

JENNIFER JARVIS

EDUCATION	West Dean College 2006 - 2008 M.A. - Conservation Studies (Books and Library Materials, 2008) & Postgraduate Diploma (Conservation of Books and Library Materials, 2007) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis title: <i>The Use of Pressure Boxes in a Conservation Context</i>• Earned distinction for Postgraduate Diploma• Recipient of the 2007 Tony Bish Prize for Theoretical and Practical Excellence in Book Conservation• Nominated for the President's Prize
	North Bennet Street School 2004 - 2006 Diploma (Bookbinding) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 year full-time bench course in traditional hand bookbinding and conservation
	The Evergreen State College 1996 - 1999 B.A. (liberal arts)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	2022 <i>Bookbindings on early printed books: history and conservation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• lecture and hands-on demonstration for undergraduate students from JHU Art History Department
	2021 <i>Historic Letterlocking Techniques</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• virtual lecture and demonstration for JHU's Hopkins at Home series about the practice of letterlocking in Elizabethan England
	2019 <i>Bookbinding in the manuscript era</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• intersession lecture and hands-on experience for JHU Art History Department
	2016-2020 <i>Intro to Conservation, Museums & Society</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual presenter for book and paper conservation module
	2012-14 Co-instructor: History of Bookbinding <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 day annual course for conservation students from the Conservation Center of the Institute of Fine Arts (NYU), the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation and the State University of New York at Buffalo
	2012-14 Co-instructor: Book Structures Practicum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 week annual course for conservation students from the Conservation Center of the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU, the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation and the State University of New York at Buffalo

CONFERENCES &
INVITED SPEAKING

Special Libraries Association (SLA), “Conservation at JHU,” Baltimore, MD, 2018

Union Theological Seminary, “Burke Book Colloquy: The Theological Book as Object” (roundtable participant), NYC, 2011

Society of Archivists Annual Conference, “The Derry & Raphoe Diocesan Library Project: Overview and Treatment”, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK, 2009

Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies, “The Derry & Raphoe Diocesan Library Project: Conservation and Outreach”, Queens University Belfast, 2009

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins University

10/2015 – present

Book and Paper Conservator

- main responsibilities include treatment of Special Collections materials, collections care, exhibit prep and teaching/outreach
- currently surveying the Women of the Book Collection at JHU, an item-level survey of ca. 800 books, recording bindings and condition/preservation needs
- perform registrar duties for the JHU Libraries, including condition assessments for loan/travel, as well as shepherding loan requests and paperwork
- work with our Heritage Science for Conservation colleagues to analyze materials, both for research and to guide treatment. Ongoing projects include pigment analysis of an expurgated 16th century text and an annual class with materials science undergraduates to characterize collections materials
- work closely with our External Affairs Office to steward donors through the planning and execution of lectures, adopt-a-book events and educational workshops

Smithsonian Institution Libraries

3/2015 – 10/2015

Contract Conservator

- responsible for treatment of Special Collections materials from SIL’s adopt-a-book program

Columbia University

8/2011 – 7/2014

Mellon Conservator for Special Collections

- responsible for treatment of Special Collections materials, exhibit prep, preservation/collections care and teaching
- I left because my husband got a job in Baltimore, right before our first child was born

The University of Ulster, UK

5/2008 – 7/2011

Project Director/Chief Conservator, Derry & Raphoe Diocesan Library Project

- managed a 3-year project to survey/document, re-house and conserve a collection of 5,600 early-printed books which were packed and transferred from a church to a university library
- developed care and handling guidelines for librarians and reading room patrons

University of Manchester, United Kingdom

10/2007 - 4/2008

Project Conservator, Wardle Pattern Book Project

- six-month contract to conserve a set of 19th century textile pattern books

GRANTS,
FELLOWSHIPS &
FUNDING RECEIVED

Kress Conservation Fellowship, Samuel H. Kress Foundation and the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation, 2021/22

- received funding for a one-year post-graduate fellowship for a recent conservation graduate student

SELECT CPD

Scientific Analysis of the Book (5-day Rare Book School course, online, 2021)

Repair of Leather Bookbindings (5-day FAIC course in South Bend, IN, 2020)

Environmental Controls in Museums, Libraries & Archives (3-day course in Madison, WI, 2018)

Applications for Nano-cellulose films in conservation (2-day workshop, MFA Boston, 2018)

Use of Chelating Agents in Paper Conservation (3-day workshop, Stanford, 2018)

Handmade Cover Paper 9/2011 (one week course, Moulin du Verger de Puymoyen, France)

Energy Efficient Museum Buildings 10/2010 (one week course, Copenhagen)

Introduction to the Repair of Limp & Semi-Limp Vellum Bindings 10/2010 (one week, in-house course taught by Chris Clarkson)

Dust, Dirt & Volunteers 6/2010 (one day course, British Library)

Iron Gall Ink Treatments/Joint-Tacketing 4/2010 (two day workshop at Trinity College, Dublin)

Ligatus Summer School 10/2009 (one week course on Byzantine bookbindings and XML databases, Thessaloniki, Greece)

Managing Volunteers 2/2009 (one month online course, Museum Classes Online)

Solvent-set Tissue Repairs 12/2008 (two day workshop at Trinity College, Dublin)

COMMUNITY
SERVICE

PRESIDENT, HEATHBROOK COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

2020-present

- working with neighbors and local elected leaders to address issues related to traffic, public land use and other neighborhood concerns

SECRETARY, MEDFIELD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (MHES) PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION; MEMBER OF THE MHES ANTI-RACISM PARENT GROUP

2019-present

- working with school teachers and administrators to support students and families at our neighborhood public school (where our children attend)
- the MHES Anti-Racism Parent Group is a group of parents/guardians who organize workshops and discussion groups for MHES families to bring awareness and intentionality to how we discuss race and racism within our homes; we also collaborate with school administration on topics such as curriculum, field trips, assemblies and after-school activities for our community



Current Professional Associate member of the American Institute for Conservation