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Academic Employment

Instructional Assistant Professor of English	Texas A&M University	2018 - Present
Project Manager, New Variorum Shakespeare	Texas A&M University	2020 - Present
Associate Editor, World Shakespeare Bibliography	Texas A&M University	2018 - 2020

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in English Concentration: Medieval Studies, with Certificate in Digital Humanities Dissertation: "Purgatory and Prison: Punitive Spaces in Old and Middle English Literature" Committee: Britt Mize, Nancy Warren, Laura Mandell, Justin Lake	Texas A&M University	2018
Master of Arts in English <i>Masters with Distinction</i> Thesis: "Zoroastrian Dualism in Paradise Lost" Directors: Michael Bryson and Scott Kleinman	CSU, Northridge	2011
Bachelor of Arts in English <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	CSU, Fresno	

Publications**Journal Articles**

"Modeling a Factoid Prosopography with TEI and Linked Data." *Journal of the Text Encoding Initiative*, co-authored with Daniel Schwartz and Nathan Gibson (Accepted and Invited to Resubmit).

"Asceticism in Old English and Syriac Soul and Body Narratives." *Humanities*, vol. 9, no. 3, 2020, doi:10.3390/h9030100.

"Two New Approaches to Exploring Monstrous Landscapes in *Beowulf* and *Blickling Homily XVII*." *Essays in Medieval Studies*, vol. 31, 2015, pp. 165-81. Project MUSE, doi:10.1353/ems.2015.0009.

"Early Modern OCR Project (eMOP) at Texas A&M University: Using Aletheia to Train Tesseract." *ACM Document Engineering Proceedings*, September 2013. 23-26.

Book Chapter

"if (not "Quantize, Click, and Conclude") { DigitalMethodsInMedievalStudies(); }." *Meeting the Medieval in a Digital World*, ed. Matthew Davis. Arc Humanities Press, 2018. 27-44.

Book Review

Review of *Debates in the Digital Humanities*, ed. Matthew K. Gold, in *Information and Culture: A Journal of History*, with Laura Mandell, et al, March 2013.
http://www.infoculturejournal.org/book_reviews/idhmc_gold_DebatesDH.

Collaborative and Online Projects

Beowulf by All trans. lines 931-949, *Stanford Text Technologies*, eds. Elaine Treharne and Jean Abbott. Punctum Books, (forthcoming in 2021).
<https://texttechnologies.stanford.edu/publications/beowulf-all>.

SPEAR (Syriac Persons, Events, and Relations), contributing author as a part of Syriaca.org: The Syriac Reference Portal. <http://syriaca.org>.

The World Shakespeare Bibliography Online, International Committee of Correspondents, member since 2018. (available at: <https://www.worldshakesbib.org/international-committee-correspondents>).

The World Shakespeare Bibliography Online, Teaching Resource: Submitting Annotations to World Shakespeare Bibliography, co-authored with Heidi Craig, Laura Estill, and Kris May (available at www.worldshakesbib.org/resources).

Works in Progress

"Formulas as a Test for Verse-Medial Extrametrical Syllables in Old English Poetry." Article in progress, co-authoring with Britt Mize.

Latin to English translations of selected poems from *Carmina Burana* for 20/20 | Hulu special, anchored by Diane Sawyer (In-Progress).

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Competitive Fellowships

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Assistantship

\$19,500, Texas A&M University, Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture, 2015 - 2017.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture Digital Humanities Summer Institute Scholarship \$950, Texas A&M University, 2017.

Dissertation Enhancement Fellowship – British Library Archival Research

\$2,750, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2016.

Summer Dissertation Fellowship

\$2,500, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2016.

Texas A&M Doctoral Graduate Diversity Fellowship

\$57,000, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2012-2015.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Research Assistantship

\$27,000, Texas A&M University, Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture, 2012-2014.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture Technical Assistance Grant Assistantship

\$3,000, Texas A&M University, 2014.

English Department Merit Scholarship for the Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI)

\$250, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2014.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture Digital Humanities Summer Institute Scholarship
\$950, Texas A&M University, 2014.

English Department Graduate Grant for the Latin Workshop at UC Berkeley
\$750, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2013.

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship
\$3,000, California State University, 2010-2011.

University of California, Santa Barbara, California Pre-Doctoral Internship
\$8,000, California State University Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship Program, 2011.

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Outstanding Leadership Award
California State University, Northridge, 2011.

