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Chapter 1 : The Year's Work in English Studies – University of Leicester

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Tolkien and the Art of Book Reviewing: Please note that the talk has been written to be delivered orally rather than to be published so it includes colloquialisms and the referencing though included does not follow any specific referencing system religiously. Book reviews are undoubtedly a useful thing. From the columns of national newspapers and periodicals, to the reviews submitted on Amazon, Goodreads and other such platforms, book reviews are ubiquitous, can be very influential, and – apparently – nowadays any of us can submit them. But in the academic world, book reviews are a completely different game. In terms of the second point, in preparation for this talk, I was having a look at book reviews of my first book, on Tolkien. Of course I had read them avidly back then, but it was interesting to look at them again after a considerable time distance and the review for the journal Tolkien Studies was markedly different in focus and tone from the review for the journal Folklore, or for The Times Literary Supplement. Good reviewers are supposed to cater for their readers. At the same time, though, there are traps and pitfalls when you have a book review to do, one of which is personal relationships. Suppose you have been asked to write a review for a book written by a good friend, or esteemed colleague, or even a mentor, and you end up thinking that the book is, well, how shall I put this, not that brilliant! Academia is a small world and these things happen – how do you deal with that? To make matters worse, all of the difficulties and intricacies mentioned so far the wide, authoritative knowledge of the field, the clear understanding of the niche interests of your readership, AND the issue of personal acquaintances come to a violent clash when it comes to the people who are often the ones to be asked to do book reviews more than any: PhD students or recent graduates, or early career academics. Yes, I can feel the shivers going up and down the spines of those of you in the audience that have one due to be submitted soon! For all the reasons I outlined a minute ago, they are daunting, cumbersome and generally a rather unwelcome task. And yet, younger academics who are keen to build a track record of publications often begin with book reviews and cut their teeth in a task that is pretty tough, but can really pay off if you get it right. Now, why have I started this talk with such generalizations about book reviews in academia, reflecting – I assure you – on the dread and ennui of having had to do them, pretty regularly, for a good few years of my academic career? Tolkien was – at that point – exactly in the position most academic book reviewers are today: When the first of these reviews was published, he was still at his very first academic post at the University of Leeds appointed only four years before, and by the time the last review was published he had only been in his next post at Oxford for two years. He was, therefore, within 10 years of beginning his academic career – exactly the definition we use today for early career academics. Needless to say, this involved: This is, I think, a clear reflection of the loss of favour and popularity philology suffered in the second part of the 20th century, a process that Tolkien was already seeing in the s – of which, more in a minute! So, naturally, let me begin at the beginning with the three openings in quick succession. The review begins very succinctly and dutifully, but the opening sentence also makes sure that the writer is afforded some justification over possible criticism of not having included everything he perhaps should: THERE are probably more books and articles that call for mention in this section for the year than is usual. Opening of YWES The review follows the same desire to fend off criticism of selectiveness, but this time Tolkien is a little less reticent to show how overwhelming the task has been, and how tired he is getting of accomplishing it: As generals in command of modern millions may be imagined to have sighed for the simple little operations and great renown of Caesar, so now does a reviewer weakly sigh for the happy nineteenth century. The comparison is apt and hits the nail on the head: Tolkien and his contemporaries are – like Men to Elves – just followers. Walking in that wood is full of solace. Its leaves require no reading. There is another and a denser wood where some are obliged to walk instead, where saws are wise and screeds are thick and the leaves too large and long. These leaves we must

