

Etymology Six!

Middle English: From the Battle of Hastings to the Wife of Bath and Beyond

11 clock hours!

A two-day seminar in English Etymology

Presented by LEX Author **Gina Cooke**

with ONLINE ETYMOLOGY DICTIONARY Author **Douglas Harper**

Sat-Sun, March 24-25, 2018 ♣ 8:30am Registration ♣ 9:00am-3:30pm Seminar

The Historic Irvington Ballroom ♣ 2131 NE Thompson Street ♣ Portland, OR 97212

French and English are like cousins who grew up together. Not siblings, but closely related, closely situated rivals and peers. You won't want to miss the who ~ what ~ why ~ where ~ and when of Middle English, that 4-century *mélange* of French and English language and culture, in our sixth! annual Etymology weekend seminar. Douglas Harper and Gina Cooke will walk with participants through the annals of Middle English, visiting with the histories of words and the languages in which they have lived.

Traditional (pedagogical) models of English etymology typically present a flat picture of French's contributions to English: they commonly mistake Anglo-Norman words for Anglo-Saxon ones; they misapprehend the Germanic nature of Norman French; and they mistake modern French loanword patterns (like the <ch> in *chef* or *mustache*) as the only French loanword patterns in English. *Quel dommage!* But to study the Middle English period is to understand the historical forces that shaped the contact between French and English for more than 400 years. Join us as we explore the intersections of these two languages, of the Anglo-Saxon and the Anglo-Norman. Deepen your understanding of both language contact and rapid changes in literacy, topics highly relevant for modern-day teachers and scholars of English.

The Middle English period saw stark and intriguing changes, starting with the arrival of William the Conqueror in 1066 and continuing through the Black Death, the *Canterbury Tales*, the arrival of the printing press, and the beginnings of the Renaissance. In addition to the lexical influx from Norman French, the structure of English also transformed considerably during the period: a rise of periphrasis, an explosion of auxiliary verbs, and a wilderness of changes to the orthography. Not only did spoken English evolve: so did the writing system and the people who used it.

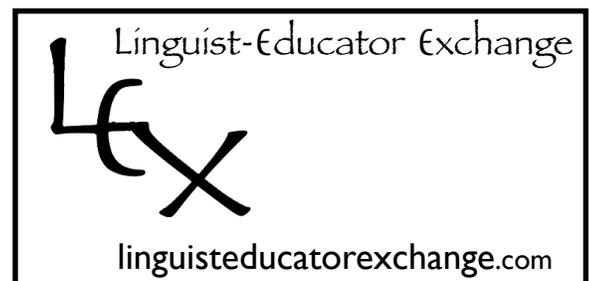
Since our first collaborative Etymology weekend seminar in 2013, Doug's and Gina's individual and joint work has continued to deepen and to grow, including an amazing study trip to France in November 2017. The reach and impact of the Online Etymology Dictionary continues to spread around the world, and our community of spelling scholars continues to benefit from our joint work.

Join us also on March 23rd for the release of our new English Etymology book suitable for young scholars.

Gina Cooke is the principal of LEX and a Ph.D. Candidate; Douglas Harper is a historian, author, journalist, and lecturer who is solely responsible for the research and authorship of the Online Etymology Dictionary. Each brings a unique and eye-opening perspective to the study of language and its history.

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Participants in the Seminar will

- ◆ (re)encounter the scientific and historical field of etymology
- ◆ (re)consider how the Dictionary works, including recent changes
- ◆ understand the historical events that shaped Middle English
- ◆ identify cognates in the Dictionary and across written English
- ◆ see worked examples of orthographic evolution
- ◆ understand the effects of Middle English on present-day English
- ◆ investigate relationships between spoken and written words
- ◆ ask questions and investigate specific word histories and families
- ◆ discern how morphology, etymology, and phonology intersect

Daily Schedule

8:30: Registration & Check-In
9:00-12:00: Seminar
12:00-1:00: Lunch (included, on-site)
1:00-3:00: Seminar
3:00-3:30: Q&A, Wrap-Up

Materials

- ◆ handouts, including product samples and hands-on activities, will be downloadable just prior to the seminar
- ◆ additional materials, while not required, will be available for purchase
- ◆ **book release event on Friday, March 23rd, at the Portland Waldorf School.**

★ [Register online](#) in my [LEX Online Marketplace](#) ★

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Registration will be confirmed via email — Fee increases by \$25 after February 25th.

Please email for information about teacher cohort discounts.

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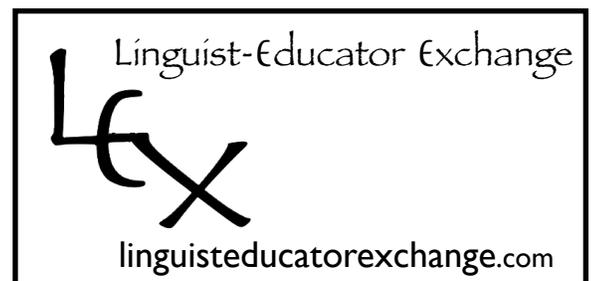
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for requests made February 26th-March 15th, and non-refundable thereafter.*

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