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Curriculum Vitae

Jonathan (Jonny) Christian Russell was born on 4th October 1989 in Chatham, Kent, in the United Kingdom. After completing primary and secondary education, he moved to Swansea, Wales, where in 2012 he earned his First-Class BA degree with honours in Ancient History and Egyptology. After a brief stint in charity retail management in the UK, he returned to academia in 2015, pursuing a Research MA degree Classics and Ancient Civilizations: Egyptology at Leiden University and graduating cum laude in 2017. His MA thesis was titled: '*The Anatomy of a Medical Text: A Case Study of the So-Called Stomach Book from the Ebers Papyrus (§§188-207)*'. For this, he won the scriptieprijs for best thesis in Egyptology in the Netherlands for the years 2015-17, awarded by Stichting Mehen.

Following a successful application for a scholarship from the Nederlands Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek's Open Competition in the Humanities, subsidised by the Leiden Institute for Area Studies, he began his PhD research in September of 2017. During his time as a PhD student at Leiden University, he taught many courses, including Old and Middle Egyptian language courses, demotic reading seminars, seminars focused on studying written culture in ancient Egypt and Western Asia, Area Studies, and Medical Anthropology in an ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian context. He followed many courses in Akkadian alongside his research agenda, and also became an associate member of the *Graduiertenkolleg 1876: Frühe Konzepte von Mensch und Natur: Universalität, Spezifität, Tradierung* at the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, funded by the DFG and then led by both Prof. Tanja Pommerening and Prof. Jochen Althoff. Russell has been an active member of the ancient sciences community, writing and publishing articles - both solo and together with academics from Egyptology, Assyriology, and the pharmaceutical sciences. He is currently preparing two books on the topic of Egyptian medicine, and has presented his research at multiple international academic conferences as well as during public lectures both in and outside the Netherlands.

In January 2024, Russell began a 6-month postdoctoral research post at the Institute for the History of Pharmacy and Medicine at the Philipps-Universität, Marburg, looking at the technical contributions of ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian societies in their formulation of therapeutic recipes. Here, he contributes multiple classes to PhD student research programs, focused primarily on approaches and methods for studying research topics in the humanities for pharmacy students. He is currently a reviews editor for the *History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceuticals* journal. In July of 2024, he will begin as the new Assistant Professor of Egyptology at Brown University in the US. There, among other duties, he will continue to pursue his expanding research agenda and teach classes in Egyptian language, script, written culture, and anthropological approaches to ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian medicine.