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EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Late Medieval English Literature and Culture, Poetry, Classical Philosophy, History of Ideas, Medieval Education and Disputation, Scholasticism, Cross-Cultural Exchange, Global Middle Ages, Literary Theory

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

Radcliffe/Ramsdell Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan	Apr 2026
Diane Owen Hughes Scholarship, Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of Michigan	Mar 2026
Rackham Pre-Candidacy Research Award, University of Michigan	Jan 2026
Language Training Grant, University of Michigan	Nov 2025
Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan	Aug 2025–May 2031
Sigma Tau Delta Continuing Education Scholarship	May 2022
Presidential Scholarship, Asbury University	2010-2012

TRAVEL GRANTS

English Department Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan	Mar 2026
Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan	Jan 2026

English Department Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan	Nov 2025
English Department Conference Travel Grant, Boston College	May 2025
Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Boston College	Mar 2025

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

“Slow Piers” Discussion Co-Led with Lawrence Warner International Piers Plowman Society	4 Sept 2026
Medieval Academy of America 2025 Meeting Graduate Training Day <i>An Introduction to Teaching the Global Middle Ages</i> 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: <i>How to Think</i> [Alan Jacobs],” Asbury University Liberal Arts Student Advisory Group, Asbury University	14-16 August 2019 Jan 2019–May 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English 125, <i>Writing and Academic Inquiry</i> , Instructor of Record Personal Tutor (volunteer), Undergraduate Level	Fall 2026 Jan 2021–May 2022
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ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS

Boston College Administrative Assistant to the English Department	Apr 2023–April 2025
Asbury University Staff Assistant IV to the Presidential Suite Staff Assistant IV to the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs Staff Assistant II to the School of Science, Health, and Mathematics	Nov 2022–Jan 2023 Dec 2019–Nov 2022 Sept 2017–Nov 2019

LANGUAGES

Middle English (advanced reading and research ability)
 Old English (graduate coursework; basic reading and research ability)
 Latin (graduate coursework; basic reading and research ability)
 Spanish (undergraduate coursework; basic reading, speaking, and research ability)
 French (Cours de civilisation française de la Sorbonne, Paris; basic reading, speaking, and research ability)

MEMBERSHIPS

Medieval Academy of America
 New Chaucer Society
 International Piers Plowman Society
 Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society