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Biography

I am a Visiting Lecturer in the English, History, and Creative Arts department. Formerly I was a GTA in the History, Georgraphy and Social Sciences department. I received my BA in History with Politics from Edge Hill University and my MA in Medieval Studies from the University of York. My supervisors are Lindy Brady and Emily Winkler (St Edmund's Hall, University of Oxford). I am also the co-convener of the North West Medieval Studies Postgrad Network, the medieval editor of EPOCH PGR History Magazine, and the Newsletter Officer for the IHR's History Lab.

Research Interests

My research focuses on how bureaucratic authors used writing as a means of engaging with and articulating anxieties about their precarious social positions alongside broader anxieties about legitimacy within the political culture of the insular Plantagenet World between 1200 and 1400. My interests include the textuality of law, cross border networks, the history of emotions, and intersections of gender and ethnicity in political culture. I work with material in Latin, Old French, Middle Welsh, Middle English, Old Scots, and Medieval Irish.

Teaching

I teach across the BA History degree programme at Edge Hill. In particular, I am responsible for teaching on modules on medieval and early modern history.

Modules

Spring 2024

HIS1011 - Dawn of Modernity

HIS1017 - History & Society: Theory, Practice & Impact
Autumn 2024

HIS1022 - The Medieval World

HIS2039 - Writing History
Spring 2025

HIS1023 - Early Modern England

HIS2039 - Writing History
Autumn 2025

HIS1021 - Global Politics 1918 to the Present Day

HIS2039 - Writing History
Spring 2026

HIS2039 - Writing History
Winter 2026

HIS2039 - Writing History

HIS3016 - Viking World

Organisational Roles

Co-convener North West Medieval Studies Postgraduate Network 2024-
Newsletter officer History Lab, Institute of Historical Research 2026-

Editorial Roles

Medieval editor, EPOCH PGR History Magazine 2025-

Academic Qualifications

Medieval Studies MA, Identities in Flux: Crisis and the Border in the Lanercost Chronicle, University of York, Supervisor:

Tom Johnson
Award Date: 20 Oct 2023

History with Politics BA, Digital Archives and Anti-Jacobitism - Reconstructing a Sense of Visual Political Communication

1688-1747, Edge Hill University, Supervisor: Bob Nicholson

Award Date: 22 July 2022

Languages

Modern

English (Native)

German (Intermediate)

French (Basic Reading)

Welsh (Basic Reading)

Medieval

Middle English (Advanced)

Old Scots (Advanced)

Latin (Intermediate)

Old French (Intermediate)

Middle Welsh (Beginner)

Old Irish (Beginner)

Scripts

Textura (Intermediate)

Anglicana (Intermediate)

Chancery Hand (Intermediate)

Insular Miniscule (Intermediate)

Secretary (Beginner)

Training

Keele Latin and Palaeography Summer School - August 2024

Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies Celtic Studies Summer School, Old Irish and Middle Welsh - July 2025

Research Communication

I often seek opportunities to present my work at conferences and in other similar engagements as well as writing articles for a more general audience.

Public History Articles

A Northern Perspective on the Anglo-Scottish Wars: The Lanercost Chronicle 1295-1346 - EPOCH Magazine Issue 17, September 2024, https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/a-northern-perspective-on-the-anglo-scottish-wars-1295-1346

Voices from the Margins? The Politics of Petitioning in the Plantagenet World - EPOCH Magazine Issue 20, June 2025, https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/voices-from-the-margins-the-politics-of-petitioning-in-the-plantagenet-world

Reading Resistance: A Practical Guide to working with The National Archives Ancient Petitions Collection (SC 8) - EPOCH Magazine Issue 20, June 2025, https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/epoch-tutorials-reading-resistance

Medieval Literature and Society a Tutorial for Historians - EPOCH Magazine, Issue 22, December 2025, https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/medieval-literature-and-society-a-tutorial-for-historians

