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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1987 Cornell University
M.A. 1980 Fordham University
B.A. 1978 Georgetown University

EMPLOYMENT

2003- Professor University of Connecticut
1995-2003 Associate Professor University of Connecticut
1989-95 Assistant Professor University of Connecticut
1987-89 Research Associate SUNY-Binghamton

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Old and Middle English.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

The Apocrypha. Instrumenta Anglistica Mediaevalia 1. Edited Frederick M. Biggs. With contributions from Biggs, Mary Clayton, Thomas N. Hall, A. diPaolo Healey, Clare A. Lees, James H. Morey, Michael W. Twomey, and Charles D. Wright. Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publications, Western Michigan University. 2007. Pp. xx + 117.

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des-Prés, and Acta Sanctorum. Edited Frederick M. Biggs, Thomas D. Hill, Paul E. Szarmach, and E. Gordon Whatley. Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publications, Western Michigan University, 2001. Pp. xlvi + 548.

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Articles

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"Ælfric's Mark, Other Things, and Apostolic Authority," *Studies in Philology* 104 (2007), 227-49.

"Righteous People according to the Old Law': Ælfric on Anna and Joachim," *Apocrypha* 17 (2006), 173-99.

"The Politics of Succession in *Beowulf* and Anglo-Saxon England," *Speculum* 80 (2005), 709-41.

"The *Miller's Tale* and *Heile van Beersele*," *Review of English Studies* ns 56 (2005), 497-523.

"Ælfric's Andrew and the Apocrypha," *JEGP* 104 (2005), 473-94.

"Hondscioh and Æschere in *Beowulf*," *Neophilologus* 87 (2003), 635-52.

"*Beowulf* and some Fictions of the Geatish Succession," *Anglo-Saxon England* 32 (2003), 55-77.

"*Beowulf's* Fight with the Nine Nicors," *Review of English Studies* ns 53 (2002), 311-28.

"The Naming of *Beowulf* and Ecgtheow's Feud," *Philological Quarterly* 80 (2001), 95-112.

"Bede's Use of Augustine: Echoes from Some Sermons," *Revue bénédictine* 108 (1998), 201-13.

"Deor's Threatened 'Blame Poem,'" *Studies in Philology* 94 (1997), 297-320.

"Traditions Concerning Jamnes and Mambres in Anglo-Saxon England," with Thomas N. Hall, *Anglo-Saxon England* 25 (1996), 69-89.

"Theophany in the >*Miller's Tale*,'" with Laura Howes, *Medium Ævum* 65 (1996), 269-79.

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“‘For God is after an hand’: *Piers Plowman* B XVII.138-205,” *Yearbook of Langland Studies* 5 (1991), 17-30.

“Unities in the Old English *Guthlac B*,” *JEGP* 89 (1990), 155-65.

“The Fourfold Division of Souls: *Christ III* and the Insular Homiletic Tradition,” *Traditio* 45 (1989-90), 69-85.

“The Eschatological Conclusion of the Old English *Physiologus*,” *Medium Ævum* 58 (1989), 286-97.

“The Passion of Andreas: *Andreas* 1398-1491,” *Studies in Philology* 85 (1988), 413-27.

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“‘Aungeles Peeris’: *Piers Plowman*, B 16.67-72 and C 18.85-100,” *Anglia* 102 (1984), 426-36.

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“Edgar’s Path to the Throne,” in *Edgar, King of the English 959-975*, ed. Donald Scragg (Woodbridge, Suffolk: Boydell & Brewer, 2008), 124-39.

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Notes

“A Bared Bottom and a Basket: A New Analogue and a New Source for the *Miller’s Tale*,” *Notes and Queries* n.s. 56 (2009), 340-41.

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“*Vercelli Homily 6* and the Apocryphal *Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew*,” *Notes and Queries* ns 49 (2002), 176-78.

“Unidentified Citations of Augustine in Anglo-Latin Writers,” *Notes and Queries* ns 44 (1997), 154-60.

