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Tutoring Experience

Professional Tutor, virtual and in-person

- Worked with high-school students in most subjects on homework and college admission test preparation
- Built up student confidence and emphasized finding study strategies that work for each student
- Tutored students from the Bryn Mawr School, Friends School of Baltimore, Mercy High School, Archbishop Curley High School, and the Catholic High School of Baltimore
- Tutoring website: <https://bjerkejillian.wixsite.com/tutor>

Teaching Experience

Middle Tennessee State University, Department of History, Murfreesboro, Tennessee Assistant Professor, 2025-present

- Teaching ancient, medieval, and early modern European and Mediterranean undergraduate history courses in addition to historical methods course with an emphasis on critical analysis of primary sources both orally and in writing
- Developed course content, activities, and assessments

McDaniel College, Department of History, Westminster, Maryland Lecturer, 2022-2025; Visiting Lecturer, 2021-2022; Adjunct Lecturer, 2020-2021

- Taught ancient, medieval, and early modern European and Mediterranean undergraduate history courses
- Developed course content, activities, and assessments
- Supervised history capstone and advised history majors

University of Colorado Boulder, Department of History, Boulder, Colorado Graduate Part-Time Instructor, 2018-2019; Teaching Assistant, 2014-2017

- Taught European history survey to undergraduates
- Led undergraduate discussion sections and/or graded for European, American, and Global history courses
- Facilitated group discussions and activities
- Provided extensive feedback on written work

Western Michigan University, Medieval Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan Teaching Assistant, 2012-2014

- Taught “Heroes and Villains of the Middle Ages” through the Honors College, online, and through the College of Arts and Sciences
- Co-taught with another teaching assistant for 2 semesters

Wake Forest University, Department of Physics, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Teaching Assistant, 2009-2011

- Administered undergraduate physics labs
- Conducted undergraduate homework help sessions

Education

University of Colorado Boulder, Ph.D. in History, May 2021

- Honors: Fulbright Fellowship to France, Devaney Dissertation Fellowship

Western Michigan University, M.A. in Medieval Studies, August 2014

- Honors: Mathilde Steckelberg Scholarship in Latin

Wake Forest University, M.S. in Physics, August 2011

- Honors: Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in Physics

Wake Forest University, B.S. in Physics and Certificate in Spanish Interpreting, May 2008

Recent Publications

“Power, Property, and Paris: The Case of Champagne-Navarre,” in *Beyond the Borders of the Realm: Aristocratic Culture and the Making of France, 1000–1300: Essays in Honor of Theodore Evergates*, ed. Anne E. Lester and Randall Pippenger (Turnhout: Brepols, forthcoming 2026).

“Under His Protection: Securing Land, Loyalty, and Sovereignty in Thirteenth-Century Champagne and Navarre,” *French History* 38, no. 2 (2024): 446-458.

“In His Name: Religion as Administrative Strategy in Thirteenth-Century Champagne (and Navarre?),” *Haskins Society Journal* 32 (2020): 205-225.

Languages

Spanish

Highly proficient reading and translation

Latin

Highly proficient oral, written, and reading

French

Proficient oral, written, and reading

Hobbies and Interests

Figure skating, cross-stitch, reading, history, languages, travel, historical and fantasy video games