A Beginners Guide to Medieval Irish and Welsh Legal Manuscripts - EPOCH Magazine Issue 23, March 2026, https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/a-beginners-guide-to-medieval-irish-and-welsh-legal-manuscripts

'Beyond the Shiny Bits' Reinterpreting an Iron Age Mass Grave at Gomolava, Serbia: Interview with Linda Fibiger - EPOCH Magazine Issue 24, June 2026, https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/beyond-the-shiny-bits-reinterpreting-an-iron-age-mass-grave-at-gomolava-serbia

Editorial on Eve Krakowski's Coming of Age in Mediegal Egypt, Hidden Histories Picks Editorial - EPOCH Magazine Issue 25, September 2026, https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/hidden-history-picks

Public and Academic Talks

Prior events include:

April 2023 - The End of the World or a New Beginning: Negotiating New Realities in Post Edwardian North Wales, SCRAMS, University of York

November 2023 - The Dream of Emperor Maxen: Seminar Discussion, North West Medieval Studies Reading Group

November 2023 - Ambiguity and Ways of Comprehending the Other: Gaels, Scots and Marchers in the Lanercost Chronicle, SCRAMS, University of York

May 2024 - Bad Reputation: Weaponising Gossip in the Insular Plantagent World, Edge Hill History Society, Edge Hill University

May 2024 - One Step Beyond: Borderland Spaces of Paranormal Activity in the Lanercost Chronicle, *Exploring the Boundaries* HIGSS PGR Conference, Edge Hill University

June 2024 - Masculinity as a Remedy to Misgovernance in Political Prophecy in the Fourteenth Century British and Irish Isles, *Gender, Connections and Reconnections*, Gender and Medieval Studies Conference, University of Lincoln

July 2024 - Identities in Flux: Crisis on the Border in the Lanercost Chronicle, *Living on the Edge: Borderland Communities - Identities in Crisis?*, International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds

July 2024 - Fear and Loathing on the Borders: The Politics of Paranormal Encounters in the Lanercost Chronicle, North West Medieval Studies Symposium, University of Liverpool

November 2024 - Conspiring Against the King's Men: Corruption and Coercion in Fourteenth Century Cornwall, Medieval Loyalty Research Network Workshop

November 2024 - Lies and Lineages: The Politics of Bastardy in Late Medieval Cheshire, North West Medieval Studies Seminar

December 2024 - Petitioning and Politics in Fourteenth Century Lincolnshire, North West Medieval Studies Reading Group

April 2025 - Inheritance Disputes and Social Memory in the Insular Plantagenet World, *Memory and Legacy*, Bristol CMS PGR conference, University of Bristol

May 2025 - "Nulle Povere Homme" Reframing Political Engagement Through Petitionary Culture, *Reframing*, HIGSS PGR Conference, Edge Hill University

June 2025 - Gender Troubles and Plantagenet Petitionary Culture, *Lived Histories*, Lancaster Historical Postgraduate Conference, University of Lancaster

July 2025 - Royal Favour and Local Dispute: Disputing Inheritance in Petitions from Fourteenth Century Lincolnshire, *Lincoln Documentary Culture(s) and Records, 1: Church and Crown panel sponsored by Linocln Medieval Studies Research Group/Lincoln Record Society,* International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds

August 2025 - A Community of Petitioners: Common Petitions and Political Engagement in the Insular Plantagenet World, *Community*, North West Medieval Studies Symposium, Chetham's Library

December 2025 - Ordinary Politics in Elite Manuscripts? Political Culture in Insular Legal Texts, North West Medieval Studies Reading Group

February 2026 - Women and the Regulation of Social Order in *Cyfraith Hywel*, *Women and the Weird*, Cambridge Colloquium in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, University of Cambridge

April 2026 - The Borders of Political Engagement in the Insular Plantagenet World, *Borders, Barriers and Boundaries: Real and Imagined in the Middle Ages*, University of Oxford

April 2026 - "Boen ar Gymry beunydd" the Political Worlds of the *Uchelwyr* in Fourteenth Century Wales and Beyond, *Medieval Wales Conference*, Cardiff University

