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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame 2023–
Affiliated Faculty, Program in the History & Philosophy of Science
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Modeling Interdisciplinary Inquiry, Washington University in St. Louis 2021–2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., English & Interdisciplinary Humanities, Princeton University 2021
A.B., *magna cum laude*, English, Washington University in St. Louis 2012

BOOKS

Single-Authored

Probability: A Literary History, 1479–1700. In preparation.

Co-Authored & Co-Edited

Keywords; for Further Consideration, with D. Graham Burnett & Jessica Terekhov. Princeton University Press. 2018
Reviewed in *The New Yorker* & *The Georgia Review*. Featured in *The Paris Review* & *Lapham's Quarterly*.
Interviewed by *Inside Higher Education*. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctt1xhr4vf>.

ARTICLES

'Pascal's Fiction.' Under review.
'Probability, Verisimilitude & the Late Renaissance *Poetics*.' Under review.
'The Probability of *Paradise Lost*,' *English Literary History* 91.2: 345–375. 2024
<https://doi.org/10.1353/elh.2024.a929152>.
'Dryden, Rymer & the Interested Gods,' *Notes & Queries* 69.4: 301–304. 2022
<https://doi.org/10.1093/notesj/gjac107>.
'Milton & the Education Monopoly,' *Studies in Philology* 119.3: 495–525. 2022
<https://doi.org/10.1353/sip.2022.0012>.

TALKS & OTHER EVENTS

Conferences Organized

The Desire for Method, with Ruby Lowe & Orlando Reade, New York & Princeton Universities 2018
Renaissance Displacements, with Orlando Reade, Princeton University 2017

Panels Organized

Milton's Late Humanism, with Orlando Reade, Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Illinois 2024
Humanism after Milton, with Orlando Reade, Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Illinois 2024
History & Historicism, with Ali Madani, Renaissance Society of America, New Orleans, Louisiana 2018
Cause & Effect in Early Modern Europe, with Orlando Reade, Renaissance Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts 2016

Conference Presentations

'Milton's Theophrastan Characters,' Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Illinois	2024
'More, Dorp & Several Agricolas,' Renaissance Society of America, San Juan, Puerto Rico	2023
'Probability in Dispute,' Renaissance Society of America, Toronto, Ontario	2019
'The Methodization of What,' The Desire for Method, New York University	2018
'The Liberal Arts Circa 1645,' Renaissance Society of America, New Orleans, Louisiana	2018
'The Liberal Arts Circa 1645,' The Making of the Humanities VI, Somerville College, Oxford	2017
'Poetry Yields the Cause,' Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Illinois	2017
'Pascal's Fiction,' Renaissance Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts	2016

Campus Talks & Papers

'Jonson's Incurable Characters,' Nigelfest, Princeton University	2023
'Jonson's Incurable Characters,' Political Theory Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis	2023
'The Probability of Renaissance Comedy,' Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame	2023
'Comedy Three Ways,' Department of Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis	2021
'Renaissance Dialectic, Literary Structure,' Department of English, Washington University in St. Louis	2019
'A Roll of the Dice,' Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in the Humanities, Princeton University	2016
'A Roll of the Talus, or Chance in the <i>Faerie Queene</i> ,' The Spenser Project Conference, Washington University in St. Louis	2014

Public Talks & Papers

'Washington among the Nymphs,' Artbook at MoMA PS1, Queens, New York	2018
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HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellowship	2021–2023
Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Graduate Fellowship	2018–2019
Collaborative Teaching Initiative, Princeton University, Graduate Fellowship	2018–2019
Center for Digital Humanities, Princeton University, Graduate Fellowship	2018–2019
Folger Shakespeare Library, Coursework Fellowship	2018
Schoeck Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton University	2017
Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton University	2017
Hyde Fellowship for International Research, Princeton University	2017
Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in the Humanities, Princeton University, Graduate Fellowship & Joint-Degree Candidacy	2015–2021
Departments of History & Philosophy, Princeton University, Visitor	2015–2016
Department of English, Princeton University, Qualifying Exams with Distinction	2014
Humanities Digital Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, Undergraduate Fellowship	2010–2012
Summer Institute for Research in Biostatistics, Washington University School of Medicine, Undergraduate Fellowship	2010

TEACHING**University of Notre Dame**

PLS 33101: Seminar III	2025
PLS 33101: Seminar III, with Katie Bugyis	2024
PLS 20201: The Lyric Poem	2023, 2024

Washington University in St. Louis

IPH 405: Theory & Methods in the Humanities, with Kevin Kadowaki	2023
English 432: Early Modern Comedy	2022
IPH 405: Theory & Methods in the Humanities, with Alison Korinek	2022

IPH 150: Fictions of Chance 2021

Princeton University

English 405: Poetry & Belief, with Jeff Dolven [at East Jersey State Penitentiary] 2018

English 321: Shakespeare, preceptor for Bradin Cormack 2016

English 200: Introduction to English Literature, preceptor for Jeff Dolven 2015

Guest Teaching

For T. J. Keeley, Faith, Doubt & Literature, St. John Vianney High School, Kirkwood, Missouri

For Alice Ford, B Block English Literature, Eton College, Windsor, United Kingdom

For Guinn Batten, Senior Research Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis

For Guinn Batten, Introduction to Literary Theory, Washington University in St. Louis

ADVISING

Thesis advisor for Lauren Douglas (2025), Marcelle Couto (2025), Vanessa Franco (2024),
Charlotte Stubbs (2024)

Thesis reader for Hannah Smith (2024)

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Chair, Poetry Club, Program of Liberal Studies 2024–2025

Member, Recruitment Committee, Program of Liberal Studies 2024–2025

Member, Intellectual Life Committee, Program of Liberal Studies 2023–2024

Washington University in St. Louis

Coordinator, The Milton Group, Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities 2023

Princeton University

Chair, Theory Colloquium, Department of English 2013–2017

Chair, Renaissance Colloquium, Department of English 2014–2015

Representative, Working Group for Graduate Issues, Department of English 2014–2015

MEMBERSHIPS

Milton Society of America

Renaissance Society of America

Modern Language Association

LANGUAGES

Latin

French

REFERENCES

Available upon request