

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Riverton High School (Wyoming), 1947-52
 Captain of Football Team, 1951
 Madge Jewett Prize in English, 1952
A.B., Princeton University, 1956
 Senior Thesis: "Wordsworth's Pilgrimage Toward Perception"
Ph.D., Indiana University, 1963
 Field: Middle English Language and Literature
 Minor: British History
 Dissertation: "Number Symbolism and the Idea of Order in
 The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer"

Honors and Awards:

Esso Foundation Grant, 1966
Reckitt-Colman Professor of English, University of Hull (UK), 1967-68
Edward Peck Curtis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 1972
E. Harris Harbison Award for Gifted Teaching (Danforth Foundation), 1972
Danforth Associate, 1973-85
Guggenheim Fellow, 1980-81
Mercer Brugler Professor of Humanities, 1982-85
Student Association Award for Undergraduate Teaching, 1982
Professor of the Year 1983: Silver Medal (Council for the Advancement
and Support of Education)
NEH Seminar for Secondary Teachers: Chaucer 1983 (Pilot Program)
NEH Seminar for Secondary Teachers: Chaucer 1984
NEH Seminar for Undergraduates: Chaucer 1985 (Pilot Program)
Professor of the Year 1985: Gold Medal (Council for the Advancement
and Support of Education)
Endowed Chair in the Humanities, College of St. Thomas, 1985-86
NEH Seminar for School Teachers: Chaucer, 1990
Olive B. O'Connor Chair, Colgate University, 1991
John Hall Deane Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature, 1992-

NEH Seminar for Teachers: Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast, 1993
John Hurt Fisher Prize, 1993
NEH Seminar for Teachers: Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast, 1994
NEH Grant for the Middle English Texts Series, 1995-1998
NEH Grant for the Middle English Texts Series, 1998-2000
NEH Grant for the Middle English Texts Series, 2002-2005
NEH Grant for the Middle English Texts Series, 2006-2009
NEH Grant for the Middle English Texts Series, 2009-2012
Goergen Award for Distinguished Achievement and Artistry in Undergraduate Education,
1998
Student Association Professor of the Year, 1998
Honorary Golden Key Award 1999
John Hurt Fisher Prize, 2006
Nomination for the U.S. Professors of the Year Award (Carnegie Foundation for the
Advancement and Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.
2008
University Presidential Medal of Honor, 2009

Academic Career:

Teaching Assistant, Indiana University, 1956-60
Instructor, University of Rochester, 1961-63
Assistant Professor, University of Rochester, 1963-67
Visiting Professor, University of Hull (UK), 1967-68
Associate Professor, University of Rochester, 1968-73
Professor, University of Rochester, 1973-
Visiting Professor, College of St. Thomas, 1985-86
Visiting Professor, Colgate University, 1991
Director of Freshman English, 1963-67; 1989-90
Director of Honors Program, 1966-67
Director of Undergraduate Study, 1969-72, 1974, 1981-85
Founding Director, Medieval House, 1970-71
Acting Chairman of English Department, 1976
Director of Medieval House, 1972-73, 1977-78, 1989-90; 1994; 1995.
Chairman of Medieval House Board of Stewards, 1970-99.
Director of Drama House, 1993-95
Faculty Council, 1981-85; Steering Committee, 1982-84; Chairman, 1983-84
Chair, Board of Stewards of the Rossell Hope Robbins Library, 1986-
Director of Graduate Study, 1986-89
Faculty Senate, 1988-92
Committee on Tenure and Academic Privileges, 1989-92
University Orator 1998-2005

Principal Courses Taught:

Chaucer
Middle English Literature
Middle English Romance
Medieval Drama
Arthurian Literature
Medieval Intellectual History
History of the English Language
Studies in Folk Literature
Old English
Shakespeare
Classical and Scriptural Backgrounds to English Literature
Survey of English Literature
Seminar in Early English Literature (taught in England)
Theater in England Seminar
King Arthur and the Cinema
Medievalism in Cinema
Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast
Fairytale and Popular Culture
Medieval Aesthetics
Framing Blackness in American Cinema
Blaxploitation Films and the 1970s
Myth and Fairy Tale
Brain Science and Cognition in the Staging of Medieval Literature