May 2026 - Amice de Houwe's Cow and Other Non-Human Histories of the Insular Plantagenet World, *Times of Change*, HiGSS PGR Conference, Edge Hill University

May 2026 - Archipelagic Scribal Cultures of Precarity: Professional Anxiety and the Ordinary Politics of the Insular World, *Where is Scotland Navigating Identities and Communities by Land and Sea* CSCS Postgraduate Conference, University of Glasgow

June 2026 - Voices of Fear? Petitioning and the Fourteenth Century English Lordship in Ireland, *Lens and Legacy*, Lancaster Historical Postgraduate Conference, University of Lancaster

July 2026 - The Politics of Disinheritance in the Insular Plantagenet World, *Plantagenet Borders, I: Politics and Rule panel sponsored by Fourteenth Century England / Boydell & Brewer*, International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds

August 2026 - Anglo-Jewish Legal Culture in its Insular Plantagenet Context, *Outside of the Scope of This Paper*, North West Medieval Studies Symposium, Chetham's Library

October 2026 - Workshop on Women in Welsh Law, North West Medieval Studies Reading Group
Future events include:

January 2027 - The Politics of Mud and Ditches: Environmental Histories of SC 8 Petitions, Medieval Manors Research Network

July 2027 - It Makes Me Anxious! Non-Productice Emotional Histories of the Fourteenth Century English Lordship in Ireland, *Emotional Communities at 25 Rethinking Non-Productive Emotions in Medieval Historiography, 2: Anxious Archives panel sponsored by NWMS Postgrad Network / EPOCH Magazine*, International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds

Employment

PhD, PHD HISTORICAL RESEARCH
Graduate School
Edge Hill University
30 Sept 2023 → present

Activities

Duel Obligation? The Mandate Years Online International Conference
COULTHARD, J. (Participant)
29 Mar 2022

The End of the World or a New Beginning: Negotiating New Realities in Post Edwardian North Wales
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
21 Apr 2023

The Dream of the Emperor Maxen: Seminar Discussion
COULTHARD, J. (Chair)
8 Nov 2023

Ambiguity and Ways of Comprehending the Other: Gaels, Scots and Marchers in the Lanercost Chronicle
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
17 Nov 2023

Bad Reputation: Weaponising Gossip in the Insular Plantagent World
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
30 Apr 2024

One Step Beyond: Borderland Spaces of Paranormal Activity in the Lanercost Chronicle
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
25 May 2024

Gender and Medieval Studies Conference
COULTHARD, J. (Participant)
26 Jun 2024 → 28 Jun 2024

Masculinity as a Remedy to Misgovernance in Political Prophecy in the Fourteenth Century British and Irish Isles
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
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Identities in Flux: Crisis on the Border in the Lanercost Chronicle
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
1 Jul 2024 → 4 Jul 2024

Conspiring Against the King's Men: Corruption and Coercion in Fourteenth Century Cornwall
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
2 Nov 2024

Lies and Lineages: The Politics of Bastardy in Late Medieval Cheshire
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
29 Nov 2024

Inheritance Disputes and Social Memory in the Insular Plantagenet World
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
24 Apr 2025 → 25 Apr 2025

History, Geography and Social Sciences PGR Conference
COULTHARD, J. (Participant)
21 May 2025

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21 May 2025

Gender Troubles and Plantagenet Petitionary Culture
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
25 Jun 2025 → 27 Jun 2025

Royal Favour and Local Dispute: Disputing Inheritance in Petitions from Fourteenth Century Lincolnshire
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
7 Jul 2025 → 10 Jul 2025

A Community of Petitioners: Common Petitions and Political Engagement in the Insular Plantagenet World
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
5 Aug 2025

Ordinary Politics in Elite Manuscripts? Political Culture in Insular Legal Texts
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
8 Dec 2025

Women and the Regulation of Social Order in Cyfraith Hywel
COULTHARD, J. (Speaker)
21 Feb 2026