

# Nelson Goering

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>FWO Senior Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> Little Words in Early Germanic	<b>Ghent University</b> 2021–present
<b>British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> Norse Influence on Middle English Prosody	<b>University of Oxford</b> 2017–2021
<b>Postdoctoral Research Assistant</b> A Consolidated Library of Anglo-Saxon Poetry (CLASP)	<b>University of Oxford</b> May 2021–September 2021

## EDUCATION

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<b>DPhil, Comparative Philology and General Linguistics</b> University of Oxford	<b>2012–2016</b> Oxford, UK
<b>MPhil (distinction), Comparative Philology and General Linguistics</b> University of Oxford	<b>2010–2012</b> Oxford, UK
<b>BA (honors), Anthropology/Linguistics</b> Grinnell College	<b>2006–2010</b> Grinnell, Iowa, USA

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.....

<b>International Summer Course in Modern Icelandic Language and Culture</b> University of Iceland	<b>2014</b> Reykjavík, Iceland
<b>Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics</b> Leiden University	<b>2012, 2013</b> Leiden, Netherlands

## LANGUAGES.....

### Modern Scholarship

English (native), German, French, Icelandic, Dutch

### Philological

Old Norse, Old English, Middle English, Gothic, Old Frisian, Old Saxon, Old High German, Middle High German, Middle Dutch; Sanskrit, Avestan, Old Persian, Ancient Greek

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

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- 2021 - **FWO Senior Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**, Ghent University: 252,000€  
2017 - **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship**, University of Oxford: £294,840  
2012 - **Clarendon Fund Scholarship**, University of Oxford: £58,700

## PUBLICATIONS

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### MONOGRAPH.....

*Prosody in Medieval English and Norse*. British Academy Monographs. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (2023)

### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS.....

‘*Atlakviða*, reversal, and theories of Germanic alliterative metre.’ *Filologia Germanica – Germanic Philology*: special issue ‘Meter and Rhythm.’ (Forthcoming)

‘Did Old English verse have a “morphological” metre?’ *Neophilologus*. (Forthcoming)

- ‘Gothic.’ With Ryan Sandell. In *A Handbook of Ancient Indo-European Grammars*. Ed. G. Keydana, S. Dalpedri, and S. Skopeteas. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press; by invitation. (Forthcoming)
- ‘Kaluza’s law and secondary stress.’ *Transactions of the Philological Society*, 119.1 (2021): 55–82.
- ‘Phonological evidence for resolution in Early Middle English.’ *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*, 120.4 (2021): 465-489.
- ‘(Proto-)Germanic alliterative verse: Linguistic limits on a cultural phenomenon.’ In *Interrogating the ‘Germanic’*. Ed. J.M. Harland, M. Friedrich, and N. Gunn (2021): 241-250.
- ‘The emendation *Eorle* “Heruli” in *Beowulf* line 6a: Setting the poem in “The named lands of the North”?’ With Michael D. C. Drout. *Modern Philology* 117.3 (2020): 285-300.
- ‘The terrible bite of fire: Metre, sound change, and emendation in *Beowulf* 1122.’ *English Studies* 101.8 (2020): 909-920.
- ‘Eduard Sievers’ *Altgermanische Metrik* 125 years on.’ In *Of ye Olde English Language and Textes: New perspectives on Old and Middle English Language and Literature*. Ed. P. Rodríguez-Puente, R. Pérez-Lorido, and C. Prado-Alonso (2020): 139-161.
- ‘Old Saxon *unmet*, Genesis B 313b *ungemet*, and unmetrical scribal forms in Germanic alliterative verse.’ *Studia Neophilologica*, online (2020).
- ‘Metrics, scribes, and *Beowulf*: A response to Neidorf (2017), *The transmission of Beowulf*.’ *Neophilologus* 103 (2019): 115-127.
- ‘Early Old English foot structure.’ *Transactions of the Philological Society* 114.2 (2016): 171-197.
- ‘Old Mercian: From *Beowulf* to Tolkien’s Rohan.’ In *Tolkien Among Scholars*. Ed. N. Kuijpers, R. Vink, and C. van Zon (2016): 105-117.
- ‘*The Fall of Arthur* and *The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrún*: A metrical review of three Modern English alliterative poems.’ *The Journal of Inkleling Studies* 5.2 (2015): 3-56.
- ‘*Lýg* and *leuca*: “Elven-Latin,” archaic languages, and the philology of Britain.’ *Tolkien Studies* 11 (2014): 67-76.