Center for the Digital Humanities Fellowship
\$800, California State University, Northridge, 2010-2011.

Grants and Awards

English Department Graduate Travel to Conference Grant
\$650, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2017.

English Department Graduate Travel to Conference Grant
\$753, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2016.

English Department Graduate Travel to Conference Grant
\$706, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2015.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture Workshop Grant
\$250, Texas A&M University, 2014.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture Travel to Conference Grant
\$1,860, Texas A&M University, 2013.

English Department Graduate Travel to Conference Grant
\$700, Texas A&M University, Department of English, 2013.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture Travel to Conference Grant
\$1,350, Texas A&M University, 2013.

Conferences and Workshops

Selected Conference Presentations

"Liminal Bodies in Medieval Communities: Visualizing Space, Place, and Mobility." Presented at Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, Sewanee, the University of the South, TN, March 2017.

"Sacred Spaces, Burial and Carceral Locations, and the Formation of Communal Identity." Presented at Texas Medieval Association Conference, Texas A&M University, TX, September 2016.

"Diabolical Rhetoric in Old and Middle English Texts." International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2016.

- "Testing the (In)Visibility of Verse-Medial Extrametrical Syllables in Old English Poetry Using Formulas." International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2015.
- "*Beowulf* and *Blickling Homily XVII*: Two New Approaches to an Old Problem." Illinois Medieval Association, St. Louis University, IL, February 2015.
- "Mimicking the Medieval Manuscript: What OCRing Early Modern Texts Reveals About the Development and Decline of Blackletter Typeface." Presented at the Making Sense Symposium, Texas A&M University, October 2014.
- "Purgatory and Prison: Punitive Spaces in Medieval English Hagiography." Presented at Texas Medieval Association Conference, University of North Texas, October 2014.
- "Book History and Software Tools: Examining Typefaces for OCR Training in eMOP." Presented at Digital Humanities 2014, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 2014.
- "'Nis þæt heoru stow!' A Lexomic Approach to the Monstrous Places in *Blickling Homily XVII* and *Beowulf*." Presented at the Presents of the Past Symposium, Texas A&M University, April 2014.
- "Early Modern OCR Project (eMOP) at Texas A&M University: Using Aletheia to Train Tesseract." Presented at the 13th ACM Symposium on Document Engineering, Florence, Italy, September 2013.
- "Early Modern OCR Project (eMOP) at Texas A&M University: Training Tesseract with Aletheia Desktop." Presented at the KIAS Around the World Symposium, Online, May 2013.
- "Space, Boundaries, and Apocatastasis in Anglo-Saxon Hagiography." Presented at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2013.
- "Mopping Up With eMOP: Early Modern Optical Character Recognition Project at Texas A&M University." Presented at The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Cleveland, OH, April 2013.
- "How to Train Tesseract Using Aletheia Desktop Tool." Presented at the *Creating a Publishable, Digital Textual Edition Workshop* at The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Cleveland, OH, April 2013.

Workshops Attended/Taught

Texas A&M University, College Station

Mapping the Medieval World with *VisualEyes*, 2018-2019

Instructor: Katayoun Torabi

Marquette University, Milwaukee

Mapping Ancient Lives and Social Networks, 2017

Instructors: Nathan Gibson, Jeanne-Nicole Mellon Saint-Laurent, David A. Michelson, Dan Schwartz, and Katayoun Torabi

University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI), 2017

Course: *Introduction to Javascript and Data Visualization*

Instructors: *Harvey Quamen and Jon Bath*

University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI), 2014

Course: *Visual Design for Digital Humanists*,

Instructors: *Milena Radzikowska and Jennifer Windsor*

University of California, Berkeley
Summer Latin Language Seminar, 2013
Instructor: Raymond Kania, University of California, Berkeley

Chapman University, Orange, California
THATCamp SoCal,
BootCamp: Collecting, interpreting, analyzing, and manipulating humanities data
Instructor: Scott Kleinman

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University, 2014 – Present

English 330: Honors - Arthurian Literature, Instructor of Record

An advanced literature course designed to introduce students to the legend of King Arthur and Arthurian literature from its medieval origins to the present.

English 317: Early British Drama, Instructor of Record

An advanced literature course that explores the history and development of drama in England from the medieval period through the seventeenth century.

