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EDUCATION

Ph.D., English Literature, University of Pennsylvania, May 2009

B.A., *summa cum laude*, English Literature, Washington University in St. Louis, May 2002

DISSERTATION

“Cultural Promotion: Middle English Alliterative Writing and the Latin *Ars Dictaminis*”

Chair: Rita Copeland

Readers: Emily Steiner and David Wallace

This dissertation argues that developments in Latin education in the fourteenth century contributed to the production of English alliterative poetry by reshaping the perception, valuation, and uses of this native literary form.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Penn-in-London Fellowship for Study at King's College, London, 2006-2007
- Dolores Zohrad Liebmann Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2004-2008
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, 2003-2004
- Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2003
- Phi Beta Kappa, inducted May 2002

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND TALKS

“Cultural Promotion: An Essay on Middle English Alliterative Verse and the Latin Schools,”
University of Pennsylvania Medieval-Renaissance Seminar, Philadelphia, April 2008.

“Alliterative Poetry's Latin Learning,” Modern Language Association, Chicago, December 2007.

“The Latin *cursus* and Middle English Alliterative Verse,” Fourth International Conference on
Piers Plowman, Philadelphia, May 2007.

TEACHING

Instructor

Introduction to Literary Theory (University of Pennsylvania, Summer 2008)

Teaching Assistant

Subjects of Desire in Medieval Religious Writing (King's College London, Fall 2006)

Shakespeare (University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2006)

Romance (University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2005)

Teaching Interests

- Medieval and early modern British literature
- Classical, medieval and early modern European literatures
- Literary Theory (antiquity through contemporary)
- History of the English Language
- History of the Book

PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Co-organizer, Medieval-Renaissance Reading Group, University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008

Panel Organizer, "Alliterative Poetry's Latin Backgrounds," Fourth International Conference on *Piers Plowman*, Philadelphia, May 2007

Secretary, Graduate English Association, University of Pennsylvania, 2005-2006

REFERENCES

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