

THOMAS KELLY

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Moses and Mary Finley Research Fellow

Darwin College, Cambridge

October 2025–present

Stipendiary Lecturer in Classical Languages

Magdalen College, Oxford

October 2024–present

Research Associate — Ancient Roman Mathematics

Newcastle University

January 2025–October 2025

Stipendiary Lecturer in Classics

University College, Oxford

October 2024–December 2024

Non-stipendiary Lecturer in Classical Greek

St Hilda's College, Oxford

October 2023–December 2024

Instructor in Greek and Latin Languages (Career Development Post)

Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford

October 2023–January 2025

EDUCATION

PhD in Classics

Peterhouse, University of Cambridge

2019–2024

Thesis: 'Writing practical mathematics in Greek and Roman antiquity'.

MPhil in Classics (Greek and Latin Literature) — Distinction

Peterhouse, University of Cambridge

2018–2019

BA in Literae Humaniores — First Class

New College, University of Oxford

2014–2018

Literature: *Early Greek Hexameter Poetry; Euripides, Orestes: Papyri, Manuscripts, Text.*

Philology: *Greek Historical Linguistics; Latin Historical Linguistics.*

History: *Rome and the Mediterranean: 241–146 BC; Republic in Crisis: 146–46 BC.*

Philosophy: *Plato: Theaetetus and Sophist; Philosophical Logic.*

RESEARCH

Moses and Mary Finley Research Fellowship

Darwin College, Cambridge

October 2025–present

Current research outputs:

One article submitted, two in preparation (see 'Publications and Research Outputs'), plus revisions to two articles developed from my PhD work (see below).

Research Associate: The Agrimensoros and Roman Mathematics (AgRoMa)

Newcastle University

January 2025–October 2025

Research Associate on the AHRC-funded AgRoMa project (January 2025–January 2027; continuing as Visiting Researcher from October 2025), which is producing the first complete critical edition, translation and commentary of the mathematical texts preserved in the *Corpus Agrimensorum Romanorum*. Principally responsible for a linguistic study of the text, to be published as part of the introduction to the edition, and contributed to manuscript collation, constitution of the text, and interpretation.

Named Research Associate on an AHRC Catalyst Award (2024). Involved in reviewing the draft proposal and the response to external reviewers. This has given me experience of preparing funding bids and working collaboratively on research projects.

Current research outputs:

- Online searchable database of references to mathematical practice in ancient Latin texts (https://agroma.ncl.ac.uk/collections/5_collection/).

Future project research outputs:

- A collaborative critical edition, with introduction, translation, and commentary, of the mathematical texts of the *Corpus Agrimensorum Romanorum* (co-author)
- Project conference (2026) (co-organiser)
- Development of research-led teaching materials for Roman numerals in schools.

PhD Research: ‘Writing practical mathematics in Greek and Roman antiquity’

University of Cambridge

2019–2024

Investigating how ancient mathematical authors used the linguistic and paratextual tools at their disposal to navigate the boundary between abstract mathematics and reality in architecture, land-surveying, mathematical geography and late-antique practical geometry.

Research outputs:

- One article accepted for publication, including an exhaustive catalogue — with commentary — of diagrams from published papyri containing Greek practical geometrical writing. The revisions to a second article are under review.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Average of 12 teaching-hours per week during term in the period October 2023–March 2026.

Supervision and tutorial teaching

University of Oxford (Magdalen, University College, St Hilda's, New College, Exeter College); University of Cambridge (Pembroke, Gonville and Caius, Queens', Trinity, Homerton) 2023–2025

Undergraduate Greek and Latin language supervisions at all levels, including linguistic description of Greek and Latin for advanced undergraduates at Magdalen College. Greek literature at all levels; Part IB Ancient Medicine.

Class teaching

Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford 2023–2025

Class teaching for Elementary Greek (IG equivalent) and Latin; Graduate Latin. Set-text reading classes for undergraduates and graduates at all levels.

Other teaching

Course Tutor, JACT Greek Summer School (2019, 2022–2025): 30-hour intensive Greek course for sixth-form students. Directed a production of Sophocles' *Ajax* in Greek, performed by students at the end of the 2023 course.

Course Tutor, Cambridge Greek Summer School Online (2020): intensive beginner Greek class for incoming undergraduate (Part IA) students. 30 hours over two weeks, followed by weekly continuation classes.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge (2019–2020): undergraduate and MPhil set-text reading classes and class language teaching.

Design of resources for the new Mods Latin language course, now available to all tutors and students via Canvas (Oxford's VLE).

ACADEMIC AWARDS

AHRC Open-Oxford-Cambridge DTP Studentship: PhD fees and stipend (2019–23).

Cambridge AHRC MPhil Studentship: MPhil fees and stipend (2018–19).

Gibbs Prize in Classics: best performance in the undergraduate Greek literature examinations (2018).

Comparative Philology Prize: best performance in the undergraduate Philology and Linguistics examinations (2018).

Gaisford Prize for Greek Prose Composition: (2017).

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Craven Prize: best overall performance in Mods (2016).

Comparative Philology Prize: joint best performance in the Mods Philology paper (2016).

ADMINISTRATION AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Admissions and examining

- Examiner (marking and moderation), Undergraduate Final Examinations, Faculty of Classics, Oxford (2023, 2026).
- Marker, Undergraduate Classics Aptitude Test, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford (2024).
- Undergraduate admissions interviewer: Classics, Classics & Modern Languages, Classics & English — St Hilda's College, Oxford (2024); Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford (2023); Girton College, Cambridge (2019)

Administration

- C-Caucus member, Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge (2025–).
- Research Fellow (Governing Body), Darwin College (2025–).
- Library Committee, Darwin College (2025–).
- College Language Teaching Committee, Faculty of Classics, Oxford (2023–25).
- Languages and Literature Sub-Faculty member, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford (2023–25).

SKILLS, LANGUAGES AND TRAINING

Digital skills: Python for corpus-based statistical analysis: GLM with cluster-robust standard errors, bootstrap and permutation methods, dependency-parsed treebank analysis (Universal Dependencies). HTML/CSS/JavaScript for interactive research tools (AgRoMa grammar prototype). TEI; Leiden+ encoding.

Languages: Excellent knowledge of Latin and ancient Greek; beginner Syriac; reading knowledge of French, German, Italian. Attended 'German for Classicists', Faculty of Classics, Cambridge (2018–19).

Palaeography and papyrology: Knowledge of Latin and Greek palaeography, and Greek papyrology. Attended Parma Digital Papyrology Workshop, Università di Parma (21–25 October 2019).