English 313: Honors - Medieval English Literature, Instructor of Record

An advanced literature course that focuses on Old and Middle English literature, including such authors and works as *Beowulf*, *The Dream of the Rood*, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, *Piers Plowman*, Sir Thomas Malory, Julian of Norwich, and Margery Kempe.

English/Linguistics 310: History of the English Language, Instructor of Record

A course that focuses on the phonological, grammatical, and lexical history of the English language; includes a discussion of Indo-European languages, as well as principles of linguistic change, as reflected in English.

English 210: Technical and Business Writing, Instructor of Record

A semester-long course that focuses on writing for professional settings; correspondence and researched reports fundamental to the technical and business workplace--memoranda, business letters, research proposals and presentations, and the use of graphical and document design.

English 203: Honors - Writing about Literature, Instructor of Record.

A beginning literature course that introduces students to communicating persuasively about literature for the purpose of enhancing skills in academic and professional communication. This particular section focused on constructions of villains and heroes in texts drawn from a range of historical periods and across multiple genres.

English 104: Composition and Rhetoric, Instructor of Record

A beginning writing course that offers instruction in the principles of rhetoric and college writing, providing students with foundational critical thinking, research and writing, skills essential for the completion of persuasive essays in view of multiple audience perspectives, and the academic community.

Liberal Arts 689: Programming for Humanists – Network Visualization, Instructor of Record

Part of a two-semester course sequence designed to introduce participants to methodologies, coding, and programming languages associated with the Digital Humanities. My section of the course focused on generating network visualizations using Gephi, an open-source interactive platform, which allows users to create maps that highlight relationships and interactions among characters in various literary works.

Professional, University, and Departmental Service

English Department Executive Committee, Texas A&M, 2020-present.

President's Transformational Teaching Committee for Developing Hybrid Courses,
Committee Member, Texas A&M University, 2020-present.

Center of Digital Humanities Research (CoDHR) Advisory Board, Texas A&M University,
Board Member, 2018-present.

Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture Committee for Planning a Digital Humanities Major at
Texas A&M University, 2016-present.

Search Committee, Early Modern Literature and World Shakespeare Bibliography Editor, 2018-2019.

Texas Medievalist Society, Texas A&M University, Faculty Advisor, 2018-present.

Medieval Studies Working Group, Texas A&M University, Graduate student co-Convener, 2017-2018;
Faculty co-Convenor, 2018-present.

Journal Reviewer, *Medieval Perspectives*, 2018-present.

"New Variorum Shakespeare at Texas A&M." English 603: Bibliography.
Texas A&M University, Invited Guest Speaker, March 2021.

"New Variorum Shakespeare at Texas A&M." Early Modern Studies Working Group.
Texas A&M University, Invited Guest Speaker, November 2020.

"*The World Shakespeare Bibliography Online* and How to Submit Annotations to the *WSB*." English 603: Bibliography,
Texas A&M University, Invited Guest Speaker, November 2019.

"Syllabus Design." English 697: Pedagogy, Texas A&M University, Invited Panelist, September 2019.

Texas Medieval Association Conference, Texas A&M University, Organizing Committee and Webmaster, 2015-2016.

"Designing Effective Class Days." English 697: Pedagogy, Texas A&M University, Invited Panelist, September 2016.

"Digitizing Medieval Texts." Programming for Humanists #MYDH Round Table, Texas A&M University,
Invited Panelist, August 2016.

"What Devils Say." International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, Session Organizer, May 2016.

English Department Graduate Studies Brown Bag Series, "Preparing for Preliminary Examinations,"
Texas A&M University, Invited panelist, 2015.

Texas A&M English Graduate Student Association Department Technology Committee Representative, 2013-2014.

English Department Orientation for Incoming Graduate Students, Texas A&M University, Mentor, 2013-2014.

THATCamp, Texas A&M University, Organizing Committee, 2014.

Presents of the Past Symposium, Texas A&M University, Technical Committee, 2014.

English Department Graduate Studies Brown Bag Series, "Applying to Ph.D. Programs," Texas A&M University, Invited panelist, 2012.

California State University, Northridge, Sigma Tau Delta, Vice President, 2010-2011.

Languages and Computing Platforms

Farsi, Old English, Middle English, Spanish, Latin
HTML, CSS, XML, TEI, JavaScript, WordPress, Gephi, VisualEyes

Academic Memberships

Modern Language Association
Medieval Academy of America
Texas Medieval Association
Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society
Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations
Shakespeare Association of America

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