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Research Interests

Medieval literature, Old and Middle English, Historical Linguistics, and the History of the English Language. My current project investigates the Old English language of fear, tracing the development of emotional vocabulary in Old English with attention to the Latin sources for theological conceptions of fear.

Education

Ph.D. in English, Minor in Medieval Studies, University of Minnesota, 2012

M.A. in Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 2006

B.A. in English, Truman State University, MO, 1997

Dissertation

The Old English Language of Fear. This investigation demonstrates the influence of doctrinal concepts of the emotions and Latin words for fear on the vocabulary and expression of Old English during the late tenth and early eleventh centuries.

Courses Taught

University of Arkansas, Fort Smith

Fall 2012-Present

ENGL 1203: Composition I
ENGL 3003: History of the English Language

University of Minnesota

Fall 2006-Spring 2012

ENGL 1172: The Story of King Arthur
ENGL 1001v: Honors Introduction to Literature
ENGL 3601: Analysis of the English Language
ENGL 3007: Shakespeare
WRIT 1301: University Writing
WRIT 3562w: Technical and Professional Writing
ENGL 1181w: Introduction to Shakespeare

Anoka Technical College

Fall 2010

ENG 2105: Professional and Technical Writing (online course)

Western Michigan University

2005-2006

MDVL 1450: Heroes and Villains of the Middle Ages

Vanevan University, Martuni, Gegharkunik Region, Republic of Armenia

1998-2000

English I-IV
History of the English Language

Publications

“The Gothic Vocabulary of Fear.” *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 111 (2012): 285-303..

Presentations

“Translating Fear in the Prose Lives of Saint Guthlac.” Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America. Tucson, AZ, April 15, 2011.

“Ulfilas’s Vocabulary of Fear: Fright and Awe in Gothic.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2010.

“Drinking, Speaking, and Acting in *Beowulf*.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2009.

“Scho had gret delyt to red bukis & to wryt: Saint Eugenia’s Education in the Latin Tradition and English Translation.” 50th Midwest Modern Language Association Convention. Minneapolis, MN, November 15, 2008.

“*Stórvirki ok illvirki*: Arson as a Legal Motif in the Sagas.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2007.

Guest Lectures

“The Globe Theater in Shakespeare’s London.” In Karyn Koehler, English I, White Bear Lake High School, March 12, 2010.

“Gawain and the Green Knight.” In Rebecca Krug, ENGL 1172 The Story of Arthur, March 2, 2010.

“Strong Verbs.” In Andrew Scheil, ENGL 4612 Old English I, Fall 2009

“Arson and The Law in *Njal’s Saga*.” In Kaaren Grimstad, SCAN 5502 Icelandic Sagas, Fall 2007

Grants and Awards

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Competitive fellowship awarded by the University of Minnesota Graduate School to support the final year of dissertation work. 2011-2012.

John Leyerle-CARA Prize. Medieval Academy of America. Competitive award to support research travel to the University of Toronto. 2010.

Departmental Travel Grants for conference participation. Average \$250. 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007.

Audrey Christensen Library Acquisition Prize. Competitive departmental award, privately funded, for the purchase of books and research materials. 2008.

English Department Graduate Fellowship. Spring 2007.

Professional Service

Co-chair and Organizer: "Lexical Approaches to Old English." International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2011.

Presider: "The Sword and the (Philosopher's) Stone: The Reception of Malory's *Morte Darthur* as Philosophical Discourse and Ethical Exemplum." International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2011.

Chair and Organizer: "Saints and Sanctuaries: Old and Middle English Hagiography." Permanent Section on Old and Middle English Literature. 52nd Midwest Modern Language Association Convention. Chicago, IL, November, 2010.

Presider: Transmission and Reception of Saints' Lives. International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2009.

Secretary: Old and Middle English Literature, 51st Midwest Modern Language Association Convention. Minneapolis, MN, November 15, 2009.

Presider: Text and Image in the Old English Genesis. International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2007.

Committee Service

University of Arkansas-Fort Smith

English Department Literature Committee, Fall 2012-Present
College Majors and Alumni Committee, Fall 2012-Present

Professional Memberships

Medieval Academy of America
Midwest Modern Language Association
International Society of Anglo-Saxonists