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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (English), University of Toronto, 2016
Graduate studies (English, non-degree program), University of California, Berkeley, 2007–10
M.A. (Security Policy Studies), George Washington University, 1992
A.B. (Honors in Government & Law), Lafayette College, 1985

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016–17 Lecturer, Department of English, Texas A&M University
2014–16 Instructor, Department of English, University of Toronto
2010–14 Teaching/Research Assistant, Department of English, University of Toronto

PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation *Metaphors of Turning: The Mind, Agency, and Free Will in Anglo-Saxon Literature*, 2016; committee: Andy Orchard (supervisor), Antonette di Paolo Healey, William Robins

Books *Word Myths: Debunking Linguistic Urban Legends*, Oxford UP, 2004

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“*Fæhðā Gemyndig*: Hostile Acts vs. Enmity,” *Neophilologus*, 99.4, October 2015
(DOI: 10.1007/s11061-015-9434-8)
“Rethinking the Prescriptivist-Descriptivist Dyad: Motives and Methods in Two Eighteenth-Century Grammars,” *English Today*, 30.3, September 2014 (DOI: 10.1017/S026607841400025X)

Selected Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Journos’ Boffo Lingo: The Slang of Daily Variety,” *Verbatim*, Vol. 30.1, Spring 2005
“A Hoagie By Any Other Name,” *Verbatim*, 27.3, Autumn 2003
Proceedings of the DNA International Conference on Controlling Arms, co-editor, Defense Nuclear Agency, 1994
Summary of the Proceedings of the DNA International Conference on Controlling Arms, editor, Defense Nuclear Agency, 1993
“Verification Technologies: Roles and Applications,” *Proceedings of the DNA Conference on Arms Control and Verification Technologies*, Jerry Van Keuren, editor, Defense Nuclear Agency, 1992

PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

Conference Presentations

“Nearwe Bygeas Worda & Weorca: Steering the Anglo-Saxon Mind,” University of Toronto English Department Research Roundtable, November 2013

“Birdhouse in Your Soul: The Avian Imagery of the *Exeter Book*,” Toronto Old English Colloquium, May 2013

“Fæhð, Homicide, and Jural Retaliation in Anglo-Saxon Law and Poetry,” MLA, Boston, January 2013

“Turning and Anglo-Saxon Concepts of Agency and Free Will,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2012“

You Keep Using That Word. I Do Not Think It Means What You Think It Means: *Fæhð* in *Beowulf*,” Anglo-Saxon Studies Colloquium, Berkeley, February 2012

“Kurt Cobain and His Orchestra: Shifts in Naming Conventions of Popular Music Groups, 1923-2003,” American Name Society, Albuquerque, January 2006

Web Publications

Wordorigins.org, 1997-present

“Jazz: An Unlikely, but True, American Journey,” *OxfordWords Blog*, 6 April 2015, blog.oxforddictionaries.com

“Are There Really Hundreds of Eskimo Words for Snow?” *OxfordWords Blog*, 6 January 2011, blog.oxforddictionaries.com

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cognitive approaches to Old English literature, conceptual metaphor theory, digital humanities, historical linguistics, and history of the English language

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011–2012, Research Assistant, University of Toronto, Prof. Alexandra Gillespie, “Making Medieval English Manuscripts—New Knowledge, New Technologies: Parker's Scribes,” developing an annotation system for digital versions of the Cambridge Parker manuscripts

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Society of Anglo-Saxonists

Medieval Academy of America

Modern Language Association

American Dialect Society

READING LANGUAGES Old English, Latin, Old Norse

TEACHING INTERESTS

Old English literature and language, medieval English literature, history of the English language

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Lecturer, Texas A&M
 ENG 104, Composition and Rhetoric (4 sections)
- 2014–2016 Instructor, University of Toronto
 ENG 414, Cognitive Approaches to Literature
 ENG B05, Critical Writing About Literature (4 sections)
 ENG 100, Effective Writing
- 2010–2016 Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto
 ENG 385, History of the English Language
 ENG 202, British Literature—Medieval to Romantic (4 sections)
 ENG 150, Literary Tradition (4 sections)
 ENG 110, Narrative (3 sections)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

- 2013–2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2013 International Society of Anglo-Saxonists Graduate Student Workshop, Digital
 Resources: Data and Databases
- 2013 C. B. Farrar International Graduate Scholarship in English, University of Toronto
- 2012 Ruben Cheng and Pui Yuk Chek Cheng Graduate Scholarship in the Humanities,
 University of Toronto
- 2010–2015 University of Toronto Fellowship
- 1985 College President's Award, Lafayette College
- 1985 Minerva & Emil V. Novak Award in Government & Law, Lafayette College
- 1985 Eugene P. Chase Prize, Lafayette College
- 1982–1985 U. S. Army ROTC Scholarship

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Toronto

- 2012–2013 Secretary, Graduate English Association
- 2012–2013 Staff-Student Relations Committee, Department of English
- 2012 Doctoral Completion Grant Committee, Department of English
- 2010–2015 Graduate English Council

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2008–2010 Freelance Writer/Editor/Marketing Consultant
Wrote and edited corporate profiles, lesson plans, web content, press releases, and marketing material for a variety of business and educational clients. Provided business planning and product strategy/management to high-tech and government clients.
- 2004–2008 Senior Marketing Editor and Senior Product Manager, NVIDIA, Santa Clara, CA
Primary editor and writer of external communications—press releases, web and ad copy, white papers, product collateral, and published articles—for multi-billion dollar computer hardware manufacturer. Product manager for 3D image rendering software package.
- 2000–2004 Freelance Writer/Editor/Marketing Consultant
- 1999–2000 Senior Product Manager, OpenTV, Mountain View, CA
Managed hardware and software products at a leading interactive television company.
- 1998–1999 Senior Product Marketing Manager, Mosaix, Alameda, CA
Provided sales support and strategic and competitive analysis at a software company.
- 1996–1998 Senior Arms Control Analyst, SAIC, McLean, VA
Managed US Air Force arms control compliance and software development programs.
- 1994–1996 Senior Arms Control Specialist, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Wash., DC
Represented the US Defense Department at the Chemical Weapons Convention Preparatory Commission meeting in The Hague; Pentagon arms control/nonproliferation action officer.
- 1990–1994 Arms Control Analyst, SAIC Center for Verification Research, Newington, VA
Managed multiple, multi-million dollar research and development programs for arms control verification and the US-Russian Cooperative Threat Reduction Program.
- 1989–1990 News Editor, United Communications Group, Bethesda, MD
Edited weekly petroleum-industry publications.
- 1985–1989 US Army Chemical Officer, Germany
Assistant operations/chemical officer for a nuclear-capable, field artillery battalion. Communications security custodian, responsible for the nuclear release authentication system.