Benjamin W. Comshaw

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# Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Ph.D., 2020-In Progress  
 Research Focus: Twelfth-century Power and Narrative

Certification: Teaching Fellow (2021 Summer Institute on College Teaching)

University of Akron: M.A. (Medieval and Early Modern), 2015-2017

M.A. Thesis Publication: *Memories of a Conquest: the Norman Conquest in Twelfth-Century Memory*

Kent State University: A.A. and B.A. (Magna Cum Laude, History), 2010-2014

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Publication: Late Medieval Technology and Society

# Teaching Experience

University of North Carolina Instructor of Record Teaching Fellowship

2022 Fall: Introduction to Medieval History

University of North Carolina Teaching Assistant

2022 Spring: Race, Basketball, and the American Dream (Dr. Matthew Andrews)

2021 Fall: Introduction to Medieval History (Dr. Brett Whalen)

2021 Fall: Graduate Research Consultant ([Race in the Middle Ages](https://tarheels.live/raceinthemiddleagesfys/), Dr. Brett Whalen)

2021 Summer: Summer IARR-SLATE RA (Race in the Middle Ages course research)  
 2021 Spring: Global Military History (Dr. Wayne Lee)  
 2020 Fall: American History to 1865 (Dr. Kathleen DuVal)

University of Akron Adjunct Professor

2019 Spring: Humanities 3400-210 (one section)

2018 Fall: Humanities 3400-210 (two sections)

2018 Spring: Humanities 3400-210 (three sections)

2017 Fall: Humanities 3400-210 (two sections)

Stark County High School Substitute Teacher

2017-2019: Stark County (Ohio) School Districts

University of Akron Teaching Assistant

2017 Spring: US History to 1877 (Dr. Gina Martino)

2016 Fall: History of Early Medieval Europe (Dr. Constance Brittain Bouchard)

# Conference Presentations

Presentation of M.A. Thesis:

Phi Alpha Theta Ohio Regional Conference (2017)

Award: Best World History Paper

Presentation of Undergraduate Thesis:

Phi Alpha Theta Ohio Regional Conference (2014)

Phi Alpha Theta Kent Conference (2014)

Kent State University Stark Campus Research Conference (2014)

Presentation of *L’Ancien Français* in French:

Kent State University Stark Campus Research Conference (2013)

# Academic Memberships

American Historical Association

Medieval Academy of America

The Haskins Society

Phi Alpha Theta  
De Re Militari

Midwest Medieval History Conference

The International Society for the Study of Early Medieval England

Society for French Historical Studies

Golden Key International Honour Society

# Language Competence

Proficient: Latin, French, Dutch, Norwegian (Bokmål)

Reading Skill: Old English, Old French, Danish, Swedish, Old Norse, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Italian, Old High German