Professional Involvement:

Board for the Pilot Program of CLEP Examinations, 1970-71
Secretary and Chairman of Chaucer section of NEMLA, 1974-77
Graduate Record Examination Board, 1976-80
Associate Editor, *Mediaevalia*
Modern Language Association
 Executive Committee on Middle English Literature, 1977-82;
 Chairman, 1982
Executive Committee of the Conference on Christianity and Literature, 1988-93
Advisory Board of the New Chaucer Bibliographies
Editorial Board, *Ultimate Reality and Meaning*
Advisory Board PMLA Bibliography
Chair, The Editorial Board of the Consortium on the Teaching of the Middle Ages, 1987-
General Editor of the TEAMS Middle English Texts Series 1990-
Haskins Medal Committee (Medieval Academy of America) 1993-95
Executive Committee for Teams 2006-

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Editions:

John Gower, *Confessio Amantis*, ed. Russell A. Peck. New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1968; rev. 1970.

Kingship and Common Profit in Gower's Confessio Amantis. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1978.

John Gower, *Confessio Amantis*, ed. Russell A. Peck. MART edition, no. 9, Mediaeval Academy of America. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1980 [Reprint of #1]. Reissued 1986, 1989, 1994, 1997, 2001.

Chaucer's Lyrics and Anelida and Arcite. Chaucer Annotated Bibliographies, Volume I. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1983.

Romaunt, Boece, Astrolabe, Equatorie, Lost Works, Chaucer Apocrypha. Chaucer Annotated Bibliographies. Volume 2. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988.

Heroic Women from the Old Testament in Middle English Verse. Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publication, 1991.

Myth, Religious Typology, and Recent Cinema, ed. Russell A. Peck. *Special Issue of Christianity and Literature* 42.3 (Spring, 1993).

Anthony Munday, *The Downfall of Robert, Earl of Huntington and Selections from The Death of Robert, Earl of Huntington*, ed. Russell A. Peck. In *Robin Hood and Other Outlaw Tales* (Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publications, 1997), pp. 296-457.

Cinderella: An Annotated Bibliography. (University of Rochester, 1997).
[Http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/cinder/cinhome.htm](http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/cinder/cinhome.htm).

John Gower, *Confessio Amantis*, ed. Russell A. Peck. With Latin translations by Andrew Galloway. Volume 1. Kalamazoo, MI: Medieval Institute Publications, 2000.

John Gower, *Confessio Amantis*, ed. Russell A. Peck. With Latin translations by Andrew Galloway. Volume 2. Kalamazoo, MI: Medieval Institute Publications, 2003.

John Gower, *Confessio Amantis*, ed. Russell A. Peck. With Latin translations by Andrew Galloway. Volume 3. Kalamazoo, MI: Medieval Institute Publications, 2004.

John Gower, *Confessio Amantis*, ed. Russell A. Peck. With Latin translations by Andrew Galloway. Volume 1. Revised Edition. Medieval Institute Publications, 2005.

Collaborative Works:

Essays in Modern English, ed. Joseph Frank. Boston: Little Brown, 1966.
Selections, appendix and notes on Rhetoric by Russell A. Peck.

By Things Seen: Reference and Recognition in Medieval Thought, ed. David L. Jeffrey [and Russell A. Peck]. Ottawa: University of Ottawa Press, 1979.

Robin Hood and Other Outlaw Tales, ed. Stephen Knight and Thomas Ohlgren. With contributions by Russell A. Peck. Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publications, 1997.

Articles:

"Number Symbolism and the Idea of Order in the Works of Geoffrey Chaucer,"
Dissertation Abstracts, 7 (1964), 7.

"Number Symbolism in the Prologue to Chaucer's *Parson's Tale*," *English Studies*, 48 (1967), 1-11.

"Edgar's Pilgrimage: High Comedy in *King Lear*," *Studies in English Literature*, 7 (1967), 219-237.

"The Ideas of Translation and 'Entente' in Chaucer's *Second Nun's Tale*,"
Annuaire Mediaevale, 8 (1967), 17-37.

"Sovereignty and the Two Worlds of the *Franklin's Tale*," *Chaucer Review*, 1 (1967), 253-271.

