autocracy for high schools students of classics).
- 06.03.2024, Aalborg City Gymnasium: “Tacitus i klasserommet” (a lecture on how to teach Tacitus to high school students for “Klassikerforeningen”, the Danish association for high school teachers of classics).
- Poulsen, A.D. 2023. “Tacitus: vores guide til autokratiet”, *Logos* 2023.2, pp. 13-16. (popular science article)
- 23-28.04.2022, Denmark: Popular science lecture series for ‘Bestil en Forsker’ – “How to get away with tyranny?”
 - 25.04: Aars Rotary Klubb.
 - 26.04: Silkeborg Bibliotek / Silkeborg Library.
 - 26.04: Brande.
 - 28.04: Østhimmerlands Ungdomsskole / Østhimmerland High School.
- 27.03.2022: Popular science article at videnskab.dk – “Fra Nero til Putin: Sådan slipper aspirerende diktatorer af sted med tyranni”. (<https://videnskab.dk/forskerzonen/kultur-samfund/fra-nero-til-putin-saadan-slipper-aspirerende-diktatorer-af-sted-med-tyranni>)
- 09.08.2018, Oslo: Interview with Norwegian Newspaper ‘Framtida’ about my research (<https://framtida.no/2018/08/09/korleis-skal-ein-senator-reagera-nar-keisaren-dor>).
- 11.04.2014, University of Lund: popular science presentation at ‘Humanistdagarna’ (‘The Humanist Days’) – “Was the Emperor Augustus a Liar?”

Research periods abroad

- 24th-31st of July 2022: Heidelberg University, Germany.
- 23rd-27th of August 2021: *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* Summer School in Munich, Germany.
- February 2019-May 2021: Bristol University, UK.
- September 2018-January 2019: The Swedish Institute in Rome, Italy.
- October-December 2017: Yale Department of Classics, US (supervised by prof. Christina S. Kraus).
- June-July 2016: Yale Department of Classics, US (supervised by prof. Christina S. Kraus).
- April-May 2009: The Norwegian Institute in Rome, Italy.
- January-March 2009: The Norwegian Institute in Athens, Greece.

Prizes

- 2019: Kungl. Humanistiska Vetenskapsförbundet / Westrupska priset (25.000 SEK).

Funding received for conference travel and organisation

- 2022: Carlsberg Foundation (60.000 DKK).

- 2020: Harald och Tonny Hagendahls minnesfond (6.000 SEK).
- 2019: Hjalmar Gullbergs och Greta Thotts stipendiefond (120.000 SEK).
- 2019: Institute of Greece, Rome, and the Classical Tradition (650£).
- 2018: Swedish Institute in Rome (50.000 SEK).
- 2018: Hjalmar Gullbergs och Greta Thotts stipendiefond (100.000 SEK).
- 2017: Sven och Dagmar Salén (30.000 SEK).
- 2017: Kungliga Humanistiska Vetenskapsförbundet (40.000 SEK).
- 2017: Thora Ohlssons stiftelse (67.681 SEK).
- 2016: Professor Johannes Paulsons stipendiefond (17.000 SEK).
- 2015: Harald och Tonny Hagendahls minnesfond (10.000 SEK).
- 2013: Knut och Alice Wallenbergs stiftelse (3.000 SEK).

Other academic work

- Intermittent referee for *American Journal of Philology*, *Classical Quarterly*, *Latomus*, and *Symbolae Osloenses*.

Volunteer work

- 01/10/2016-01.09.2018, Malmö: Organiser of educational activities for Afghani high school students (through the volunteer organisation “Maracana”).
- 01/11/2016-01/06/2018, Malmö: Workshop leader in the Red Cross Youth Organization high school project “På Flykt” (“Flight”), which aims to increase understanding of immigration issues among high school pupils.

Languages

- Danish: mother tongue.
- Norwegian: mother tongue.
- English: excellent oral and written proficiency.
- Swedish: excellent oral and written proficiency.
- Italian: excellent oral and written proficiency.
- German: basic oral and good written proficiency.