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About

I teach German, both modern and medieval, at all levels, as well as giving students a rare opportunity to discover and enjoy the oldest of all the Germanic languages, Gothic.

Biography

I graduated from Cambridge University in Modern and Medieval Languages in 1987 and, after a period of postgraduate study, I worked as a schoolteacher of German and French for two years before returning to Cambridge as an Associate Lecturer in German in 1992. I joined the German Department at Birmingham in September 1993.

Teaching

German language at all levels. The History of the German Language; Old High German Language and Literature; Comparative Germanic Philology.

Postgraduate supervision

I have supervised postgraduate students in the areas of the Gothic Language, the Old High German *Hildebrandslied* and the Old High German *Ludwigslied*.

Research

Interests include: the historical linguistics of German and of the Germanic languages in general; aspects of comparative Indo-European philology; the literature of the Old High German period (c. 750-1100 AD). Has published on the relationship between the Germanic and Celtic languages in pre-literary times and the Old High German *Hildebrandslied*.

Other activities

I am currently the Senior Admissions Tutor for the School of Languages, Cultures, Art History and Music, as well as being the Admissions Tutor for all of Birmingham's combined Modern Languages degrees.

Publications

- *The Challenge of German Culture* (essays presented to Wilfried van der Will), edited by Michael Butler and Robert Evans, Palgrave (2000).
- 'Hadubrand's "Frageversäumnis" in the *Hildebrandslied*' in *The Challenge of German Culture*, Palgrave (2000).
- 'Old High German *fiuhta*' in *Studia Celtica*, XXXII (1998), pp. 271-276.