**WILLIAM BIEL**

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. **Medieval Studies, University of Connecticut**, current

Storrs, Connecticut

Awards: Outstanding Scholars Program

M.A. **Viking and Medieval Norse Studies, Universities of Iceland and Oslo**, May 2014

Reykjavík, Iceland and Oslo, Norway

M.A. **English, University of Tennessee**, May 2012

Knoxville, Tennessee

B.A. **English Literature, Indiana University Southeast**, May 2010

New Albany, Indiana

Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society

Outstanding English Literature Student 2010

Dean’s or Chancellor’s List, all semesters

Activities: Honors Program Student Council Chairman, 2007-2010

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Old and Middle English and Old Norse philology, heroic and romance literature, medieval translations, comparative literature, narratology

**PRESENTATIONS**

**“Wondrous Strangers: The Diffusion of a Courtly Motif through the Sagas”** April, 2015

The Bergen-Cambridge Postgraduate Symposium in Old Norse Studies,

Bergen, Norway

**“Breaking the Barrow: De- and Re-Constructing an Old Norse Chronotope”** March, 2015

Interdisciplinary Student Symposium on Viking and Medieval Scandinavian Subjects,

Aarhus, Denmark

**“Bleak Barrows and Haunted Howes”** July, 2014

New Chaucer Society Biennial Conference, Reykjavík, Iceland

**“Image of the Grave: Barrow-Breaking in Old Norse Literature”** May, 2014

9th Annual Fiske Conference on Medieval Icelandic Studies, Ithaca, New York

**“Reading Ofermod in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*”**  March, 2011

Vagantes Medieval Graduate Student Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**WORKSHOPS**

**Arnamagnæan Summer Seminar in Manuscript Studies**, Advanced Class August, 2014

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

**Workshop on Electronic Editing of Old Norse Texts** March, 2014

University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland

**Editing Skaldic Poetry Workshop** November, 2013

University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland

**SERVICE**

**Volunteer Graduate Student Conference Staffer** July, 2014

New Chaucer Society Biennial Conference, Reykjavík, Iceland

**TEACHING**

**First Year Writing Instructor** Fall 2015 – present

Storrs, Connecticut

Teaching academic, professional, and other prose styles, research and citation techniques.

**Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee** Spring 2011

Knoxville, Tennessee

Assisted with First Year Seminar, teaching introductory composition and rhetoric.

**LANGUAGES**

German

Icelandic

Norwegian

Old Norse

Old English

Middle English