"Case History of an Innovative Plan," in *The Graduate Student as Teacher*,
ed. Vincent Nowlis, Kenneth E. Clark, and Miriam Rock. American Council on Education (Washington, D.C., 1968), pp. 60-68.

"Theme and Number in Chaucer's *Book of the Duchess*," in *Silent Poetry*,
ed. Alastair Fowler (London, 1970), pp. 73-115.

"Numerology and Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde*," *Mosaic*, 5 (1972), 1-19.
(Reprinted in *Chaos and Form: Ideas and Relationships in History and Literature*, ed. Kenneth McRobbie. (Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 1972).

- "The Careful Hunter in *The Parlement of the Thre Ages*," *English Literary History*, 39 (1972), 333-341.
- "Number Structure in *St. Erkenwald*," *Annuaire Mediaevale*, 14 (1973), 9-21.
- "Public Dreams and Private Myths: Perspective in Middle English Literature," *PMLA*, 90 (1975), 461-468.
- "Chaucer and the Nominalist Questions," *Speculum*, 53 (1978), 745-760.
- "Number as Cosmic Language," in *By Things Seen: Reference and Recognition in Medieval Thought*, ed. David L. Jeffrey (Ottawa: University of Ottawa Press, 1979), pp. 47-80.
An expanded version of this essay appears in *Essays in the Numerical Analysis of Medieval Literature*, ed. Caroline D. Eckhardt (Lewisburg, PA: Bucknell University Press, 1980), pp. 15-64.
- "Willfulness and Wonders: Boethian Tragedy in the Alliterative *Morte Arthure*," in *The Alliterative Tradition in the Fourteenth Century*, ed. Bernard S. Levy and Paul Szarmach (Kent: Kent State University Press, 1981), pp. 153-182.
- "St. Paul and *The Canterbury Tales*," *Revue de l'Universite d'Ottawa*, 53 (1983), 405-432. Reprinted in *Chaucer Scriptural Traditions*, ed. David R. Jeffrey (Ottawa, 1984), pp. 143-170. A slightly revised version of the essay appears in *Mediaevalia*, 7 (1981), 91-131.
- "Ecclesiastes as a Pivotal Biblical and Literary Text," *ADE Bulletin*, 81 (1985), 43-48.
- "Social Conscience and the Poets," in *Social Unrest in the Later Middle Ages*, ed. Francis X. Newman (Binghamton: Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies, 1986), pp. 113-148.
- "Chaucerian Poetics and the Prologue to the *Legend of Good Women*," in *Chaucer in the Eighties*, ed. Julian N. Wasserman and Robert J. Blanch (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1986), pp. 39-55.
- "King Arthur's Once and Future Longevity," *College of St. Thomas Magazine*, I, no. 3 (Summer 1986), 7-9.
- "Chaucer and the Imagination," *Studies in the Age of Chaucer: Proceedings, no. 2, 1986: Fifth International Congress* (Knoxville, Tennessee, 1987), pp. 33-48. [The keynote address]

"Russell Hope Robbins and the Robbins Library," *University of Rochester Library Bulletin*, 40 (1988), 5-17.

"A Tribute to Joseph Holmes Summers," in *A Fine Tuning: Studies of the Religious Poetry of Herbert and Milton*, ed. Mary A. Maleski (Binghamton, NY: SUNY, Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies, 1989), pp. 3-19.

"John Gower and the Book of Daniel," in *John Gower, Recent Readings*, ed. R. F. Yeager (Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute, 1989), pp. 159-87.

"Love, Politics, and Plot in the *Parlement of Fowles*," *Chaucer Review*, 24 (1990), 14-29.

Articles on "Gematria," "Jacob's Rods," "Numerology," "Rebecca" in *A Dictionary of Biblical Tradition in English Literature*, ed. David L. Jeffrey (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), pp. 300, 390, 555-57, 656-57.

"The Problematics of Irony in Gower's *Confessio Amantis*," *Mediaevalia* 15 (1993), 207-29.

"*Working Girl*, Cinderella, and the New Jerusalem," *C & L* 42 (1993), 465-78.

