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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

University of Vermont (Burlington, VT) Senior Lecturer. Department of English. 1999-present

## EDUCATION

City University of New York Graduate School

Degree: Ph.D., English (May 2003)

Specialization: Old English literature and language

Secondary Areas: Middle English literature and language, sex/gender studies, Latin and Old English hagiography and devotional anthologies

Dissertation: Crux Christi/Cristes Rod: Interpreting the Anglo-Saxon Cross

Director: E. Gordon Whatley

Dissertation Committee: Steven Kruger and Pamela Sheingorn

Oral Exam Subjects: Old English literature and language, Chaucer, queen theory

Binghamton University

Degree: M.A., English (May 1994)

Specialization: Old English literature and language, Chaucer, cultural studies, gender studies

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, September 1990-present

Burlington College, Burlington, VT, September 1990-May 2000

Baruch College, New York, NY, February 1996-December 1998

Binghamton University (SUNY), Binghamton, NY, September 1992-May 1995

## ACADEMIC AND GRANT AWARDS

Nomination-Culture s (Manchester University Press, 2022)

Vaccaro and Yvette Kisor, eds. Tolkien and A4.5 (d)-7 (A) ity(d)-7 (A) ity(d)-7 (A)7 (A)mw T\* [Kr1c( 0.831Tw T\* [(d)-4.1 (s)5.59( 4E)-4 (31T

Curriculum Vitae  
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Peer-reviewed Articles

“Dyrne Langað: Secret Longing and Homonymy in Beowulf and J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Lord of the Rings”  
Journal of Tolkien Research, Vol. 6: Issue 1, Article 6 (August, 2018):  
<https://scholar.valpo.edu/journaloftolkienresearch/vol6/iss1/6>

“Morning Stars of a Setting World’: Alain de Lille’s De Planctu Naturae and Tolkien’s Legendarium as Neo-Platonic Mythopoeia” Mythlore 36.1 Fall/Winter 2017): 81-102.

“Inbryrdded Breostsefa’: Compunction in 841a of Cynewulf’s “Elene” Notes and Queries (June 2005) 160-61.

“And One White Tree’: The Cosmological Cross and the Arbor Vitae in J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Lord of the Rings and The Silmarillion,” Mallorn: The Journal of the Tolkien Society 45 (August 2005) 1-6 (a). /04 (a). (June 2005) Chapter 1  
Edited by Christopher Vaccaro  
Manchester University Press, 2005  
(Wiley/Blackwell, 2005)  
“Sarumans



## Curriculum Vitae

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### Science Fiction & Fantasy

ENG 040 Beyond the Human (Springs 04, 05; Fall 03)

ENG 040 Fantasy Literature (Spring 02; Fall 01)

ENG 040 Fantasy Online (Summer 03)

ENG 040 Fantasy and Medievalism (Spring 03, Fall 04)

### Composition/Rhetoric

ENG 001/002 Written Expression (Spring 03, 16; Falls 02, 06, 16, 17, 20; Summers 19, 20)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS (29)

(Trans)lating Love and Loss in Guthlac B and Felix's Vita S. Guthlaci

Leeds, England. 28<sup>th</sup> International Medieval Studies Conference, July 2021

"Sadistic Queens of the Hrolf saga Kraka"

Kalamazoo, Michigan 55<sup>th</sup> International Medieval Studies Conference, May 2021.

"Luf-tacen": Emotions, Material Culture and Hrothgar's Gifts of Love to Beowulf

(Paper accepted by ISAS) Leeds, England. 126<sup>th</sup> International Medieval Studies Conference, July 2019

"Luf-tacen": Emotions, Material Culture and Hrothgar's Gifts of Love to Beowulf

Kalamazoo, Michigan 54<sup>th</sup> International Medieval Studies Conference, May 2019

"Queering Tolkien: A Roundtable"

New York City, New York Tolkien Club Proceedings, March 2019.

