

Graham Robert Johnson

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Education

- 2017–Present** University of Toronto: Centre for Medieval Studies
Doctor of Philosophy: Medieval Studies
Special Field Exam: Passed, May 1, 2020
Supervisor: Dr. Shami Ghosh
Dissertation Title: Studies on Women's Intellectual Culture in Ottonian Germany
- 2016–17** University of Toronto: Centre for Medieval Studies
Master of Arts: Medieval Studies
Awarded: November 2017
- 2013–16** University of Maryland, Baltimore County.
Bachelor of Arts: Double Major, History and Ancient Studies
Awarded: May 2016
Minor in Medieval and Early Modern Studies
GPA: 4.0, Summa cum Laude

Awards and Honors

- 2017–18** John Munro Doctoral Fellowship in Medieval Economic History
2015–16 John Clifford Bell-Maas Prize for Academic Excellence in History
2015–16 UMBC Ancient Studies Outstanding Senior Award
2015–16 Universities at Shady Grove Student Academic Achievement Award

Research Interests

- Intellectual culture of the early Middle Ages, specifically of women and lay-people.
- Early Medieval Germany, especially the Ottonian Dynasty
- Social/economic history of Post-Roman Europe, viz.: “Barbarians”; Slavery & Unfreedom

Research

Conference Papers and Invited Talks

- 2023** “The Voice of Women: Dhuoda & Hrotsvit of Gandersheim”
Guest lecture, HIS220–Shape of Medieval Society, University of Toronto.
- 2023** “Suae Scientiae Fructum”: Women's Writing in the Early Middle Ages
13th Medieval History Seminar, German Historical Institute London.
- 2023** “Writing about Women in the early Middle Ages, c. 850–1050 CE”
Medieval Women Workshop V, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, ON.
- 2019** “Politics and Poetry in Liudprand of Cremona's *Antapodosis*”
Toronto-Cologne Colloquium, Universität Köln, Germany
- 2019** “‘Post Romanos’: Widukind of Corvey and Giving Saxons a Roman Past”
International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI

2018 “The End of the Roman Empire: Re-contextualizing a ‘Decline and Fall.’”
Guest Lecturer for HIS220Y1: The Shape of Medieval Society

2016 “And all my men are to be free”: The Nature of Labor in Anglo-Saxon Wills”
Work in Medieval Studies, University of Toronto

Other Research Experience

2022–2023 Research Assistant to Shami Ghosh.
[I make, check and collate transcriptions of manuscripts for Dr. Ghosh. Funded by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).]

2021 Research Assistant to Shami Ghosh.
[I provide syntheses of Ottonian Scholarship to Dr. Ghosh. Funded by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).]

2018–2020 Research Assistant, “Romans, Christians, and their Books, 300-486 CE”
[Led by Dr. Cillian O’Hogan. A study of conceptual changes in Latin writing over the transition from roll to codex at the end of the classical period. Funded by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).]

Teaching

Course Instructorships

2023 (Fall) MST233 – Viking Cultures.
[Undergraduate level course. I developed the entire syllabus, wrote all lectures and chose all readings with the exception of week 4, given over to my TA for a guest lecture. This course takes a holistic view of ‘Viking’ Culture. Who were ‘the Vikings?’ Why do we use that word? What do we know about their social and political structure? I put special focus on the modern Alt-Right/White Supremacist/Nazi fascination with ‘Vikings,’ and, somewhat counter to the “traders and explorers” view, stressed the violence inherent in this period of history.]

2022 (Winter & Fall) MST232 – How to Be a Barbarian! Beards, Battles and Belief at the Dawn of the Middle Ages.
[Undergraduate level course. Taught both Winter 2022 and Fall 2022 semesters. The class covered various “Barbarian Peoples” who “invaded civilized Europe” in the first millennium AD, covering from the *Germani* up to the Hungarian invasions in the 10th century. I problematized the idea of Germanic “Barbarians” and provided my students with a far more nuanced discussion of these peoples. I was responsible for developing the entire syllabus, choosing all readings and lecture topics, writing and leading a 2-hour lecture every week, and grading all assignments.]

Teaching Assistantships

2019–20, 23–24 Teaching Assistant, MST1001 – Medieval Latin II
[Doctorate level course. Responsible for leading weekly sight-reading tutorials in advanced medieval Latin and holding office hours. In 2023 I was responsible for leading special new sessions of the tutorials, in which I taught practical grammar for translation for students of Latin II, as well as providing on-call Latin support.]

- 2022** Teaching Assistant, CLA236 – Greek and Roman Epic.
[Undergraduate level course. The class covered several major epics of classical antiquity: The Epic of Gilgamesh, the Illiad, the Odyssey, The Argonautica, the Aeneid, and Beowulf. I was responsible for being conversant in these texts, and grading 20 500–word essays each week, providing support for students’ writing, and challenging them with questions for further reflection.]
- 2017–19, 21** Teaching Assistant, MST1000 – Medieval Latin I.
[Master’s level course. Responsible for organizing and leading weekly sight-reading tutorials, correcting quizzes and exams, and leading the regular seminar at the professor’s request. In a separate appointment, responsible for leading twice-weekly systematic reviews of Latin grammar and holding office hours.]
- 2020** Teaching Assistant, SMC210 – The Early Medieval Tradition
[Undergraduate level course. The class covers a broad survey of political, social, and intellectual history from 200 CE to 1000 CE. Responsible for being the primary discussion leader in several sessions, co-leading the discussion with the professor in all other sessions, choosing and writing introductions to the weekly readings and interfacing with students.]

Other Teaching Experience

- 2022–Present** Private Tutor, German.
[I tutor students in how to approach the reading of academic German, with special reference to the CMS German Reading Exam.]
- 2017–Present** Private Tutor, Latin.
[I personally design study plans for each student. I modify them regularly based on student progress or an adjustment in the student's interests.]

Service

- 2020–21, 22–23** Student Member, Centre for Medieval Studies Modern Languages Committee
2019–20 Member, Sources and Resources Committee
2019–20 Student Member, Centre for Medieval Studies Latin Committee
2018–19 Secretary, Centre for Medieval Studies Student Executive Committee
2018–Present Monitor, Pontifical Institute for Mediaeval Studies Library

Languages

- Latin** Classical and Medieval. Advanced Proficiency. CMS Level 2 Pass.
German Functional Fluency. CMS German Reading Exam Pass.
French Intermediate Proficiency. CMS French Reading Exam Pass.
Old High German Reading Proficiency.
Middle High German Reading Proficiency.
Old English Reading Proficiency.
Old Norse Reading Proficiency.