"The Phenomenology of Make Believe in Gower's *Confessio Amantis*," *Studies in Philology*, 91 (1994), 250-69.

"John Gower." *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. Vol. 146: *Old and Middle English Literature* (Detroit: Gale Research, Inc., 1994), 178-190.

"The Haskins Medal," *Speculum*, 70 (1995), 728-29.

"Robin Hood and The Pedlars," in *Robin Hood and Other Outlaw Tales* (1997), pp. 626-32.

"The Phenomenology of Make-Believe in Gower's *Confessio Amantis*," in *Re-Visioning Gower*, ed. R. F. Yeager (Asheville, NC: Pegasus Press, 1998), 49-66.

"Teaching What Can't Be Taught," *How I Teach* (University of Rochester) 2 (2001), 41-49.

"The Politics and Psychology of Governance in Gower: Ideas of Kingship and Real Kings." In *A Companion to Gower*. Ed. Siân Echard. Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK: D. S. Brewer, 2004. Pp. 215-38.

“Folklore and Powerful Women in Gower’s Tale of Florent.” In *The English “Loathly Lady” Tales: Boundaries, Traditions, Motifs*. Ed. S. Elizabeth Passmore and Susan Carter. Kalamazoo; Medieval Institute Publications, 2007. Pp. 100-145.

“John Gower: Editor, Strong Reader, and Ethical Geometrician.” In *John Gower: Manuscripts, Readers, Contexts*, ed. Malte Urban and Georgiana Donavin. Turnhout: Brepols, 2009. Pp. 1-28.

Reviews:

Susie I. Tucker, *English Examined* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1961), *Seventeenth Century News*, 20 (1962), 6.

Richard Eburne, *A Plain Pathway to Plantations* (1624), ed. Louis B. Wright (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1962) *Seventeenth Century News*, 21 (1963), 54-55.

Paul Ramsey, *The Lively and the Just* (University of Alabama Press, 1962), *Seventeenth Century News*, 22 (1964), 9.

Gunnar Qvarnstrom, *Poetry and Numbers: On the Structural Use of Symbolic Numbers* (Lund, 1966), *English Studies*, 52 (1971), 269-270.

Gunnar Qvarnstrom, *The Enchanted Palace: Structural Aspects of Paradise Lost* (Stockholm: Almqvist and Wiksell, 1967), *English Studies*, 52 (1971), 550-553.

Sheila Delany, *Chaucer's House of Fame: The Poetics of Skeptical Fideism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1972), *JEGP*, 72 (1973), 544-547.

Patrick J. Gallacher, *Love, the Word, and Mercury: A Reading of John Gower's "Confessio Amantis,"* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1975), *Speculum*, 52 (1977), 670-673.

John Gardner, *The Poetry of Chaucer* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1977), *Criticism*, 20 (1978), 66-68.

Dorothee Metlitzki, *The Matter of Araby in Medieval England* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1977), *Criticism*, 20 (1978), 68-70.

Clifford Peterson, ed., *St. Erkenwald* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1977); and Ruth Morse, ed., *St. Erkenwald* (Cambridge: D. S. Brewer, 1975), *Speculum* 53 (1978), 609-612.

