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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Medieval Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2008.
M.M.S. Medieval Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2003.
B.A. English, Brandeis University, 2001.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff**, University College, UNM, Fall 2024–present.
Associate Professor, Department of English, University of New Mexico, 2016–present.
Interim Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff, University College, UNM, 2022–23.
Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of New Mexico, 2012–2016.
Senior Lecturer, Department of English, University of Texas at Arlington, 2008–2012.
Lecturer, Depts. of English and Philosophy, Univ. of Texas at Arlington, 2007–2008.
Adjunct Instructor, Department of English, Rider University, 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Joinings: Compound Words in Old English Literature. University of Toronto Press, 2016.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Trans Saints in Old English.” Forthcoming in *PMLA*. [9,000 words]
- “Holy Women on Display in Ælfric’s *Lives of Saints*.” In *Textual Identities in Early Medieval England*, edited by Jacqueline Fay, Rebecca Stephenson, and Renée Trilling, 244–58. Boydell & Brewer, 2022.
- “Approaching the History of English through Material Culture.” In *Approaches to Teaching the History of the English Language: Pedagogy in Practice*, edited by Mary Hayes and Allison Burkette, 327–34. Oxford University Press, 2017.
- “Revising Race in *Lazamon’s Brut*.” *JEGP* 116 (2017): 156–81.
- “Sequences and Intellectual Identity at Winchester.” In *Latinity and Identity in Anglo-Saxon Literature*, edited by Rebecca Stephenson and Emily Thornbury, 93–117. UTP, 2016.
- “Rhythm and Music: The Sequences of Notker Balbulus.” *Journal of Medieval Latin* 22 (2012): 117–48.
- “Scribal Interpretations of Genre in the Old English Boethius.” *Carmina Philosophiae: Journal of the International Boethius Society* 19 (2010): 1–23. Reprinted in *Boethius and Vernacular Traditions of “The Consolation of Philosophy”*, edited by Noel Harold Kaylor, Jr. and Philip Edward Phillips. Medieval Institute Publications, 2016.

“Striking Balances in a Graduate Seminar.” *Old English Newsletter* 44, no. 3 (2013).
http://www.oenewsletter.org/OEN/archive/44_3/davissecord.php. [2,100 words]

“Rhetoric and Politics in Archbishop Wulfstan’s Old English Homilies.” *Anglia: Journal of English Philology* 126 (2008): 65–96. Reprinted in *Classical and Medieval Literary Criticism* 135, edited by Lawrence J. Trudeau, 319–34. Gale Cengage, 2012.

PUBLIC WRITING

“The Real History of Anglo-Saxons Undermines Racists’ Theories.” *The Washington Post*, April 23, 2021. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/04/23/real-history-anglo-saxons-undermines-racists-theories/> [1,300 words]

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Blood and Guts: Severed Heads and Hot Gore in *Beowulf* and its Analogues.” Article under review at *Early Medieval Europe*.

“Trans Possibilities in Early Medieval England.” Book under contract in Cambridge Elements series, Cambridge University Press.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, Spring 2024.

Research Allocation Committee Grant (\$1300), UNM, Fall 2023.

Visitor, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, Fall 2023.

Marshall Award for Course Development & Curriculum Enhancement (\$2,000), UNM, 2022.

WeR1: Investing in Faculty Success Program (\$1,990), UNM, 2021.

Elizabeth Wertheim Endowed Lectureship (\$4,000), English Dept, UNM, 2018 (for 2016).

Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas System, 2012.

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

“Grendel’s Trans Mother,” Medieval Academy of America, University of Notre Dame, 2024.

“The Trans Possibilities of Grendel’s Mother.” Neowulf: Symposium on New Approaches to *Beowulf*, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 2024.

“Trans Saints in Old English,” in “Encounters in Medieval Trans Studies” session, 58th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University (May 2023).

“‘Superstition’ in Early Medieval England,” Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, Fort Collins, CO (April, 2023).

“Anti-Trans Bodies in *Ælfric’s Lives of Saints*,” Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, Salt Lake City, UT (June, 2022).

“Evil in Early Medieval England,” Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association Digital Works in Progress Conference (October, 2020).

“Black Beowulf, Gay Grendel?” Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association Joint Conference, Denver, CO (April 2019).

“The Pros and Cons of the Public Lecture Series,” in “Medievalists as Public Intellectuals: A Round Table Discussion,” 2019 MLA Annual Convention, Chicago, IL (January 2019).

“Race and Gender in the Furies Episode in the Lives of Swithun,” 50th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, University of Nevada—Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV (April 2018).

“Alfredian Evil,” Biennial Meeting of the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI (July, 2017).

“Evil in Ælfric’s Lives of Saints,” 49th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO (June, 2017).

CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED

“Weird *Beowulf* 1” and “Weird *Beowulf* 2,” 59th International Congress on Medieval Studies, WMU, 2024.

“*Beowulf*’s Bodies,” Medieval Academy of America, Univ. of Notre Dame, 2024.

“The Invisible Curriculum Facing Scholars of Color and First-Generation Status” Roundtable, 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies, WMU, 2019.

“The Invisible Curriculum: Minority and/or First-Generation Success in the Academy” Roundtable, 53rd Congress on Medieval Studies, WMU, 2018.

“Teaching Latin Outside the Classics Department” Roundtable, 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, WMU, 2015.

“The Benedictine Reform in Anglo-Saxon England,” 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, WMU, 2014.

“The Benedictine Reform in Anglo-Saxon England,” 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, WMU, 2013.

COURSES TAUGHT

Survey of Earlier English Literature	Old Norse
Medieval Evil	Medieval Latin
History of the English Language	Job Seekers Workshop
Introduction to Old English	Various Seminars on Old English Literature
Advanced Old English (various topics)	

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Advisory Board member, *JEGP*, Spring 2023–2028.

Affiliations Officer, Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, 2021–24.

Executive Council, Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, 2017–24.

Co-Organizer with Timothy Graham, 2019 International Society of Anglo-Saxonists Biannual Conference.

Co-Organizer, 2016 Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association Conference.