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EDUCATION

Arizona State University | Tempe, Arizona

Ph.D., English Literature | Expected May 2026

Dissertation: “Little but Sensible Kings of Heaven and Earth:
Theorizing Early Modern Insects with Thomas Traherne”

Committee: Sir Jonathan Bate (chair), Dr. David Hawkes, Dr. Brandi Adams

Arizona State University | Tempe, Arizona

M.A., English Literature | May 2022

Hillsdale College | Hillsdale, Michigan

B.A., English | May 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Early modern British literature and natural philosophy; ecocriticism and environmental humanities;
historical animal studies; sensory studies

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“‘Music for the Time Doth Change His Nature’: Orphic Failures of Conversion in *The Merchant of Venice*”

“The Worm-men’s Discourse: Margaret Cavendish’s Response to Descartes’ Animal Machine”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Little but Sensible Kings of Heaven and Earth: Traherne’s Insects and Perception before Language”
Renaissance Society of America 2025, Boston | March 2025

“Anxieties of Converted Sense in *The Merchant of Venice*”
Shakespeare Association of America 53rd Annual Meeting, Boston | March 2025

“Considering Ants and ANT: Traherne and Latour’s Relational Ecologies”
Affiliations: Toward a Theory of Cross-Temporal Comparison, British Comparative Literature Association,
St. Anne’s College, Oxford | May 2024

“Natural and Unnatural Slavery in *Samson Agonistes*: Milton’s Construction of an English Subject”
Thirteenth International Milton Symposium, University of Toronto | July 2023

“Thomas Traherne’s Early Modern Phenomenological Reduction”

Uncommon Senses IV, Concordia University | May 2023

“Living Wights, Sensible Souls: Non-Human Apprehension and Enjoyment in *The Kingdom of God*”

Relational Experience(s), Southwest Humanities Symposium, Arizona State University | March 2023

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

University of Wyoming | Laramie, Wyoming

Lecturer | HP 2020 Honors Colloquium II | Spring 2026 (scheduled)

Lecturer | HP 1020 Honors Colloquium I | Fall 2025

Lecturer | ENR 2000 Environment and Society | Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026 (scheduled)

Lecturer | ENR 2000 Environment and Society (online) | Spring 2025

Lecturer | ENG 2490/ENR 4890 Animal Studies | Spring 2025

Lecturer | ENG 2425 Literatures in English I | Spring 2024

Arizona State University | Tempe, Arizona

Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record) | ENG 489 Scholarly Products (online) | Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record) | ENG 211 Intro to English Studies (online) | Spring 2025

Course Grader | ENG 321 Shakespeare | Spring 2023

Course Grader | ENG 568 WWII in Literature (online) | Fall 2022

Course Grader | ENG 308 Form and History/Culture (online) | Fall 2022

Graduate Service Assistant | Dr. Jeffrey J. Cohen | Spring 2022

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Arizona State University | Tempe, Arizona

Conference Co-Chair | Southwest Humanities Symposium | Spring 2023

AWARDS

Portnoff Endowed Fellowship in Comparative Literature | Arizona State University | 2025 - 2026

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE)

Renaissance Society of America (RSA)

Shakespeare Association of America (SAA)

LANGUAGES

Reading Knowledge: Italian, Latin, Old English

Additional Training: The Latin Workshop | University of California, Berkeley | Summer 2023