read more or less, hapless vicarious readers, and not all we read is solace. It sounds like my summers!!! Here we have another simile: Here it is, as it appears reprinted in Popular British Ballads from Tolkien only changes the stanza around a little and paraphrases, but keeps the first two lines intact: We also know that Tolkien had heard a paper by G. You see that "already" a close reading of these very academic and often very heavy-going and technically challenging reviews opens up new vistas and proves a pretty fruitful exercise. Biographical insights Echoes of Middle-earth Let me take these one-by-one: Characteristically, he handles such references with humour, but also with a certain bitterness at times. The dictionary is specially strong in recording, if not in etymologizing, recent neologisms, americanisms, slang, and war-words but bumf has escaped Mr. Tolkien is clearly familiar with it from his own war days, as he also is with the word blimp and the menacing presence of its signifieds. Here is a picture of blimps over London. Tolkien objects to the etymology of blimp given by Weekley: Blimp might, finally, be cited as an example of less successful guessing. Weekley; but the word was in use before the air-force had much success in making German captive-balloons even unqualifiedly limp; they hung swollen and menacing upon many an horizon. And the word was applied to our own. But he quickly also captures the dark side of war-humour: I said earlier on, that the journal for which Tolkien reviewed stopped featuring an article on philology in the s and that philology was already in danger of decline in the s, when Tolkien was writing these reviews. But philology was in his heart and soul, a way of merging the study of language and literature rather than artificially divorce them from each other with consequent intellectual losses on both sides. These remarks are tempered by regret that they do not reflect more plainly the cordiality with which we should wish to greet any mark of attention shown by French philology to English matters. Not that the danger at the moment is one of excessive reverence for German ideas or achievement. He often talks about his fascination with words and the beauty of lexicography. While reviewing an article on etymologies of a group of related Germanic words he points out: The article will interest both lexicographers and place-namers. The author says that he has not permitted himself to follow up many of the interesting side-issues. Knowing how these little lexicographical chases open vista after vista and one complication after another, we can well believe that much self-denial was practised to keep the notes down to thirteen pages. Elsewhere he gives us a wistful and perceptive point about dictionaries: But a perfect dictionary is an attractive mirage, and its nearest possible realization an aesthetic joy" appreciated most by those least in need of it. When I first read it, I thought it was a really really long poem about everything. It was his fortune, then, to have to include in his book reviews the latest instalments of the OED, all picking up where he left with further words starting with W, and often words he researched himself but did not write-up. In his first review he writes: In lexicography, and in English philology generally, the appearance of new sections of the Oxford English Dictionary remains still the chief annual event! This year there is, however, a special reason for mention of the new sections: Wash" Wavy forms the last completed and official contribution of Dr. Bradley to the Dictionary and to English studies, and is, fittingly, full of lexicographical problems. The suggestion of wetness made by the title-words of this section is not deceptive; thirty of its sixty-four pages are occupied by Water and its compounds. The chief lexicographical event remains, as usual, the newest section of the Oxford New English Dictionary: The editor, or chance, again chooses suggestive title-words. This should be an irresponsible and light-hearted section. Tolkien continuously betrays his interest in the adventus saxonum, the process via which the Anglo-Saxons arrived in Britain and changed its culture forever, and seems also very excited at the possibility of place-name studies recovering linguistic elements of the native British languages that were there before Old English. He comments on Germanic gods in English place-names chiefly Woden, and he quotes verbatim with what seems to me to be sheer exhilaration O. He follows the quotation from Crawford with these words: Tolkien also mentions other research into Old English texts and motifs that we know were significant for his legendarium. And, by mentioning Beowulf, I am now passing into my third category: Fawler in Oxfordshire claims as earliest form Fauflor These Beowulf lines for sure, and perhaps even this image of the real floor, found their way in The Lord of the Rings, in the description of Meduseld when Gandalf, Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli enter: The hall was long and wide and