- Robert B. Burlin, *Chaucerian Fiction* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1977),
Studies in the Age of Chaucer, 2 (1980), 154-158.
- F. Anne Payne, *Chaucer and Menippean Satire* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press,
1981), *SAC*, 5 (1983), 187-192.
- Anna P. Baldwin, *The Theme of Government in Piers Plowman* (Cambridge,
England: D. S. Brewer, 1981), *Speculum*, 58 (1983), 1106-1107.
- Margaret Gibson, ed., *Boethius: His Life, Thought, and Influence* (Oxford: Basil
Blackwell, 1981), *Speculum*, 59 (1984), 903-905.
- Anne Hudson, ed., *English Wycliffite Sermons*, Vol. 1 (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983),
SAC, 7 (1985), 202-208.
- A. J. Minnis, ed., *Gower's "Confessio Amantis": Responses and Reassessments*
Cambridge, England: D. S. Brewer, 1983), *Speculum*, 61 (1986), 180-182.
- Umberto Eco, *Art and Beauty in the Middle Ages* (New Haven: Yale University
Press, 1986), *Baltimore Sun*, November 16, 1986, p. 15N (Arts and Entertainment).
- Seth Lerer, *Boethius and Dialogue: Literary Method in the Consolation of Philosophy*
(Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987), *Modern Philology*, 85 (1988), 311-
313.
- Jon Whitman, *Allegory: The Dynamics of an Ancient and Medieval Technique*
(Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1987), *Comparative Literature Studies*,
26 (1989), 167-71.
- Mark Allen and John H. Fisher, *The Essential Chaucer: An Annotated Bibliography of
Major Modern Studies* (Boston: G. K. Hall, 1987), *Speculum*, 64 (1989), 380-81.
- Ross G. Arthur, *Medieval Sign Theory and "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight"*
(Toronto: Toronto University Press, 1989), *Speculum*, 64 (1989), 647-50.
- Wayne C. Booth, *The Vocation of a Teacher: Rhetorical Occasions, 1967-1988*
(Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1988), *Academe*, 76 (1990), 55.
- Pamela Gradon, ed., *English Wycliffite Sermons*, Vol. 2 (Oxford: Clarendon, 1988),
Studies in the Age of Chaucer, 12 (1990), 281-84.
- J. Stephen Russell, *The English Dream Vision: Anatomy of a Form* (Columbus:
Ohio State University Press, 1988), *Speculum*, 65 (1990), 1041-44.

- Michel-Andre Bossy, ed. and trans. *Medieval Debate Poetry: Vernacular Works* (New York: Garland, 1987), *Envoi*, 2 (1990), 466-67.
- R. F. Yeager, *John Gower's Poetic: The Search for a New Albion* (Cambridge: D. S. Brewer, 1990), *Studies in the Age of Chaucer*, 14 (1992), 217-21.
- Richard M. Gollin. *A Viewer's Guide to Film: Arts, Artifices, and Issues* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1992), *Christianity and Literature*, 42 (1993), 479.
- John R. May, ed. *Image and Likeness: Religious Visions in American Film Classics* (New York: Paulist Press 1991), *Christianity and Literature*, 42 (1993), 479-81.
- David Bordwell. *Making Meaning: Inference and Rhetoric in the Interpretation of Cinema* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1989), *Christianity and Literature*, 42 (1993), 481-82.
- Kurt Olsson. *John Gower and The Structures of Conversion: A Reading of the "Confessio Amantis"* (Woodbridge and Rochester: Boydell and Brewer, 1992), *Speculum*, 69 (1994), 863-65.
- Allen J. Frantzen, *Troilus and Cressida: The Poem and the Frame* (New York: Twayne, 1993), *Studies in the Age of Chaucer*, 16 (1994), 197-99.
- Robert Myles *Chaucerian Realism* (Cambridge: Boydell and Brewer, 1994) *Speculum*, 71 (1996), 469-71.
- Judith Ferster, *Fictions of Advice: The Literature and Politics of Counsel in Late Medieval England* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1996), *Speculum*, 73 (1998), 509-12.
- Robert K. Johnston, *Real Spirituality: Theory and Film in Dialogue* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2000), *Christianity and Literature*, 31 (2002), 309-12.
- Kathryn L. Lynch, *Chaucer's Philosophical Visions*. (Woodbridge, UK: Boydell and Brewer, 2000), *Speculum*, 77 (2002), 1346-47.
- Sidrak and Bokkus: A parallel-text edition of Bodleian Library MS Laud Misc. 559 and British Library MS Lansdowne 793*. ed. T. L. Burton. 2 vols. EETS os 311-312, in *Studies in the Age of Chaucer*, 24 (2002), 380-85.
- C. David Benson, *Public Piers Plowman: Modern Scholarship and Late Medieval English Culture*. The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004, in *Speculum* 80 (2005), 831-832.

B.W. Lindeboom. *Venus' Owne Clerk: Chaucer's Debt to the Confessio Amantis*.
Rodopi, 2007, in *Speculum* 83 (2008), 726-28.

