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## EDUCATION

###### 2007 PhD, Duke University, English

###### Jacob K. Javits Scholar

###### Bill and Melinda Gates Scholar

###### Woodrow Wilson Foundation Mellon Scholar (declined)

2000 MA, University of Colorado-Boulder, English

1996 BA, Brigham Young University, English, magna cum laude

**Research and Teaching Interests:**

Medieval and Early Modern British literature

Premodern Material Culture and the History of the Book

Sororities and Fraternities

Academic, Career, and Life Planning

**EMPLOYMENT**

2016-present Associate Professor of English, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

2010-2016 Assistant Professor of English, Rollins College

2006-2007 Visiting Lecturer of English, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

## PUBLICATIONS

**In progress:**

*Friends with Benefits: Sororities, Fraternities, and Relationship Culture on Campus.* 80k-word book based on 5 years of archival and field research.

**Journals**

“Spectacular Treason: Firework Shows as Fantasies of Regicide after the Gunpowder Plot of 1605,”

*Journal for the Study of British Culture*, forthcoming.

“The Scrapbook as Repurposed and Transplanted Manuscript Illustration: The ABCs of Medieval

Alphabet Compilations in Nineteenth-Century England,” *Wolfenbütteler Notes zur*

*Buchgeschichte* (*The Wolfenbüttel notes on book history*), Herzog-August Bibliothek,

forthcoming.

“Theme Park Bibles: Trinity Broadcasting Network’s Holy Land Experience and the Evangelical Use

of the Documentary Past,” *The Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, Fall 2015: 89-104.

“The Case for Misprision in *Wynnere and Wastoure,*” *Notes and Queries* 244 (1999): 317-21.

**Edited Collections**

“Faith and Belief: The Medieval Church and Teenagers,” *Youth in the Middle Ages*, ed. Daniel Kline,

London: Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming.

“Class and Social Status: The Law Versus the Hair ‘Down There,’” *The Cultural History of Hair in the*

*Renaissance*, Vol. 3, ed. Edith Snook, 127-143, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019*.*

“Cinematic Thanatourism and the Purloined Past: The ‘*Game of Thrones* Effect’ and the Effect of

*Game of Thrones* on History,” *Ghost Roads: Essays in Virtual Dark Tourism*. Ed. Katheryn N.

McDaniel, 89-112, New York: Palgrave, 2018.

“Textual Treasure Hunting: Using Geocaching to Teach the Art of Close Reading,” *Technology in the*

*Literature Classroom*, ed. Timothy Hetland, 214-234, Boston: Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2017.

“Royal Personhood and *The Owl and the Nightingale*,” In *Imagining Legal Personhood in the*

*Middle Ages,* ed. Andreea Boboc, 29-49, Leiden: Brill, 2015.

## “Land, Lepers, and the Law in *The Testament of Cresseid*,” *The Letter of the Law: Legal Practice*

*and Literary Production in Medieval England*, eds. Emily Steiner and Candace Barrington, 40-66,

Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002.

**Scripts and Exhibitions**

*A Royal Celebration*. With Mark Miller and Zack Uliasz (Rollins student), Arabian Nights Dinner

Theater, Orlando, FL, show performance dates June-December 2013.

Voted “Best Themed Restaurant of 2013” by *The Orlando Sentinel*, August 2013.

“Medieval U: Intersections of Past and Present Literary Culture,” With Amanda McRae

(student), Linked Medieval Manuscript Exhibition. Rollins College Olin Library and Winter Park Public Library, Winter Park, FL, August 15-October 15, 2014, Digital exhibition:

http://social.rollins.edu/wpsites/medievalu/

**Feature Essays, Reviews, and Entries**

“The Museum of the Bible’s ‘Fake’ History of the Book,” *Material Religion,* February 7, 2019,

<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/U4QdhCKpp54Q2NzdIT8x/full?target=10.1080/1743>

2200.2018.1535017.

“The Holy Land Experience,” *World Religions and Spirituality Project*, April 2018.

<https://wrldrels.org/2018/04/17/the-holy-land-experience/>

“The Oldest Sister,” *Rollins Magazine*, Fall 2013.

