

## Clay P. Greene

### 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," forthcoming 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*, 2023

"Giving Laws to Milton's God: *Præexistence* (1714) as Revision of *Paradise Lost*," in *Locating Milton: Places and Contexts*, 2021

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

### BOOK REVIEWS

"Seeking Consensus in Education: A Review of *Getting Education Right* by Frederick Hess and Michael Q. McShane," *Law and Liberty*, 2024

"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**

*The Preexistence of the Soul from Reformation to Enlightenment*

*Singing Heaven's Wars: The Miltonic Sublime and the Poetics of Immanence*

## **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: Reenchanted 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 “Why Fight?” 2023  
Creator, Quest Course “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, 2016-2017  
Convener, Renaissance Lunch, 2016-2017

**LANGUAGES**

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