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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. English. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY. (In-progress, currently ABD).

M.A. English. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY. May 2024.

Examination areas: Middle English Literature; Fashion Theory and the Middle Ages

M.A. English. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. May 2021.

Thesis: "Naked and Afraid: The Symbolic Function of Textiles in Middle English Romance"

Honors Dual-B.A. English, History. *Summa Cum Laude*. Waynesburg University. Waynesburg, PA. May 5, 2019.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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## CERTIFICATIONS

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Graduate Certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. May 2021.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Instructor. Writing Speaking and Argument Program. University of Rochester. September 2023-present.

*Undergraduate Courses:*

WRTG 105 – Realms of Fantasy.

WRTG 105 – Worlds of Science Fiction.

Graduate Assistant. English Department. University of Rochester. September 2022-May 2023.

*Undergraduate Courses:*

ENGL 112 – Classical and Scriptural Backgrounds

ENGL 206 – Magic Language

Graduate Part-Time Instructor. Texas Tech University. Aug. 2019-May 2021.

*Undergraduate Courses:*

ENGL 1301 - Essentials of College Rhetoric.

ENGL 1302 - *Advanced College Rhetoric*.

Writing Tutor. Waynesburg University. Aug. 2016-Apr. 2019.

Ethics Tutor. Waynesburg University. Aug. 2017-Dec. 2017.

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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Senior Staff Editor. The Middle English Text Series. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY. November 2024-Present.

Staff Editor. The Middle English Text Series. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY. September 2023-November 2024.

## CONFERENCES

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### **As Organizer:**

Co-organizer, *Vagantes*. The University of Rochester. Rochester, NY. April 2026.

### **As Presenter:**

“Jonas the Jwe’ and the Cultural Other in *Patience*.” 60<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 2025.

“The Book and its Dragon.” 59<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 2024.

“Whimsical Tolkien.” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Symposium on Tolkien Studies. University of Constantine the Philosopher. Nitra, Slovakia. March 2023.

“The Autumn of the World – An Ecocritical Reading of J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Fall of Arthur*.” 17<sup>th</sup> Annual UCP Symposium: Literature and the Natural World. University of Constantine the Philosopher. Nitra, Slovakia. November 2023.

“The Hobbit and Middle Age.” Mythmoot X. Signum University. Leesburg, VA. June 2023.

“Milk and Blood: Crusader Rhetoric and the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.” IMA Medieval Symposium. Illinois Medieval Association. February 2023.

“Tom Bombadil: Against the Consumers.” MythMoot VII. Signum University. Leesburg, VA. June 2021.

“The Empress’ New Clothes: *Pearl*, The Cloth Trade, and the Rise of European Consumerism.” 2021 Spring Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. April 2021.

“Not All Tears Are In Evil: Weeping as Hope in *The Silmarillion*.” Middlemoot. Signum University. Kansas City, KS. October 2020.

“A Game of Clothes: Ethnic Identity and the Textile Industry in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.” Texas Medieval Association. North Denton, TX. October 2020.

“Naked and Afraid: Ethnicity, Courtly Love, and the Textile Industry in the Cotton Nero A.x.” Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. September 2020.

“Queen of Heaven, Heroes of Earth: The Influence of Mary on Medieval Female Sainthood.” Undergraduate Research Symposium. Waynesburg University. Waynesburg, PA. April 2019.

**As President:**

Game Cultures Society. 57<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 2022.

**As Judge:**

2021 Annual Graduate Research Poster Symposium. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. March 2021.

Panel: “Financial Issues, History, and Literary Analysis.” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Arts and Humanities Research Conference. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. November 2020

**As Roundtable Panelist:**

“Rebuilding the Middle English Texts Series (1): Opportunities, Challenges, and Lessons Learned.” 60<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 2025.

**As Respondent:**

English Department Graduate Research Symposium. University of Rochester. Rochester, NY. November 2024.

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INVITED TALKS

Speaker: “A Holistic Life: In and After College.” Alumni speaker series. Given by invitation of Waynesburg University Residence Life. November 2025.

Panel: “Written Student Reflections.” Pedagogy seminar. Given by invitation of the Writing, Speaking, and Argument Program at the University of Rochester. June 2025.

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AWARDS

First place in the See-It, Solve-It Competition for “Chapter of the Day” (cross-disciplinary blog). Entrepreneurial Hub for Innovate Ventures and Endeavors. Cash prize. April 10, 2019.

Outstanding Senior in English Studies. Waynesburg University. Gift of books. April 23, 2019.

James E. Garvin and Caroline Parkinson Garvin Award for Excellence in the Humanities. Waynesburg University. Cash Prize. May 2018.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, RESEARCH FUNDING

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Folger Institute Consortium Grant: Dream Lab 2025. \$1,000. The Folger Institute at the Folger Shakespeare Library. 2025.

Meliora Digital Humanities and Interdisciplinary Fellowship. \$31,000. University of Rochester, Humanities Center. 2025-2027.

Spring Research Funding: International Congress of Medieval Studies 59. \$600. University of Rochester, School of Arts and Sciences. May 2024.

Summer Research Funding: Mythmoot X. \$300. University of Rochester, School of Arts and Sciences. June 2023.

Stover Center Scholarship. \$20,000 plus travel. Stover Center for Constitutional Studies and Moral Leadership. Aug. 2015-May 2019.

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom. Faculty reading group. 2024-2025.

Western European Paleography. Workshop. In association with the Middle English Text Series. Nov. 8, 2024.

## SERVICE

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Refugee Committee. Trinity Communion Church. 2023-ongoing.

Leader. 2025.

Member. 2022-2024.

Refugee Driver. Trinity Communion Church. 2022-2025.

Merit Badge Instructor, "Citizenship in the Nation." Boy Scouts of America, 2016-2019.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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International Arthurian Society

Sigma Tau Delta (Upsilon Delta Chapter)

Phi Alpha Theta (Upsilon Chapter)

President, 2017-2018.

Vice-President, 2018-2019.

Texas Tech University Medieval and Renaissance Studies Club

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

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Middle English; Old English; Latin; Italian; Hellenistic Greek