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Harvard College Writing Program
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EMPLOYMENT

Preceptor in Expository Writing, Harvard College, July 2018-present.

EDUCATION

PhD in English and Medieval Studies, UC Berkeley, August 2018.
Dissertation: "Disciplining the Tongue: Speech and Emotion in Later Middle English Poetry"
Committee: Maura Nolan (chair), Steven Justice, David Hult

A.B. in English, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College, May 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript in progress

The Fullness of the Heart: Speaking and Feeling in Late Medieval England

Articles

"Oaths and Everyday Life in Peter Idley's *Instructions*," *Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 119.2
(forthcoming 2020)

"Learning from Shame," *Yearbook of Langland Studies* 32 (2018): 37-75

"The Idle Readers of *Piers Plowman* in Print," *New Medieval Literatures* 17 (2017): 201-36

Reviews

Review of Rebecca Davis, *'Piers Plowman' and the Books of Nature* (Oxford, 2016), *Studies in the Age of Chaucer* 39
(2017): 326-29

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Grants and Fellowships

2017-18 Block Grant Fellowship. Department of English, UC Berkeley.
2016-17 Berkeley Connect Fellowship in English. Department of English, UC Berkeley.
2015 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant. Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion.
2015 Bancroft Library Summer Study Grant. Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley.

- 2014 James D. Hart Summer Grant. UC Berkeley.
 2011-13 English Department Fellowship. UC Berkeley.

Honors and Awards

- 2017 Schallek Award. Medieval Academy of America and Richard III Society (American Branch).
 2016 Benjamin & Barbara Kurtz Dissertation Chapter Prize. Department of English, UC Berkeley.
 2012 Medieval Studies Graduate Student Prize. Program in Medieval Studies, UC Berkeley.
 2012 Alison Goddard Elliott Award. New England Medieval Studies Consortium.

Teaching Grants and Awards

- 2016-19 Excellence in Teaching Award (Lecturers and Preceptors). Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University. *Received three times.*
 2018 Engaged Scholarship Curricular Innovation Award. Mindich Program in Engaged Scholarship, Harvard University.
 2015 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Department of English, UC Berkeley.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 2019 “Without Tongue or Teeth: Speech, Silence, and Self-Knowledge in Late Medieval England.” Department of English, Yale University. 2 April 2019.
 “A Critical History of Adventure.” Department of English, Program in Africana, and Program in Classical and Medieval Studies, Bates College. 21 March 2019.
 2017 “Merry Tales and the Wicked Tongue: Chaucer’s Rules for Speech.” Department of English, Harvard University. 8 February 2017.
 2016 “Hard Truths: Speech and Violence in *Mum and the Sothsegger*.” Medieval Colloquium, Harvard University. 10 March 2016.

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Risk and Trust in Aventure,” 22nd Biennial Congress of the New Chaucer Society, Durham, UK. July 2020.
 “Transformations of Pity.” John Gower Society Congress, Notre Dame, IN. July 2020.
 2019 “Sores and Salves: Truth and the Body Poetic in *Mum and the Sothsegger*.” 53rd Annual International Congress of Medieval Studies (ICMS), Kalamazoo, MI. May 2019.
 “Voice without Words: The Case of Anima.” 7th International *Piers Plowman* Society Conference, Miami, FL. April 2019.
 2018 “Thomas Hoccleve, Swelling and Bursting.” The Making of Thomas Hoccleve Conference, Winnipeg, MB, Canada. July 2018.
 “Process.” 21st NCS Congress, Toronto, ON, Canada. July 2018.
 2017 “Idley’s Oaths and the Remaking of Pastoral Tradition.” Early Book Society and John Gower Society Congress, Durham, UK. July 2017.
 “Oaths, Plots, and the Memory of 1402 in England.” 52nd Annual ICMS. May 2017.
 2016 “Sinful Voices.” 51st Annual ICMS. May 2016.
 2015 “Robert Doughtie and the Readers of *Piers Plowman* in Print.” 6th IPPS, Seattle, WA. July 2015.
 “Secularization and Sovereignty in *Mum and the Sothsegger*.” International *Piers Plowman* Society session, “Secular Langland.” 50th Annual ICMS. May 2015.

