



I graduated from University of Udine in February 2009 with a thesis on the strategies and the language of the *encomium* in Statius' *Silvae*.

I came to RHUL in September 2009 to start my PhD under professor Jonathan Powell.

My research focuses on the literary as well as social dynamics of power relationships in the *Silvae*.

My aim in particular is to focus on the background of Hellenistic and Augustan literature in order to cast the net wider about Statius' models. The variety and complexity of this work brings attention to the traditional as well as the new strategies for the panegyric in the Flavian age.