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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Dean, Elliott T. Bowers Honors College, Sam Houston State University (2015-present)
Associate Dean, Elliott T. Bowers Honors College, Sam Houston State University (2008-2015)
Professor of English, Sam Houston State University (2014-present)
Associate Professor of English, Sam Houston State University (2008-2014)
Assistant Professor of English, Sam Houston State University (2002-2008)

EDUCATION

2002 *Georgia State University*
Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in English and History
Exams in Medieval Literature and Ancient History (passed with distinction)

1995 *Clark University*
M.A. in English (thesis in medieval literature)

1990 *Deree College, The American College of Greece*
B.A. in English (3.91 gpa, High Honors)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medieval and classical literature, history of the language, textual studies, genre and game theory

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Book and Collections of Original Essays

Julie Nelson Couch and Kimberly K. Bell. *Gaming the Medieval English Text: Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and the Cotton Nero A.x. Manuscript. Ludic Cultures, 1100-1700*. Kalamazoo, MI: MIP University Press, [forthcoming, 2019] (book proposal under contract).

Kimberly K. Bell and Julie Nelson Couch, eds. *The Texts and Contexts of Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108: The Shaping of English Vernacular Narrative. Medieval and Renaissance Authors and Texts Series*. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, 2011.

- Reviews:**
1. *JEGP: Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 113.2. Orietta da Rold. Leicester University. 2014.
 2. *Parergon*. 29.2. Mariusz Bęclawski. Warsaw University. 2012.
 3. *The Medieval Review*. 11.10.18. Mike Johnston. Purdue University. 2011.

Eileen A. Joy, Myra J. Seaman, Kimberly K. Bell, and Mary K. Ramsey, eds. *Cultural Studies of the Modern Middle Ages. New Middle Ages Series*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

Book Chapters and Articles

Kimberly K. Bell. "New Findings from an Old Discovery: Reading *Havelok* in its Other Manuscript Context, Cambridge, University Library, MS Additional 4407 (19)." *Festschrift in Honor of Robert Adams*. Ed. Brandon Cooper and David Sweeten. Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers, [forthcoming, 2018]. (33 manuscript pages).

Kimberly K. Bell. "'Runes to rede': Ludic Reading Games in the Alliterative Wheel-of-Fortune Poem, *Somer Soneday*." *Games and Gaming in Medieval Literature*. Ed. Serina Patterson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. pp. 169-186.

- Reviews:**
1. *JEGP: Journal of English and Germanic Studies*. Glending Olson. 2018.
 2. *Arthuriana*. 27.2. Ryan R. Judkins. The Ohio State University. 2017.
 3. *Speculum*. 92.3. Timothy S. Miller. Sarah Lawrence College. 2017.
 4. *The Medieval Review*. 16.09.08. Nhora Serrano. Hamilton College. 2016.

Kimberly K. Bell and Julie Nelson Couch. "Reading Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108 as a Whole Book." *The Texts and Contexts of Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108*. 2011. pp. 1-18.

Kimberly K. Bell. "'holie mannes liues': England and its Saints in Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108's *King Horn* and *South English Legendary*." *The Texts and Contexts of Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108*. 2011. pp. 251-274.

Kimberly K. Bell. "Resituating Romance: The Dialectics of Sanctity in Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108's *Havelok the Dane* and *Royal Vitae*." *Parergon* 25.1 (2008): 27-56.

Kimberly K. Bell. "Translatio and the Constructs of a Roman Nation in Virgil's *Aeneid*." *Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature* 62.1 (2008): 11-24.

Kimberly K. Bell. "Models of (Im)perfection: Parodic Refunctioning in Spike TV's *The Joe Schmo Show* and Geoffrey Chaucer's 'Tale of Sir Thopas.'" *Cultural Studies of the Modern Middle Ages*. Ed. Eileen A. Joy, Myra J. Seaman, Kimberly K. Bell, and Mary K. Ramsey. *New Middle Ages Series*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. pp. 23-46.

Kimberly K. Bell. "Merlin as Historian in *Historia Regum Britannie*." *Arthuriana* 10.1 (2000): 14-26.

Articles on Pedagogy and Encyclopedia Entry

Kimberly K. Bell. "Teaching Homer's *Iliad* through the Movie 300." *Academic Exchange Quarterly* 12.1 (2008): 7-11. (Editor's choice).