<http://www.rollins.edu/magazine/fall-2013/the-oldest-sister.html>

**SELECT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

2019 Hugh F. McKean Award (1 recipient College-wide; award given by graduating senior class

for excellence in teaching)

2019 Appreciative Advising Award (1 of approx. 40 faculty recipients)

2018 Cornell Distinguished Teaching Award (1 recipient College-wide; highest award given for

excellence in teaching)

2018 Professing Excellence Award (Student-nominated award for having a profound impact on

education of first-year students)

2018 Appreciative Advising Award (1 of approx. 40 faculty recipients; student-nominated

recognition for academic, career and life planning advising)

2017 Identified as “One of the 17 Best Things about Rollins” by a survey administered to

students, staff and alumni (only faculty member on the list)

2015 Outstanding Faculty Award, Rollins Student Government Association (1 of 10 recipients

College-wide; student-nominated award for commitment to holistic student success)

2015 Professing Excellence Award Nominee (1 of 10 faculty honorees)

2014-16 Cornell Distinguished Faculty Award (1 of 3 yearly awards given for combined excellence in

teaching, scholarship and service)

2013 Arthur Vining Davis Award (1 of 3 College-wide recipients for excellence in undergraduate

teaching)

2000-7 University Scholars Fellowship, William and Melissa Gates Foundation and Duke

University (highly selective university-wide renewable fellowship)

2000-4 James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University (selective university-wide renewable

fellowship)

2000-4 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (national,

renewable highly competitive graduate fellowship)

2000-1 Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson Foundation

(national, highly competitive grant fellowship)

**TELEVISION AND RADIO APPEARANCES**

30-minute taped interview about history and *Game of Thrones*, *Change Everything Live with Andreas Bailey*, WKMG CBS, Orlando, FL Aired May 18, 2019, <https://youtu.be/LY7tQg_FCh4>

“*Game of Thrones* Class Offered at Rollins College,” *Spectrum News 13*, Orlando, FL, April 26, 2019,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iOPBJlKfxs&feature=youtu.be>

“Rollins College Professor Brings Westeros to Life with *Game of Thrones* course, *Intersections*, WMFE NPR, Orlando, FL, April 16, 2019, <https://www.wmfe.org/rollins-college-professor-brings-westeros-to-life-with-game-of-thrones-course/102502>

“The Power of Reading,” Taped interview about the value of experiential learning, *Metro Center Outlook,* WUCF, Orlando, FL April 2018, 13:00-28:00 <http://www.wucftv.org/local-programs/metro/>

Live interview about kids’ use of social media, *Good Day Orlando*, FOX 35 Orlando, December

5, 2017.

“No More Zeros,” Interview about Orange County Public Schools’ Public Progression Program, CBS

6 Orlando, November 12, 2014, <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/no-more-zeroes-for->

orange-county-students/29673342

Live interview about British royal birth announcement traditions, 5 o’clock evening news, FOX 35

Orlando, July 22, 2013, <http://www.myfoxorlando.com/video>

Live Interview about traditions surrounding British royal births, *Good Day Orlando*, FOX 35, July 23,

2013 <http://www.myfoxorlando.com/category/233752/good-day>

**PRINT AND DIGITAL MEDIA COVERAGE**

Judy Kurtz, “Winter is here: How *Game of Thrones* took over American politics,” *The Hill*, May 19,

2019, Online, <https://thehill.com/blogs/in-the-know/in-the-know/444260-winter-is-here-how-game-of-thrones-took-over-american-politics>

Christian Toto, “*Game of Thrones* finale marks potential end of an era for scripted tv shows,” *The*

*Washington Times*, May 16, 2019,

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/may/16/game-thrones-finale-marks-potential-end-era-script/>

“Yes, there is a *Game of Thrones* Course at Rollins College,” *Park Ave Magazine*, April 23, 2019,

<http://parkavemagazine.com/yes-there-is-a-game-of-thrones-course-at-rollins-college/>

Brendan O’Connor, “Rollins College professor teaching Game of Thrones course,” *The Bungalower*,

April 17, 2019, <https://bungalower.com/2019/04/17/rollins-college-professor-teaching-game-of-thrones-course/>

Hal Boedeker, “*Game of Thrones*: How will it end?” *Orlando Sentinel*, April 11, 2019,

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment/tv-guy/os-et-game-of-thrones-how-will-it-end-20190411-story.html>

Marco Santana, “Wild Florida Makes ‘Gator Week’ Its Own,” *Orlando Sentinel*, May 3, 2018,

