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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2019 – 2025** **University of York**
Ph.D. in Medieval History (ABD)
Dissertation Title: ‘Aspects of Matrilineal Political Networks: Mercian Elite Women in Seventh-Century Mercia’
Supervisor: Mary Garrison
- 2017 – 2018** **University of Cambridge**
MPhil in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic (Pass with Merit)
Supervisor: Simon Keynes
- 2014 – 2016** **Austin Peay State University**
B.S. in History (Summa Cum Laude)
Minor in Classical Civilizations
- 2010 – 2013** **University of Alaska: Fairbanks**
A.A. in Arts (Magna Cum Laude)

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming** Price, B.A. and Brittany Orton, “Introduction: Silencing and Silencing in the Middle Ages,” *Medieval Feminist Forum* (Expected 2026).
- Under Review** Brittany Orton, “The Silence of Kinship: Recovering Hidden Queenly Networks in Early Medieval England Using the *Historia ecclesiastica* and *Vita Wilfridi*.”

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Under review** Brittany Orton, “The (Un-)Exceptional West Saxon Queen: A Recovery of Matrilineal Politics in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries.”

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2023 **Silence and Silencing, I: Silences in the Archive**
Silence and Silencing, II: Silencing and Racialising
Silence and Silencing, III: Queer Hearing and Listening
Silence and Silencing, IV: Silenced Women and Feminist Listening
Leeds International Medieval Congress (3-6 July)
- 2022 **In vita et morte: Representations of Women’s Agency in Pre-Conquest England and the Viking Worlds**
Gender and Medieval Studies Conference | American University of Paris (5-7 January)

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2024 **Remembering Deira: Northumbrian Royal Women and the Subversive Matrilineal Promotion of Deiran Royal Saints**
International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo (9–11 May)
- 2023 **Recovering Hidden Queenly Networks in Early Medieval England: the Silence of Kinship in the *Historia ecclesiastica* and *Vita Wilfridi***
Leeds International Medieval Congress (3–6 July)
- 2022 **Beyond the *Freodowebbe*: Examining the affinal networks of seventh-century Mercia and Northumbria**
International Conferences of the Haskins Society (28–30 October)
- 2022 **Early West Saxon Queenship: A Recovery of Matrilineal Politics in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries**
Beyond Exceptionalism II | John Rylands Library & University of Manchester (11–13 July)
- 2022 **Osthryth and Bardney: evidence for women’s agency in monastic matrilineal kinship networks**
Gender and Medieval Studies Conference | American University of Paris (5-7 January)
- 2021 **Recovering the Political Use of Kinship Networks by the Queens of Early Medieval England: A Re-Examining of the *Historia ecclesiastica* and *Vita Wilfridi***
International Congress on Medieval Studies | Western Michigan University (10–15 May)

CHAIRING

- 2023 **The Dissolvment of Kinship Ties in the Early Middle Ages Colloquium**
University of York (1-2 June)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

LANGUAGES

As GTA, I designed and/or sole-taught all courses listed here.

Masters, Beginner's Latin (2021-2022, 2022-2023)
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Centre for Medieval Studies, University of York

Masters, Beginner's Old English (2021-2022)
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Centre for Medieval Studies, University of York

HISTORY

Political Communities (2020-2021, 2021-2022)
First-Year History Module
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of History, University of York

Religious Life in Viking England (2020-2021)
First-Year Group Projects Module
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of History, University of York

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2020 – 2022 **Convenor**
SCRAMS Postgraduate Research Group
Centre for Medieval Studies, University of York

2017 – 2018 **Social Secretary**
Murray Edwards College
University of Cambridge

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

2019 **Notetaker for Student Disability Services**
Spartanburg Community College

2015 **Structured Learning Assistant & Supplementary Workshop Leader**

Worked with the Professor in charge of each course to design supplemental seminar workshops for students that needed extra help
Austin Peay State University

Teaching Areas

Political Histories – Medieval to the Modern
Pre-Conquest England to 1066
Women, Gender and Sexuality
Old English
Latin – Classical and Medieval

LANGUAGES

Modern

English (Native)
German (Beginner Speaking/Reading)
French (Reading)

Medieval

Latin (Advanced)
Old English (Advanced)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship
Royal Studies Network
Haskins Society
The Medieval Academy of America