- 2014 “The *Dietary* and Lydgate’s Didactic Style.” 19th NCS Congress, Reykjavík, Iceland. July 2014.
 “‘Al in the glose folk labour and swete’: Langlandian Doubt in the *Regiment of Princes*.”
 Hoccleve Society session, “Hoccleve in Dialogue.” 49th Annual ICMS. May 2014.
- 2013 “‘Right Wiclevian’ or ‘Satyricall Penne’? Interconfessional Polemic and *The Plowman’s Tale*.”
 Renaissance Conference of Southern California, San Marino, CA. June 2013.
 “Stock Formulae and Character in Chaucer’s *Troilus*.” 48th Annual ICMS. May 2013.
- 2012 “The Place of the *Plowman’s Tale* in Milton’s Radical History.” New England Medieval Studies
 Consortium Graduate Student Conference, New Haven, CT. March 2012.

Campus Talks

- 2019 “Decision Points: Choice, Constraint, and the Ethics of Romance.” Medieval Colloquium, Harvard
 University. September 2019.
- 2015 “The Idle Readers of *Piers Plowman* in Print.” Bancroft Roundtable, UC Berkeley. March 2016.

TEACHING

Preceptor, Writing Program, Harvard College

- Expository Writing Studio 10: “Introduction to Expository Writing” (Two sections, Fall 2019)
 Expository Writing 20: “Ecological Crisis” (Two sections per term, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019)
 Expository Writing 20: “Sin and Virtue” (Spring 2016)

Lecturer, Department of English, Boston University

- English 322: “British Literature I” (Spring 2018)
 English 324: “Love in the Middle Ages” (Spring 2018)

Instructor of record, Department of English, UC Berkeley

- English 166: “Games of Thrones, Medieval to Modern” (Summer 2018)
 Reading & Composition R1B: “Other Worlds” (Spring 2015)
 Reading & Composition R1A: “The First Person” (Fall 2014)

Teaching assistant, Department of English, UC Berkeley

- Survey: “Literature in English: Through Milton” (Fall 2013 and Spring 2014)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conference Organizing

- 2016 “Method and the Middle English Text,” University of Virginia. Member, organizing committee.
 April 2016.
- 2014 “The Material Middle Ages,” UC Berkeley Medieval Studies Conference. Co-chair with Jenny
 Tan (UC Berkeley), organizing committee. Keynote: Professor Cynthia J. Brown (UCSB).
 February and March 2014.

Panel Organizing

- 2020 Co-organizer with Anna Kelner (Harvard), “Devotion and Religious Difference.” 22nd Biennial New
 Chaucer Society Congress, Durham, UK.

- 2018 Co-organizer with R. D. Perry (Saint Louis University), “Late Fifteenth-Century Anglo-French,” 21st Biennial New Chaucer Society Congress, Toronto.
Co-organizer with Jasmin Miller (UC Berkeley), “Emotion, Affect, and Feeling in Late Medieval English Devotion,” 53rd Annual ICMS, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2017 Co-organizer with Taylor Cowdery (UNC), “Voice, Song, and Silence in Medieval England,” roundtable, 52nd Annual ICMS.
Co-organizer with Travis Neel (OSU), “Loneliness and Solitude in Late Medieval England,” roundtable, 52nd Annual ICMS.
- 2016 Co-organizer with Taylor Cowdery, “Rhetoric and Voice Across the Fifteenth Century,” roundtable, 51st Annual ICMS.
- 2015 Co-organizer with Katherine O’Brien O’Keeffe and R. D. Perry, “Post-War Scholarship and the Study of the Middle Ages” (two panels), 50th Annual ICMS.
Co-organizer with Jenny Tan, “Transnationalism before the Nation?” 50th Annual ICMS.
Co-organizer with Taylor Cowdery, “The Decadent Fifteenth Century,” 50th Annual ICMS.

Other Professional Service

- 2019-20 Member, Harvard College Board of First-Year Advisers Pilot Program.
- 2019-20 Webmaster, International Hoccleve Society.
- 2018-19 Assistant Director, Harvard Extension School Writing Center.
- 2018 Reader for *The Yearbook of Langland Studies*.
- 2016-17 Fellow and graduate student mentor, Berkeley Connect in English. UC Berkeley.
Co-director with Sarah J. Johnson (University of Chicago), Medieval and Early American Working Group. UC Berkeley.
- 2015-16 Tutor, Harvard Extension School Writing Center.
- 2013-15 Co-chair with Jenny Tan, Graduate Medievalists at Berkeley (GMB). UC Berkeley.
- 2012-15 Co-director with R. D. Perry, Medieval Philosophy Working Group. UC Berkeley.
- 2012-13 Research assistant for Professor Jennifer Miller. UC Berkeley.
- 2011-13 Co-organizer, English Graduate Association Colloquium Committee. UC Berkeley.

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of Old English, Latin, French, Old French, Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Piers Plowman Society, John Gower Society, Medieval Academy of America, Modern Language Association, New Chaucer Society, Society of Medieval Feminist Scholarship.