**REVIEWS AND REVIEW ARTICLES**.....

- Poetic style and innovation in Old English, Old Norse, and Old Saxon*, M. Hartman. *English Studies* 104.1 (2023): 201-203.
- Names and naming in “Beowulf”: Studies in heroic narrative tradition*, P. Shaw. *Speculum* 97.2 (2022): 567-568.
- The Carthaginian North: Semitic influence on Early Germanic*, R. Mailhammer & T. Vennemann. *Journal of Historical Linguistics* 11.2 (2021): 358-367.
- A comparative grammar of the Early Germanic languages*, R. Fulk. *English Studies* 102.1 (2021): 144-153.
- Tolkien’s lost Chaucer*, J. Bowers. *Journal of Tolkien Research* 9.1.3 (2020): 1-13.
- A secret vice: Tolkien on invented languages*, ed. D. Fimi and A. Higgins. *Journal of Tolkien Research* 3.3.7 (2017): 1-6.
- Tolkien and Sanskrit*, M. Hooker. *Journal of Tolkien Research* 3.3.6 (2017): 1-13.

**TEACHING AND SUPERVISION**

**POSTGRADUATE TEACHING**.....

<b>Ghent University</b>	2022–present
A001167 – <i>Nordic Linguistics: Old Norse and Language History</i>	
A002589A – <i>English Linguistics: Old and Middle English</i>	
<b>University of Oxford</b>	2014–2021

*Old English Grammar, History, and Textual Commentary*

*Old Norse Grammar, History, and Textual Commentary*

*Semantics and Pragmatics*

*Syntax and Morphology*

**Signum University (Online)**

2013–present

LNGC 5301 – *Old English*

LNGC 5302 – *Beowulf in Old English*

LNGC 5303 – *Old Saxon: Heliand and Genesis*

LNGC 5310 – *Old Norse*

LNGC 5320 – *Gothic Language*

LNGC 5390 – *Germanic Philology I*

LNGC 5391 – *Germanic Philology II*

**UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING** .....

**University of Oxford**

2013–2014

*General Linguistics*

**SPECIAL COURSES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS** .....

**Old Frisian and its Neighbours, University of Groningen**

2021

*Old Frisian in Comparison with Old English*

**Old Frisian Summer School, University of Oxford**

2019

*Old Frisian and Old English Historical Phonology*

**Ancient Indo-European Grammars Online, University of Göttingen**

2019

*Gothic*: <https://spw.uni-goettingen.de/projects/aig/lng-got.html>

**MASTERS THESIS SUPERVISION** .....

C. R. Moniz, *Brewing Óðinn's Mead: A Reconstructive Approach to Germanic Verse Formulae*

2021, *Signum*

S. Gaffney, *Multilingualism in Romano-British Great Britain*

2021, *Signum*

A. Troolin, *The Germanic Lord's Prayer Texts: A Critical Edition and Commentary*

2019-2020,  
*Signum*

**EXTRACURRICULAR TEACHING** .....

**All Pings Germanic Reading Group** (Ghent, Department of Linguistics)

2022–present

**Germanic Reading Group** (Oxford, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics)

2012–present

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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**JOURNALS AND CONFERENCE POSITIONS** .....

**Conference of the Spanish Society for Medieval English Language and Literature 32**

Conference Advisory Board

2020–2021

**JOURNALS REFEREED** .....

*Amsterdamer Beiträge zur älteren Germanistik*

*Beiträge zur Geschichte der deutschen Sprache und Literatur*

*English Language and Linguistics*

*English Studies*

*Journal of Germanic Linguistics*

*Journal of Indo-European Studies*

*Maal og Minne*

*Transactions of the Philological Society*

DEPARTMENTAL ROLES.....

**Postgraduate Representative** (Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, Oxford) 2012–2013

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

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**The History of English in One Hundred Words**

<https://historyofenglish.joomla.com/> 2018–present

**PhilKey: A philological keyboard layout for Windows**

<https://sites.google.com/site/ahannahim/philkey> updated 2020

**Interview with Tom Shippey**

<https://youtu.be/ZX3fZv2tC40> 2018

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS**

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**International Conference on English Historical Linguistics** University of Sheffield  
'Old English and Old Saxon phonological clitics' 2023

**International Conference on Historical Linguistics** University of Oxford  
'The prosodic status of clitics in early Old English: A metrical approach' 2022

**International Conference on Historical Linguistics** Australian National University  
'Bimoric feet and resolution in Early Middle English alliterative verse' 2019

**SELIM 30** University of Oviedo  
'Eduard Sievers' *Altgermanische Metrik* 125 years on' 2018

**International Conference on English Historical Linguistics** University of Edinburgh  
'Evidence for phonological resolution in Early Western Middle English' 2018

**Tolkien Among Scholars** Leiden University  
'Old Mercian in *Beowulf* and Tolkien's Rohan' 2016

**Interrogating the Germanic** University of York  
'(Proto-)Germanic alliterative verse: Linguistic limits on a cultural phenomenon' 2016

**International Congress on Medieval Studies** Western Michigan University  
'The *Atlakviða*, 'reversed' verses, and Old Germanic metre' 2015

**Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference** Purdue University  
'Early Old English *hēafudu* and Germanic foot structures' 2014

**Forum for Germanic Language Studies** University of Cambridge  
'Early Old English *hēafudu* and changes in Old English foot structure' 2014

## **REFERENCES**

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