Selected Public Lectures:

- "Number Symbolism in Chaucer's *Book of the Duchess*"
English Department Colloquium
University of Hull, E. Yorkshire
February 10, 1968
- "Tall Talk, the Frontier, and American English"
Humanities Lecture Series
University of Sussex, Brighton
February 27, 1968
- "Medieval Music: Its Development, Forms, and Craft"
Dean's Lectures in the Humanities
University of Rochester
April 5, 1971
- "The Careful Hunter in the *Parlement of Thre Ages*"
Middle English Section of the Modern Language
Association of America
Chicago
December 28, 1971
- "Boethius and the Compass of the Mind"
English Department
University of West Virginia, Morgantown
March 28, 1972
- "Public Dreams and Private Myths: Perspective in
Middle English Literature"
Chaucer Section of NEMLA
Pennsylvania State University
April, 1974
- "Number as Cosmic Language"
Seminar on Number Symbolism in Medieval Literature.
Modern Language Association
New York
December 29, 1974
- "Inventiveness in the Middle Ages"
Seminar of Upstate New York Medievalists
State University College of New York at Buffalo
February 14, 1975

- "Willfulness and Wonders: Boethian Tragedy in the
Alliterative Morte Arthure"
Conference on the Alliterative Tradition in
Fourteenth Century England
Center for Medieval and Early Renaissance Studies,
SUNY Binghamton
October 16, 1975
- "A Structuralist Approach to the Punctuation of
American English"
Lecture Series on Freshman English
University of Rochester
September 16, 1976
- "Chaucer and the Nominalist Questions"
Chaucer Division of the Modern Language
Association of America
New York
December 28, 1976
- "St. Paul and the Canterbury Tales"
Conference on Christianity and Literature
Modern Language Association
New York
December 29, 1978
Expanded version given at Duke University
March 29, 1979
- "Medieval Attitudes Toward the Body"
Union Medical School, Albany, New York
New York Bar Association, Lake George, NY
May 3, 1980
July 12, 1986
- "The Context of Medieval Literature"
SUNY--Oneonta
Hamilton College
SUNY--Geneseo
Princeton University
St. John Fischer College
SUNY--Binghamton
University of Ottawa
West Virginia University
Syracuse University
College of St. Thomas
Washington and Lee
Virginia Polytechnical Institute
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina-Asheville
February 6, 1980
September 17, 1980
October 2, 1980
December 2, 1980
February 5, 1981
April 17, 1981
October 20, 1982
February 17, 1983
November 10, 1983
November 6, 1984
January 30, 1985
February 1, 1986
March 10, 1986
April 4, 1986
September 28, 1988

- Colgate University
Pennsylvania State University
University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Medieval Society, University of Rochester
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- January 22, 1991
October 15, 1991
November 24, 1992
September 23, 2003
March 4, 2008
- "Social Conscience and the Poets"
Conference on Social Unrest in the Later Middle Ages
Center for Medieval and Early Renaissance Studies
SUNY--Binghamton
- October 17, 1981
- "Chaucerian Poetics and the Prologue to the
Legend of Good Women"
Chaucer at Albany II in Honor of Rossell Hope Robbins
Albany, New York
- November 4, 1982
- "Vernacular Literature and the Medieval University"
West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia
- February 16, 1983
- "Ecclesiastes as a Pivotal Biblical and Literary Text"
Great Texts, Great Teachers Session of the
Modern Language Association
New York
- December 28, 1983
- "Piers Plowman: The Structure of the B-Text"
Washington and Lee University
Lexington, VA
- January 31, 1985
- "Charles M. Russell: Story Teller"
College of St. Thomas
St. Paul, Minnesota
UR Alumni Association: Chicago
- November 14, 1985
November 15, 1987
- "Chaucer, Imagination, and the *Legend's Prologue*"
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- November 20, 1985
- Keynote address: "Chaucer and the Imagination"
Fifth International Chaucer Congress
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- March 20, 1986

