



FACULTY OF ARTS

Adelaide Summer Research Scholarship 2019-2020

The Role of Homer in Eunapius' *Lives of Philosophers and Sophists* (392-5 CE)

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This project is linked to a new study of a work written by Eunapius of Sardes, *Lives of Philosophers and Sophists* (ca. 395 CE). Prof Han Baltussen is preparing a new translation to replace the only existing one in English (*Loeb Classical Library* [1921], Harvard University Press). The translation is now under contract with HUP (received Nov. 2018). In last year's Summer Research Scholarship, The School of Humanities had a prize-winning BA(Adv) student going into Honours, assist with general search and analysis, compiling bibliographical data, comparative analysis with certain early Christian texts (Athanasius), and gaining an understanding how to structure and execute an academic paper. (These activities clearly paid off: I acquired the book contract, my paper is under review with EJ Brill, she was awarded an APA, is using the text in her MPhil thesis work and had a proposal for a book chapter accepted).

For this year's project, these general activities continue, but with a specific focus on the use of Homeric intertextual references and allusions. This particular case study for a journal article may produce a further insight into the role Homer played in his own education. Eunapius' *Lives* include a high occurrence of Homeric allusions, not considered in recent work (M. Becker, 2013; R. Goulet, 2014).

We are looking for a high achieving student with experience in Classical studies (Classics major). The tasks for the case study concern collecting Homeric references (noted in earlier text editions), examining these in the original Homeric context, comparing both texts, and discussing Eunapius' objective in these cases (300 words)

The student will gain the following research skills and experience;

- Publication in a high-quality journal
- Co-publication with Project Supervisor
- Search and triage data
- Comparative text analysis
- Gain insight into the preparation of a scholarly article