filled with shadows and half lights; mighty pillars upheld its lofty roof. As their eyes changed, the travellers perceived that the floor was paved with stones of many hues; branching runes and strange devices intertwined beneath their feet. These attributes are the elements that perhaps most quickly catch the casual eye in English names; they provide jokes for American comic papers, and humorous bogus names in our own; and of course the philologist pure and simple cannot deal with them by himself. First, two similes in which Tolkien borrows from geography and palaeontology respectively. One may pause to consider why the results of comparative phonology, uncertain enough, appear, when contrasted with the application of the comparative method to other linguistic features, so solid and reliable. It is of the nature of things that the skeleton lasts longest. Palaeontology rescues rather bones than flesh, it gives us little information concerning the cry of the taranosaurus; the history of language recovers for us many word-forms whose full richness of tones and of meaning escapes us—it can hardly hope to drag back much of the syntax and idiom of the lost past. Passing pretty harsh judgement on the efforts demonstrated in *Words and Idioms: Studies in the English Language*, he says: This philatelic attitude to their language attacks most people from time to time. It has certainly attacked Mr. The lists of idioms in chapter v of *Words and Idioms* have precisely the personal value and public lack of it possessed by a small stamp-collection. Commenting on an article on Old English phonology and its intricate methodology he says: It will not make the bog less treacherous for tender feet to walk on; it will only learnedly expound to one up to his neck in it how the bog came there and what it is made of! I will say it just once and let you think about it: *The Threshold of Middle-earth*, London: Brimley Popular British Ballads: Ancient and Modern , Vol. *Understanding the Lord of the Rings: The Best of Tolkien Criticism*, Boston:

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The term may also be used to describe a student who is pursuing such a degree. Students who major in English reflect upon, analyse, and interpret literature and film, presenting their analyses in clear, cogent writing. Although help-wanted postings rarely solicit English majors specifically, a degree in English hones critical thinking skills essential to a number of career fields, including writing, editing, publishing, teaching, research, advertising, public relations, law, and finance. History[edit] The history of English studies at the modern university in Europe and America begins in the second half of the nineteenth century. Initially, English studies comprised a motley array of content: A chair of foreign literature was established at the College de France in 1830. These three universities were the first major centres of English studies in France. The first lecturer and later professor of English studies would seem to have been Auguste Angellier. After spending several years teaching French in England in the 1840s and 50s, he became a lecturer in English studies in the University of Lille in 1850 and a professor of English in 1855. In France nowadays, literature, civilisation, linguistics and the spoken and written language are all important in English studies in universities. Outside the United States originating in Scotland and then rippling out into the English-speaking world the English major became popular in the latter half of the 19th century during a time when religious beliefs were shaken in the face of scientific discoveries. Since then, there have been more and more questions about the specific function of English departments at the contemporary U.S. Now, however, an English Major encompasses a much broader range of topics which stretch over multiple disciplines. While the requirements for an English Major vary from university to university, most English departments emphasize three core skills: The skills gained from studying English include acquiring tools that will never lose value, understanding the ever-changing media, to explain your own world, and more. To the end of studying these disciplines, candidates for a Major in English attain skills in professional writing with relations to rhetoric, literary analysis, an appreciation for the diversity of cultures, and an ability to clearly and persuasively express their ideas in writing. Examples of courses[edit] Most English courses fall into the broader categories of either Literature-based studies, which focus on classical authors and time periods, or Rhetorical studies, which concentrate on communication skills in preparation for specialization in a variety of professional fields. While specific graduation requirements vary from university to university, students can expect to study some of the following courses. Courses in Writing and Composition: Courses in British Literature: Courses may focus on time periods, authors, genres, or literary movements. Courses in American Literature: Depending upon the university, these courses can either be broken down by time period, such as Nineteenth Century Gothic Fiction; authors, such as classes on Hawthorne, Hemingway, or Frost; or Literary schools and movements, such as Naturalism or Transcendentalism. Courses in Multicultural Literature: The value of bringing a range of cultural and multidisciplinary perspectives to the study of English literature is being increasingly recognized in a number of universities. Focus on techniques of persuasive arguing in the written form, as well as skills which involve the analysis of written texts. Career opportunities[edit] A major in English opens a variety of career opportunities for college graduates entering the job market. Since students who graduate with an English degree are trained to ask probing questions about large bodies of texts and then to formulate, analyze, and answer those questions in coherent, persuasive prose – skills vital to any number of careers – English majors have much to choose from after graduation. The most obvious career choices for English majors are writing, publishing, journalism, and teaching. However, other less intuitive job options include positions in advertising, public relations, acting, law, business, marketing, information assurance, and directing.

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Journal description. The Year's Work in English Studies is the qualitative narrative bibliographical review of scholarly work on English language and literatures written in English.

