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EDUCATION

University of Michigan	
PhD in English Language and Literature	August 2025–present
Medieval and Early Modern Studies Certificate	
Boston College	
Master of Arts Degree in English	May 2023–May 2025
Asbury University	
Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, <i>cum laude</i>	Jan 2018–Apr 2023
University of Oxford, Summer Term 2022	
Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts	Aug 2010–Aug 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Late Medieval English Literature and Culture, Poetry, History of Ideas, Literature and Philosophy, Medieval Education, Late Antique Philosophy, Literary Theory, Global Middle Ages

PRESENTATIONS

“Thomistic Hylomorphism in *St. Erkenwald*,” 61st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 14-16 May 2026.
“Forging Refuge for the *Piers Plowman* Trajan,” 51st Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, 10-11 April 2026.
“Reimagined Body-Soul Boundaries in *St. Erkenwald*,” Medieval Academy of America 2026 Meeting, Five College Consortium, Amherst, MA, 19-21 March 2026.
“Using Medieval Disputations to Resolve Liminal Paradoxes in *St. Erkenwald*,” Forum on Research in Medieval Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 22 February 2026.
“Free Will and Community in the *Piers Plowman* Search for Dowel,” Medieval Academy of America Centennial Meeting, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 20 March 2025.

AWARDS

Rackham Pre-Candidacy Research Award, University of Michigan	Jan 2026
Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan	Jan 2026
English Department Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan	Nov 2025
Language Training Grant, University of Michigan	Nov 2025
Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan	Aug 2025–May 2031
English Department Conference Travel Grant, Boston College	May 2025
Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Boston College	Mar 2025
Sigma Tau Delta Continuing Education Scholarship, Asbury University	May 2022
Presidential Scholarship, Asbury University	2010-2012

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Medieval Academy of America 2025 Meeting Graduate Training Day
An Introduction to Teaching the Global Middle Ages

Program Assistant on stipend, Harvard University
Steering Committee, Harvard University

Oct 2024–Mar 2025
Jan 2024–Mar 2025

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Women and Gender Studies English Faculty Search Graduate Student
Committee, Boston College

Dec 2024

Early Modern English Faculty Search Graduate Student Committee,
Boston College

Jan 2024

Roundtable panelist, “Liberal Arts Learning at Asbury: *How to Think* [Alan Jacobs],”
Asbury University

14-16 August 2019

Liberal Arts Student Advisory Group, Asbury University

Jan 2019–May 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Personal Tutor (volunteer), Undergraduate Level

Jan 2021–May 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS

Boston College

Administrative Assistant to the English Department

Apr 2023–April 2025

Asbury University

Staff Assistant IV to the Presidential Suite

Nov 2022–Jan 2023

Staff Assistant IV to the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs

Dec 2019–Nov 2022

Staff Assistant II to the School of Science, Health, and Mathematics

Sept 2017–Nov 2019

LANGUAGES

Middle English (intermediate)

Old English (graduate coursework; reading)

Latin (graduate coursework; beginner)

Spanish (undergraduate coursework; reading)

French (forthcoming, Cours de civilisation française de la Sorbonne, Paris)

MEMBERSHIPS

Medieval Academy of America

New Chaucer Society

International Piers Plowman Society

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society