“Alcuin’s Use of Augustine and Jerome: A Source and a Recollection Identified,” *Notes and Queries* ns 41 (1994), 3-6.

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“Spiritual Blindness in the Old English Maxims I, Part I,” with Sandra McEntire, *Notes and Queries* ns 35 (1988), 11.

“The End of the Sea: The Old English *Exodus*, lines 466b-467a,” *Notes and Queries* ns 32 (1985), 290-91.

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Apocalypse of Paul: A New Critical Edition of Three Long Latin Versions, Theodore Silverstein and Anthony Hilhorst (Geneva, 1997), in *The Journal of Medieval Latin* 10 (2000), 433-35.

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“History and Fiction in the Frisian Raid,” Harvard Dating of Beowulf Conference?

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND COLLOQUIA

“Folklore, *Florent*, and the *Wife of Bath’s Tale*,” Medieval Academy of America, Knoxville, April, 2013.

"History and Succession in the Transition to Geatish-Swedish Wars," Doctoral Conference, Harvard University, October, 2012.

“Three Novelle from the Decameron and the Shipman’s Place in the Literary Fragment,” New Chaucer Society Meeting, Portland, July 2012.

“Iberian Sources for Gower’s ‘Tale of Three Questions,’” Forty-seventh International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2012.

“Licisca’s Outburst, or What the Tales of the Miller and Shipman say about the Origin of the *Canterbury Tales*,” “Chaucer, Boccaccio, and the Italian Trecento,” Pembroke College, Cambridge, January 2012.

“Anglo-Saxon Succession and the Date of *Beowulf*,” “The Dating of *Beowulf*: A Reassessment,” Harvard University, September 2011.

“The *Shipman’s Tale*’s Trade in Three Novelle from the *Decameron*,” Forty-sixth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2011.

“The Shipman’s Tale: Sources,” invited lecture, Cornell University, 10 March 2011.

“Christ III and ‘Apparebit repentina dies magna Domini,’” Forty-fourth International Congress of

Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2009.

“The Demise of Joint Kingship in Anglo-Saxon England,” International Society of Anglo-Saxonists, London, June 2007.

“*Gnof* and the Source of the *Miller’s Tale*,” Forty-Second International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2007.

“Anna and Joachim at the End of the Tenth Century,” Forty-First International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2006.

“Ælfric and the Apostles in the Frontispiece of Cambridge, Corpus Christi College MS 198,” Harvard Medieval Doctoral Colloquium, March 2006.

“Self-judgment in *Beowulf*: the Anglo-Saxon and Scandinavian Evidence,” Fortieth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2005.

“Eadwig and Edgar in 955: the Case for Joint-Kingship,” Manchester Centre for Anglo-Saxon Studies, conference on "Edgar the Peaceable, king of the English 959 (957)-975," March 2005.

“Ælfric’s Saint Mark, Evangelist and Other Things,” Thirty-Ninth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2004.

“Beowulf and the Politics of Succession in Anglo-Saxon England,” War, Peace, and Toleration in the Ancient and Medieval World, University of Connecticut, 2 April 2004.

“Ælfric’s Andrew: Apostle or Saint?” Thirty-Eighth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2003.

“Beowulf: The Monsters and the Theme,” University of Leicester, January 2003.

“Fitt 31 in *Beowulf*,” Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, Cambridge University, November 2002.

“Translating the Past: History as Metaphor in *Beowulf*,” Thirty-Seventh International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2002.

“The Naming of Beowulf and Ecgtheow’s Feud,” Seminar on the History of the Book, Oxford University, October 2001.

“The Apocrypha in SASLC: A Decade after the *Trial Version*,” Apocrypha in Anglo-Saxon England, University of Manchester, July 2001.

“Beowulf Becomes the King: Fitt 31, Frisian Raid, and CD-Rom,” Thirty-Sixth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2001.