General When Frances Dolan argued that gender issues informed both Catholicism and anti-Catholicism in the early modern period in her monograph *Whores of Babylon*, Ken Jackson and Arthur Marotti grouped her with a few literary scholars who were re-examining the history of English Catholicism, a movement in historical and literary studies that has now become widely accepted as a deeply valuable revision of the erstwhile highly Protestant narrative. Her commitment to the revisionist cause was furthered when she co-authored the introduction to *Catholic Culture in Early Modern England* with Ronald Corthell, Christopher Highley, and Marotti. Her next project, *Marriage and Violence: Her interest in giving scholarly attention to the exchange of influence between ourselves and our history is to be given full sway in her upcoming project Time and Terror: Reading, Literature, and Evidence in Seventeenth-Century England* is an account of how texts present information, and how that information is rendered as evidence by later readers. For Permissions, please email: As evidences in her metahistory, Dolan selects a account of the Gunpowder Plot here her lively interest in sectarian politics is highly acute , a selection of texts dealing with witchcraft, claims that Catholics started the Great Fire of London, and turns to legal depositions and eyewitness accounts. Again, her attention is drawn as much to the use of these accounts by modern historians as to early readers or the texts themselves, pushing beyond a vague allowance for subjective accounting towards an open recognition of our hand in crafting evidence. Her ambition is to sensitively reveal nuanced interpretive practices that often go unnoticed in the rendition of evidence—practices as used by early modern and current readers alike. Thus, the anti-Catholic response to the Great Fire of is situated in terms of a deep-rooted social phobia that spills into textual treatise, which in turn feeds popular suspicion. However, Dolan follows the trail to the monument, its inscriptions, and the websites and guidebooks that describe it to visitors of the capital. Thus, documentary evidence of the past is insufficient in and of itself, and must succumb to the process of employing fundamentally literary modes of reading and analysing. A particular delight is the investigation Dolan launches into the use and misuse of drama as historical evidence, and it is a shame that this only begins in earnest in the final twenty or so pages of the book. In her unravelling of the hermeneutic knot, Dolan reveals her profound talent for articulating a philosophy of history with fluency. In he co-edited, with David Norbrook, the works of Lucy Hutchinson. The overall result of the European section is a Browne more urbane than provincial; Browne moves between the great cities of the Continent examining bookshops and noting the sights, absorbing a religious culture utterly different from his own. However, the greater feat of the scholarly biographer lies not in unearthing intimate details from oblique sources per se, but in avoiding falling prey to conjecture or supposition. In this, Barbour is at once interpretative historian, disciplined pragmatic, and skilled storyteller. It seems certain that future scholars will come to regard this volume as representing a high standard of intellectual meticulous-ness and poetic charm in biographical writing. The volume is divided into three parts: The editorial board of the *Huntington Library Quarterly* which includes Frances Dolan chose for their winter issue the subject of how the past was used in early modern England, edited by Matthew Neufeld, whose introduction HLQ 76[] â€”97 delineates the bounds of the study, urging for a more comprehensive approach towards the historical in early modern studies. The entire issue will kindle interest in any reader of early modern history, but several articles are of particular interest to readers of this section. Nicola Whyte Downloaded from <http://> In all, the collection is an informative and welcome study of how the past was expressed, used, and understood in the period, a past that consisted of natural structures, of ancestors, and of language. It is concluded with an essay by Daniel Woolf, who compares modern and early modern notions of the past: Woolf closes with an invitation to historians and literary scholars to invest efforts in researching the modes and forms in which the past manifested itself in daily life. Stating clearly Downloaded from <http://> Harvey famously resisted publishing his

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discovery of the systemic circulation of the blood for almost a decade for fear of ridicule, and here, Attie posits a Baconian fantasy of the private amassing of knowledge as an additional motivation. Books Reviewed Barbour, Reid.

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From to I wrote the "Shakespeare: Editions and Textual Studies" annual review for the Year's Work in English Studies published by Oxford University Press. In I was asked to stand down and so gave up the review, but I continue to attempt to read and evaluate everything published in this field.

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