

# LEXI TOUFAS

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## EDUCATION

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** (2022-present)

Ph.D. English (in progress)

*Research interests: Medieval and Early Modern Literature; Literature and Religion; Christian Mysticism; Literature and Science; Women and Gender Studies*

**University of Virginia**

B.A. English with High Honors, 2022

English Concentration in Medieval and Renaissance Studies; Minor in Religious Studies

*Honors Thesis: "Spenser's Construction of Female Religious Authority: Reading Book One of the Faerie Queen alongside the Acts of Paul and Thecla"*

## COURSES TAUGHT

ENGL 105: Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition at the University of North Carolina (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

## SERVICES AND RELATED EXPERIENCES

*At the University of North Carolina*

**Digital Literacy and Communications Lab** (2022-present)

Graduate Communications Editor

*Responsibilities: website design and maintenance; portrait photography; write and edit news articles*

**ASPSA** (2024-present)

ASPSA Tutor

*Responsibilities: tutor student athletes at UNC; help students organize schedule, brainstorm material, review previous work, and identify composition skills/weaknesses*

## **Medieval and Early Modern Studies Program (2024)**

Graduate Research Symposium Coordinator (2024)

*Responsibilities: organizing speakers; creating web page for event's publicity; outreach to publicize event*

*At the University of Virginia*

## ***Iris Magazine* through the Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center**

Chief Editor (2021-2022)

Senior Intern (2019-2021)

*Responsibilities: website design and maintenance; writing/editing*

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Hanes Graduate Fellowship, 2023

DOECL Travel Award, Spring 2024

## **CONFERENCES**

“Gendering Birds in the *Ornithology of Francis Willughby*” Popular Culture and the Deep Past Conference, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, February 2024.

“Birds in the Soundscape of Spenser’s *Faerie Queene*” International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, Forthcoming May 2024.