“Hygelac, Hrethel, and Ongentheow: History as Metaphor in the Final Third of *Beowulf*,” King’s College, London, January 2001.

“Anglo-Saxon Portics,” Manchester Centre for Anglo-Saxon Studies, November 1999.

“The Sermons of St. Augustine in SASLC and Fontes,” Fifteenth Open Meeting of Fontes Anglo-Saxonici, King’s College, London, March 1999.

“Anglo-Saxon Portics: Using the Literary Evidence,” Society of Antiquaries of London, November 1998.

“Portics in Bede and Ælfric,” Thirty-Third International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1998.

“Heile and the Miller,” Thirty-Second International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1997.

“The Exeter *Exeter Book*?: An Evaluation of Some Linguistic Evidence,” Medieval Academy of America, Toronto, April 1997.

“Theophany in the Miller’s Tale,” Cornell University, April 1995.

“Where the Wild Things Are: Beowulf’s Fight with the Nine Nicors,” Twenty-Ninth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1994.

“Deor’s Threatened ‘Blame Poem,’” 109th Convention of the Modern Language Association, December 1993.

“Augustine,” Twenty-Eighth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1993.

“Hagiography as History: the Reception of Saints’ Lives in Late ASE,” New York University, February 1992.

“Apocrypha,” Twenty-sixth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 1991.

“The Limits of SASLC,” Twenty-fourth International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 1989.

“The Eschatological Conclusion of the Old English *Physiologus*,” 104th Convention of the Modern Language Association, December 1988.

“Further Evidence for Identifying Cracow MS Bibl. Capit. 140 (olim 43) as an Insular

Homiliary,” Twenty-third International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 1988.

“The Passion of Andreas,” Twenty-second International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 1987.

“Unities in the Old English *Guthlac B*,” University of Iowa, February 1987.

“Insular Eschatology in the Old English *Christ III*,” Twenty-first International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, May 1986.

“*Dúan in Choícat Ceist*,” Tionól, at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Celtic Studies, April 1984.

“The Middle English *Pearl* and Fourteenth-century Epistemology,” Patristic, Mediaeval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, October 1980.

“Kingship in *Beowulf*,” Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Cleveland State University, 1980.

SERVICE (selected)

Reader of articles for *JEGP*, *Lit*, *Mediaevalia*, *Old English Newsletter*, *PMLA*, *Religion and Literature*, *RES*, *Speculum*, and *Traditio*.

Reader of books and monographs for *Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies*, the *Old English Newsletter Subsidia*, and the University of Toronto Press.

Reader of grants for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Research Programs, and the University of Connecticut Research Foundation.

External examiner of doctoral theses at the University of Toronto.

Member of the Van Courtlandt Elliott Prize, Medieval Academy.

Director of the University of Connecticut’s London Program.

Co-director of the Medieval Studies Program.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Medieval Academy
New Chaucer Society

HONORS

Editorial Board, *Speculum*, 2011

Administrative committee of the *Sources of Anglo-Saxon Literary Culture*, 1987- .

Executive committee of the *Fontes Anglo-Saxonici*, a collaborative British project to establish a register of written sources used by authors in Anglo-Saxon England, 1987-97; advisory committee, 1997-2007.

Research Associate at the Center for Medieval and Early Renaissance Studies, SUNY-Binghamton, 1987- .

Scholar at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 1983-84.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of Connecticut Research Foundation Large Grant, Fall 2011.

Chancellor's Research Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Spring 2003.

National Endowment of the Humanities, Summer Research, 1995.

American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship for Recent Recipients of the Ph.D., for Spring term of 1990.

American Philosophical Society, Fellowship for Summer Research, 1989.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Division, named participant in the "Sources of Anglo-Saxon Literary Culture," directed by Paul E. Szarmach, 1987-89; renewal, 1990-92.

Rotary International Foundation Fellowship, 1983-84.

LANGUAGES

Old and Middle English, Old Irish, Old Norse, Latin, French, German