[http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/tourism/os-wild-florida-trademark 20180502-story.html](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/tourism/os-wild-florida-trademark%2020180502-story.html)

Hal Boedeker, “Best of 2017 Central Florida: ‘Florida Project,’ ‘AGT,’ More Standouts,” *Orlando*

*Sentinel*, December 27, 2017, <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment/tv/tv-guy/os-et-2017-florida-project-agt-more-standouts-20171221-story.html>

Kelly Crow, “Hobby Lobby Scion Amassed Relics—Now They’re Tainted,” *The Wall Street Journal*, November 14, 2017, Print and online, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/hobby-lobby-scion-spent-millions-on-biblical-relicsthen-came-a-reckoning-1510589450>

Hal Boedeker, “*Game of Thrones* Inspires Deep Devotion with Orlando Fans,” *Orlando Sentinel*, July 13, 2017, <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment/tv/tv-guy/os-et-game-of-thrones-inspires-deep-devotion-20170713-story.html>

Hal Boedeker, “New Harry Potter book raises curtain on more magic,” *Orlando Sentinel*, July 29, 2016, <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment/os-harry-potter-play-book-20160729-story.html>

Media coverage of simulated school shooting featuring students enrolled in my “Naked and Afraid: Survivalists and Hunter Gatherers in Popular Culture” course as actors/victims, WFTV 9 January 10, 2014, <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/emergency-drill-held-rollins-college-winter-park/ncgGH/>

David Breen, “Rollins Goes Medieval with Class on Middle Ages,” *Orlando Sentinel*, April 19, 2013,

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/features/education/os-rollins-middle-ages-class-20130419,0,5465962.story#tugs_story_display>

Brittni Johnson, “Unusual College Class Goes Medieval,” *Winter Park/Maitland Observer*, April 17, 2013, <http://www.wpmobserver.com/news/2013/apr/17/going-medieval/>

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Watching as Reading: Biblical Literacy and the *York Play of the Sacrament*,” Comparative Drama Conference, Orlando, FL, April 2019.

“Medieval Speed Dating,” SoTL (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning) Commons Conference, Savannah, Georgia, January 2019.

“The ABCs of Medieval Manuscript Remixing in Victorian England,” Herzog-August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, May 2018.

“Theatrical Treason: Firework Shows as Fantasies of Regicide in Post-1605 Productions of *Macbeth*,” Comparative Drama Conference, Orlando, FL, April 2018.

“Engaging Faculty as Fraternity and Sorority Advisors,” Student Affairs Drive-In Conference, Gainesville, FL, June 2016.

“Strange Archives: Encountering Old Books in Imaginative Spaces and Unconventional Places,” College English Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN, March 2015.

“Theme Park Libraries: Medieval Bibles and the Expanding Jurisdiction of the Documentary Archive,” Hawaii International Conference in the Humanities, Honolulu, HI, January 2015.

“Preparing Students for Life After Graduation: Colleges Collaborate,” (with Anne Meehan and Beth Chancy), NITLE Webinar, May 2014.

“Mixing It Up: A Roundtable Discussion of Teaching Traditional and Non-Traditional Students in the Same Classroom,” Florida College English Association, Tampa, FL, October 2013.

“Literary Field Studies,” Roundtable Discussion. Florida College English Association, Tampa, FL, October 2012.

“Medieval Speed Dating,” Student Collaborative Learning Workshop, Plymouth State Medieval and Renaissance Forum, Plymouth, NH, April 2012.

“Is Holy Land the next Huntington?: Wyclif, Evangelicals, and Academics,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2011.

“Food, Drink and Social Meaning,” Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, Sewanee, TN, April 2011 (chair and respondent).

“The Medieval Lives of Rapping Judges,” Modern Language Association, Los Angeles, CA, December 2010.

“Finding Jesus in Florida: Religious Tourism and Fifteenth-Century Biblical Translation,” Florida College English Association, Winter Park, FL, October 2010.

“Forced Gifts: The Politics of Royal Generosity in *The Owl and the Nightingale*,” Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, December 2007.

“Proverbial Law and Women’s Wisdom in Early Middle English Poetry,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2007.

**CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS**

“Up and Out: Second Destination Jobs and Graduate School,” Alumni Weekend, March 2019

“Things I Shouldn’t Beat Myself Up Over, But Do Anyway,” Faculty & Staff Fridays, November 2018

“Friends with Benefits” (Sororities at Rollins), Alumni Weekend, March 2018

“Traditions and Why They Matter,” Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, September 2017

“How to Get Ahead While Still in College,” Delta Zeta Sorority, April 2017

“Medieval Rollins: Using a Digital Map to ‘Age’ Our Campus,” Faculty-to Faculty Series, April 2015

“Chaucer’s Rappers,” Rollins College Family Weekend, November 2013

“Creating a Digital Textbook,” (with Emily Russell), Faculty-to-Faculty Series, April 2013

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

March 2019 Lead Reviewer, Quality Enhancement Plan, Southern Association of Colleges and

Universities (part of 7-member multi-institutional review committee tasked with

evaluating a peer institution’s mission and 5-year strategic plan)

March 2018 Lead Reviewer, Quality Enhancement Plan for a SACSCOC member institution

April 2017 Lead Reviewer, Quality Enhancement Plan for a SACSCOC member institution

2016-2018 President, Executive Board, Florida Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity

**New Student Recruiting and Admissions**

2015-current Humanities Representative, Experience Rollins Panel (7-10 presentations per AY)

2019 Faculty Representative, Admitted Students Reception, NYC

2019 Humanities Representative, Alfond Scholars Selection Committee

2019 Faculty Representative, International Admitted Students Webinar Series

2018 Faculty Representative, Admissions Roadshow, New England

2017 Faculty Representative, Admissions Roadshow, NYC

2012 Interviewer, Alfond Scholars Program

**College Governance and Academic Programs**

2019-current Member, R-Compass Advising Team

2019 Member, Cornell Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award Selection Committee

2017-2019 Humanities Division Chair and Rep on Executive Committee

2017-current Member, Pre-Law Advisory Committee

2017-2018 Mentor, Dean’s New Faculty Mentor Program (1 of 8 tenured faculty members invited

to serve as year-long peer mentors to new TT faculty members)

2015-2016 Faculty Representative (1 of 6), Provost Search Committee

2015-2016 Member, R-Compass (QEP) Implementation Committee

2015, 2019 Commencement Speaker Selection Committee

2014 Co-Chair (with Norah Perez), QEP Project Development Committee

2014-2015 Member, Key Advising Leadership Team

2013-2015 Mayor, “Mysteries and Marvels” Neighborhood, rFLA General Education Program

2013 Co-Chair (with Norah Perez), Career and Life Planning Committee

2013-2015 At-large representative, Student Life Committee

2012-2014 Humanities representative, General Education Implementation Committee

2011-2013 Humanities representative, Academic Affairs Committee

2012-2015 A&S/Holt representative, International Programs Advisory Committee

2011-2012 AAC representative, Academic Appeals Subcommittee

2012-2015 Faculty representative, Academic Honor Council

2012, 2014 Faculty Marshall, Convocation

2012-2014 Marshall Scholarship Campus Committee

2012-2014 Pre-Med Advisory Committee

**Fraternity and Sorority Life**

2019 Judge, Rollins Lip Sync Competition (largely FSL event)

2015-2018 Academic advisor, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity (Rollins Chapter)

2015-2016 Member, Fraternity and Sorority Life Strategic Planning Committee

2014-2015 Faculty Advisor, Alpha Omicron Pi Fraternity-Mu Lambda Chapter

2011-2013 Faculty Advisor, Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity-Delta Epsilon Chapter

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Fundraising and Development Certificate, Edyth Bush Institute, Crummer Business School, Rollins

College (75 hours of coursework), 2015-2019

Attendee, National Hazing Prevention Workshop, Florida State University, September 19-21, 2016

Facilitator, Fraternity and Sorority New Member Institute, Fruitland, FL September 18-20, 2015

Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors Conference, Nashville, TN, December 2014

*Work on Purpose* Certification, Echoing Green, Orlando, FL, September 2014

SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Site Visit Team Member, August 2014

Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities Conference, Orlando, FL, April 2014

National Association of Fraternity and Sorority Advisors Conference, Orlando, FL, December 2013

Rollins General Education Course Redesign Workshop, 2013

International Center for Academic Integrity Conference, San Antonio, 2013; Jacksonville, FL 2014

Rollins Course Redesign Workshop, 2012

Rollins Reflective Partnership Teaching Program, 2011