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## EDUCATION

|  |                     |
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| 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*,” 61<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 14-16 May 2026.  
“Reimagined Body-Soul Boundaries in *St. Erkenwald*,” Medieval Academy of America 2026 Meeting, Five College Consortium, Amherst, MA, 19-21 March 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

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| 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

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| 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               | Oct 2024–Mar 2025 |
| Steering Committee, Harvard University                         | Jan 2024–Mar 2025 |

## SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

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| Women and Gender Studies English Faculty Search Graduate Student Committee, Boston College | Dec 2024 |
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| Early Modern English Faculty Search Graduate Student Committee,<br>Boston College                  | Jan 2024          |
| Roundtable panelist, “Liberal Arts Learning at Asbury: <i>How to Think</i> ,”<br>Asbury University | 14-16 August 2019 |
| Liberal Arts Student Advisory Group, Asbury University   | Jan 2019–May 2023 |

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Personal Tutor (volunteer), Undergraduate Level | Jan 2021–May 2022 |
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS

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| 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  
Old English  
Latin  
Spanish

#### MEMBERSHIPS

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