Clay P. Greene

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EDUCATION

Yale University, PhD in English and Renaissance Studies, 2021 Dissertation: *The Preexistence of the Soul in the Early English Enlightenment: 1640-1740*

Latin Greek Institute at Brooklyn College, 2015 Certification in Latin Proficiency

University of Alabama, MA in English, 2015 Thesis: *The Spirit in the Church: Instituting the Holy in George Herbert's Works*

University of Alabama, BA with Honors in English, 2013 Thesis: *The Muse of God: Milton's Divine Inspiration*

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Paradise Lost, Or, The Poem of Force," accepted at Studies in Philology "Had She Bin Contented with Ideas': Thomas Vaughan's Doctrine of Preexistence," Scintilla: A Journal of Literary Criticism, Prose and New Poetry in the Metaphysical Tradition, forthcoming in 2023 "Giving Laws to Milton's God: Præexistence (1714) as Revision of Paradise Lost," in Locating

Milton: Places and Contexts, November 2021

"Our Souls and Fleshy Hearts: The Body, Sacraments, and Grace in Herbert's 'The H. Communion," *Cithara: A Journal of Essays in the Judeo-Christian Tradition*, May 2018

BOOK REVIEWS

"Common Efforts, A Review of Judith H. Anderson's *Light and Death: Figuration in Spenser, Kepler, Donne, Milton,*" *Marginalia*, 2017

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Florida Post-Doctoral Fellow, Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, 2023 University of Alabama Instructor of English, 2021-2022

Yale University Graduate Instructor, 2017-2021

University of Alabama Graduate Instructor, 2013-2015

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscript

Singing Heaven's Wars: The Miltonic Sublime and the Poetics of Immanence (proposal available upon request) The Soul's Preexistence and the State of Nature in Seventeenth-Century Literature (partial manuscript available upon request)

TEACHING

University of Florida

Instructor: (Un)Common Reads: Goethe's *Faust* in Translation, 2023 Instructor: (Un)Common Reads: *Paradise Lost*, 2023

Yale University

Teaching Assistant: John Milton's *Paradise Lost*, 2021 Instructor: Reading and Writing the Modern Essay, 2019 Teaching Assistant: The Poetry of John Milton, 2018 Teaching Assistant: Shakespeare's Comedies and Romances, 2017

University of Alabama

Instructor: Introduction to English Studies, 2022 Instructor: Honors British Literature Survey, 2022 Instructor: British Literature Survey, 2022 Instructor: Freshman Composition, 2021-2022 Instructor: Freshman Composition, 2014-2015 Teaching Assistant: British Literature, 2013-2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

"The Natural History of Man in the Prophetic Books of *Paradise Lost*," The International Milton Symposium 13, 2022

"Milton's Moral Equivalent of War," The Conference on John Milton, 2022

"Eternity, Necessity, and Change: Thomas Vaughan and the Doctrine of Preexistence," Conference on Henry Vaughan, 2022

"Early Modern Metempsychosis as Secular Theodicy," Yale Early Modern Studies Lunch, 2020 "Freedom and Autochthony in *Paradise Lost*," The International Milton Symposium 12, 2019 "Remnants of Earlier Worlds: The Matter of Soul in Lady Anne Conway's Writings," Yale British

Studies Colloquium, 2020 "Rational Theodicy and Miltonic Imitation: *Præexistence* (1714)," The Conference on John Milton,

2017

"The Visible Spirit: Pneumatology and Control in *The Country Parson*," The International Herbert Society's Triennial Conference, 2017

"Our Souls and Fleshly Hearts: Reenchanting the Body in Herbert's Poetry," John Hopkins Humanities Center, 2017

"Burke's Constitution and the Afterword of History," Yale British Studies Colloquium 2016 "The Universe of Death': Death and the Book X Transformation in *Paradise Lost*," The Conference on John Milton, 2015

AWARDS & HONOURS (SELECTION)

Yale University

Beinecke Rare Book Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2018 Yale English Noah Webster Award for Best Essay on History of English, 2017 Lewis Walpole Library Fellowship, 2017 (Declined) Beinecke Rare Book Library Fellowship, 2017 (Declined)

Professional Association George Herbert Society Fellowship, 2017

University of Alabama Hudson Strode Research Grant, 2014 Honors in English Award, University of Alabama, 2013 Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society Member (current)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Florida Creator, Quest Course Proposal: "Why Fight?" 2023 Creator, Quest Course Proposal: "Political Leadership" 2023 Ground transportation for visiting speakers Adam Smith and Cornel West 2023

University of Alabama Convener, Hudson Strode Summer Writing Group, 2022 Coeditor, UA First-Year Writing Program "Wavelength" Website, 2022 Judge, Ruth King Larcom Scholarship Prize, 2022 Member, Strode Instructor's Committee, University of Alabama, 2021-2022 Member, Instructor's Committee, University of Alabama, 2021-2022 Member, Instructor Mentorship Program, University of Alabama, 2021-2022

Yale University Convener, Poetry Colloquium, Rivendell Institute for Christian Studies, 2018-2021 Digital Scholarship Consultant, Yale DHLab, 2017-2021 Graduate Organizer, Yale Poetics Working Group, 2017-2018 Convener, Renaissance Colloquium, 2016-207 Convener, Renaissance Lunch, 2016-2017

LANGUAGES

Latin (advanced), Spanish (intermediate reading and speaking), Italian (intermediate reading), Arabic (basic reading)