

William W. Christian, PhD

History Teacher (High School/University) | Classical & College-Preparatory Education

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PROFILE

Historian and educator with a PhD in History and over six years of teaching experience at the university and advanced secondary level. Trained in medieval history, with particular emphasis on the intersection of science, theology, and the classical intellectual tradition. Experienced in teaching broad surveys of Western Civilization and early modern history, emphasizing sustained primary source analysis, close reading of classical texts, and explicit instruction in analytical reading and historical writing. Particularly well suited for classical charter school environments that prioritize intellectual formation, disciplined study, and historically grounded curricula.

EDUCATION

PhD, History: Durham University (UK), 2023

Dissertation: *Unio Mystica and the Aurora Consurgens: Mystical Theology in a Late Medieval Alchemical Treatise*

MA, Religious Studies: University of Denver, 2017

BA, History: University of Colorado, 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor of History: Spartanburg Methodist College, SC (2024–present)

- Western Civilization I and II
- Modern World History
- Taught primarily first-generation students
- Emphasized structured writing, historical argumentation, and close reading of primary sources

Lecturer & Tutor: University of Oxford / Durham University Programs (2019–2023)

- Taught medieval history and science through the Ordered Universe Project (Oxford)
- Led seminars, graded written work, and delivered lectures
- Designed lessons connecting science, theology, and classical texts in the Western classical tradition
- Participated in outreach education for secondary (high school) students

RELEVANT SKILLS FOR CLASSICAL & CHARTER EDUCATION

- Primary-source driven instruction

- Writing-intensive curriculum design
- Socratic discussion leadership
- Classical and medieval texts (Bible, Boethius, Augustine)
- Curriculum alignment and lesson planning
- Experience supporting students with IEPs and learning accommodations

SUBJECT AREAS

- Western Civilization
- Medieval & Early Modern History
- World History
- History of Science & Religion
- Classical & Christian Intellectual Tradition

LANGUAGES

Latin (reading and translation)

Middle English (reading)

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

Christian, William. "Alchemy and Lady Philosophy: The Influence of Boethius in the Rhetoric of Late Medieval Alchemy." *Carmina Philosophiae* (2023/24)

Essay in press: "Alchemy in the Late Middle Ages" – *Palgrave Handbook of Medieval Literature and Science*

REFERENCES

Available upon request