Kimberly K. Bell. "Homer's *Odyssey* as Serious Classroom Entertainment." *Academic Exchange Quarterly* 11.1 (2007): 223-28.

Kimberly K. Bell. "Floris and Blancheflur." *Companion to British Poetry Before 1600*. Ed. Michelle M. Sauer. New York: Facts on File, 2008. 189-90.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2008-present)

Kimberly K. Bell. "Gaming Romance: The 'endeles knot[tes] of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*." 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2018.

Julie Nelson Couch and Kimberly K. Bell. "Bobs and Games in British Library, MS Cotton Nero A.x." 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2017 (by invitation: Sarah Rude, Baylor University).

Kimberly K. Bell and Julie Nelson Couch. "Romancing the Game: Genre Play in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*." 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2015.

Kimberly K. Bell. "The Frame Game: Metaliterary Games in Middle English Literature." 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2013.

Kimberly K. Bell. "Playing the Wheel of Fortune in *Somer Soneday*: Serious Fun." First International Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Thought. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, April 2013.

Kimberly K. Bell. "'A man may seye ful sooth [truth] in game and pley': Framing Games in Medieval English Culture and Literature. Fourth Annual CHSS Research Conference. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, February, 2013. Poster.

Kimberly K. Bell. "'to walk about the mase': Metaliterary Games in the *Assembly of Ladies*." 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2012.

Kimberly K. Bell and Julie Nelson Couch. Early Middle English Text Society Roundtable Discussion: "The State of Early Middle English." 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2011. (By invitation: Dorothy Kim and Scott Kleinman).

Kimberly K. Bell. "'better play then playe either at ches or tables': The Reading Game of Chaucer's *Book of the Duchess*." 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2011.

Kimberly K. Bell. "'Runes to Rede': Ludic Text Games in the Alliterative Wheel of Fortune Poem, *Somer Soneday*." 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI, May 2009.

Julie Nelson Couch and Kimberly K. Bell. "Reading Bodleian Library MS Laud Misc. 108 as a Whole Book." 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies. May 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Sam Houston State University)

Graduate:

ENGL 5389: History and Development of the English Language
ENGL 5377: Studies in Early and Middle English Literature
ENGL 5376: The Classical Tradition

Undergraduate:

ENGL 4386: Seminar in Chaucer
ENGL 4385: Medieval Literature
ENGL 4367: History of the English Language
ENGL 3384: Early English Masterworks
ENGL 2332: Readings in Literature of the Western World (honors)
ENGL 1301: Composition I
HONR 3342: The Word Seminar (The End: *Beowulf*)
HONR 3331: Culture and Society Seminar (*Harry Potter Series*)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the University (2008-present)

Dean, Honors College (2015-present) (Assoc. Director, 2010-2015); Asst. Dir (2008-2010)
Chair, Honors Advisory Council (2015-present)
Member, University Scholarships Committee (2015-present)
Member, Pace Advisory Board (2017-present)
Chair, Faculty Committee, Undergraduate Research Symposium (2009-2015)
Co-Chair, Scholarship Analysis Committee (SEM Task Force Committee) (2013)
Advisor, Honors Ambassador Undergraduate Research Symposium Co-Chairs (2009-2015)
Member, Honors Advisory Council (2006-2015)
Member, Student Enrollment Management Committee (SEM) (2013)
Member, EURECA Advisory Board (2012-2016)
Member, Staff Excellence Award Committee (2011-2012)

Service to the College (2008-present)

Member, DPTAC, Family and Consumer Sciences (2010-2014)
Member, EWCAT Committee (2009-2012)

Service to the Department (2008-present)

Member, Curriculum Committee (2014-2015)
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2002-2014)
Member, DPTAC Committee (2008-present)
Reader, M.A. comprehensive written exams (2002-ongoing)

LANGUAGES Latin, French, Demotic Greek, Old English, Middle English

GRANTS and AWARDS

CHSS Faculty Travel Research Grant (Summer 2018) (\$750)
Developmental Leave (fall 2012)
University Teaching Excellence Award (2010)
Teaching Award in English, CHSS (2010-2011, 2006-2007, 2005-2006)
Enhancement Grant for Professional Development, SHSU, 2003-2004 (\$22,251)