- "Political Fencing in the *Parlement of Fowles*"
(A debate with A. C. Spearing)
Fifth International Chaucer Congress
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 23, 1986
- "John Gower and the Book of Daniel"
Medieval Institute of Western Michigan
Kalamazoo, Michigan
May 9, 1986
- "History, Periodicity, and Modernity in Medieval
and Renaissance Literature"
Modern Language Association
San Francisco
December 28, 1987
- "The Problematics of Irony in Gower's *Confessio Amantis*"
Modern Language Association
San Francisco
December 30, 1987
- "Voluntarism vs Determinism: Chaucer's *Knight's Tale*
and the *Man of Law's Tale*"
Sixth International Chaucer Congress
Vancouver, B.C.
August 9, 1988
- "Women Patrons, Their Books, and 'The Storie of Asneth':
A Study in Acculturation."
Medieval Club of New York City
October 5, 1990
- "Functional Triplicities in *The Book of the Duchess*"
Mid Hudson Medieval Society
Mt. Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY
October 6, 1990
- "Medieval, Renaissance, Modern: Periodicity and the
Enfeeblements of Historicism."
University of Pittsburgh
November 16, 1990
- "The Phenomenology of Make Believe in Gower's *Confessio Amantis*."
26th International Medieval Congress
University of Western Michigan
May 6, 1991
- "*Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Jesus of Montreal* and their
Kinship with Medieval Drama," 29th International
Medieval Congress, University of Western Michigan
May 7, 1994

- "Folklore and Identity Formation in *Amis and Amiloun* and *Sir Amadace*," 31st International Medieval Congress, University of Western Michigan May 10, 1996
- "The Subjecting of History and the Time Scheme of Chaucer's Prologue to the Parson's Tale," 33rd International Medieval Congress, University of Western Michigan May 8, 1998
- "Accessing the Moment: The Subjecting of Time and Self in The Parson's Prologue," Graduate Colloquium, University of Rochester November 24, 1998.
- "Stephen Knight: Plenary Introduction"
34th International Medieval Congress
Western Michigan University May 8, 1999
- "John Gower and the Politics of Time and Space"
Medieval Academy of America
Austin, TX April 15, 2000
- "Gower on Time: History, Memory, and Law."
35th International Medieval Congress,
University of Western Michigan May 6, 2000
- "Derek Brewer: Plenary Introduction"
Camelot 2000 Conference
University of Rochester October 28, 2000
- "Cinderella as Cultural Barometer"
American Association of University Women
Rochester, New York April 20, 2001
- "Teaching What Can't Be Taught"
Goergen Convocation for Gifted Teaching
University of Rochester September 7, 2001
- "Editing Medieval Drama"
38th International Medieval Congress
Western Michigan University May 10, 2003
- "Editing Gower's *Confessio Amantis* as a Teaching Text: Decisions and Consequences."
International Gower Hypertext Conference
University of London, UK July 29, 2003

- “Charles M. Russell: Cowboy Painter and Story Teller”
Valley Manor, Rochester, New York
October 20, 2003
- “Folklore and Powerful Women in Medieval Loathly Lady Tales.”
Cornell University
February 12, 2004
- “Performance Theory and Medieval Romance.”
39th International Conference on Medieval Studies.
Kalamazoo, MI
May 8, 2004
- Seminar on “Book 1 of Gower’s *Confessio Amantis*,” with a lecture on
“The Tale of Florent and its Derivatives.”
University of Connecticut at Storrs
October 7, 2004
- “Faculty and Curriculum Development in a 21st-Century Liberal Arts College.”
Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA
October 21-23, 2004
- “Propaganda, Children’s Stories, and the Thrid Reich”
Off to See the Wizard: Conference on Quests for Memory and Culture
Monroe Community College
March 19, 2005
- “Teaching Gower’s *Confessio Amantis*”
40th International Conference on Medieval Studies.
Kalamazoo, MI
May 6, 2005
- “Ymaginatif and the Staging of Ideas in Medieval Literature.”
Joseph Schick Plenary Adress. Indiana State University
October 18, 2007
- “Coming of Age Through Medieval Romance: Chivalry, ‘Cristes
Wyll,’ and ‘Sir Isumbras.’”
Keynote Address. Medieval Association of the Middle Ages.
Indiana State University
October 19, 2007
- “Gower’s Staging of Ideas in the *Confessio Amantis*”
Conference Celebrating the 600th year of Gower’s Death.
University of London
July 15, 2008
- “Brain Science and Cognition in the Staging of Medieval Literature”
Department of English Faculty Colloquium
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