Curriculum Vitae

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Feminism, Queer Theory, and Medieval Studies

Kalamazoo, Michigan, 40th International Medieval Congress, May 2005

The Apotropaic Cross in the Tiberius A. iii St. Margaret

Kalamazoo, Michigan, 38th International Medieval Congress, May 2003

The Cross in Tiberius A. iii

Leeds, England, 9th International Medieval Congress, May 2002

Fecundity and The AngloSaxon Cross:Riddles & Remedies

Kalamazoo, Michigan, 37th International Medieval Congress, May 2001

## Curriculum Vitae

### Christopher T. Vaccaro, Ph.D.

Tolkien at UVM, 2011 Nature and the Environment. April 8<sup>th</sup>. Keynote: Dr. Matthew Dickerson (Middlebury College)

Tolkien at UVM, 2010 Tolkien in the Classroom. April 19<sup>th</sup>. Keynote: Dr. Leslie Donovan (University of New Mexico)

Tolkien at UVM, 2009 Sex and Gender in Middle-earth. April 10<sup>th</sup>. Keynote: Dr. Jane Chance (Rice University)

Tolkien at UVM, 2008 Tolkien and Celtic/Norse Influences. April 12<sup>th</sup>. Keynote: Dr. Marjorie Burns (Portland State University)

Tolkien at UVM, 2007 Fantasy Before Tolkien. April 13<sup>th</sup>. Keynote: Douglas Anderson (Independent Scholar)

Tolkien at UVM, 2006 Past, History, and Memory. April 8<sup>th</sup>. Keynote: Dr. Verlyn Flieger (University of Maryland, College Park)

Tolkien at UVM, 2005 Fiftieth Anniversary of The Lord of the Rings. April 21<sup>st</sup>. Keynote: Dr. Tom Shippey (Saint Louis University)

Tolkien at UVM, April 2004 Symposium. Guest Speakers: Michael Drout (Wheaton College), Jane Chance (Rice University), Matthew Dickerson (Middlebury College)

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

### English, UVM

United Academics Representative (2021)

Curriculum Committee, University of Vermont (2002-2011, Fall 2015 Present)

Executive Committee, English Department, University of Vermont (Fall 2009 Spring 2016)

Independent Studies Director (Richard Fahey, Spring 2008; Brendan Anderson, Spring 2015; Briggs Heffernan 2019; Student course 2019)

Firstyear Orientation Guide (Summer 2018)

Student Engagement Committee including English Symposium Organization (Fall and Spring 2018-19)

### Gender, Sexuality, Women's Studies, UVM

Race, Gender, and Sexuality Student Conference Committee (2019)

Women and Gender Studies Program Steering Committee (2002-2012)

SAGISThreeday major curriculum development workshop (Summer 2007)

Gender, Sexuality, and Woman Studies Steering Committee (Fall 2012-Present)

Firstyear Orientation Guide (Summer 2018)

### Medieval Studies, UVM

Faculty committee, 2014 Present

Interpreting the Handwritten Book: Medieval Manuscripts at UVM (Colloquium, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2019)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

New England Medieval Studies Consortium, Board Member 2016-

Tolkien at Kalamazoo, Coordinator 2018- Present

Journal of Tolkien Research, Editorial Board 2017- Present

Mythlore, Editorial Board 2017-Present

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ISAS, International Society of Anglo-Saxonists 2001-Present

MLA, 2003-Present

SSHMA, Society for the Study of Homosexuality in the Middle Ages, 1995 Present

Tolkien at Kalamazoo, 2002 Present (Organizer as of Spring 2018)

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Advisor, UVM Tolkien Club. Fall 2005 Spring 2014

Advisor, Science Fiction and Fantasy Residential Program of Living and Learning Center Fall 2005 Fall 2012

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LOCAL / REGIONAL SERVICE

Coordinator for Pride Center of Vermont events and charity fundraisers (2004-~~2004~~present)