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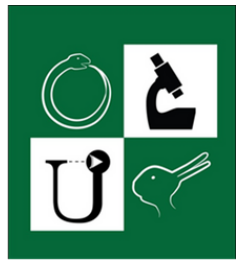




Curious about where life after HPSC can take you?

Read the words of HPSC alum Meagan Allen, now a visiting Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University, as she shares some of her memorable experiences in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine. Discover how her time in HPSC shaped her professional journey and propelled her success in the field of History of Science and Technology. Plus, don't miss her insightful advice for those looking to make their mark in the field!





What classes do you remember most fondly?

All of the professors in HPSC are fantastic. I was very fortunate to work as a research assistant for Bill Newman on the Chymistry of Isaac Newton Project. I also enjoyed the classes that I took with Nico Bertoloni Meli, Sandy Gliboff, and Jutta Schickore.



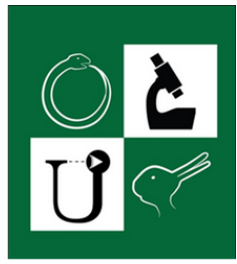


What are you doing now? What are your future plans?

Currently, I'm a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of History of Science and Technology at Johns Hopkins University, where I teach courses on the history of science from Antiquity to the Early Modern period. This semester (Spring 2025), I'm teaching two courses that I developed – one on science and religion, and the other on experiment and knowledge classification in the Middle Ages.

I am working on my second monograph, which is a study of the Franciscan Roger Bacon's (d. 1292) "Letter on the Power of Art and Nature". My first monograph, *Roger Bacon and the Incorruptible Human: Alchemy, Pharmacology, and the Desire to Prolong Life* was published with Palgrave MacMillan in 2023. I have also recently finished editing a volume on Bacon, *The Sciences of Roger Bacon's Opus Maius*, which is in the final stages of production with Routledge and will be available in early 2025.





Looking back, what aspects of your HPSC education best prepared you for your professional career?

The breadth of classes offered, as well as the opportunities for research. I spent six months at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, where I was able to do much of the research for my dissertation.





What's one piece of advice you have for incoming students interested in HPSC.

Graduate school is the best time to travel for research.
Take advantage of the time that you have now!



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HPSC extends a heartfelt thank you to Assistant Professor Allen for participating in the February edition of our Alumni Spotlight. Cheers to her continued career success!

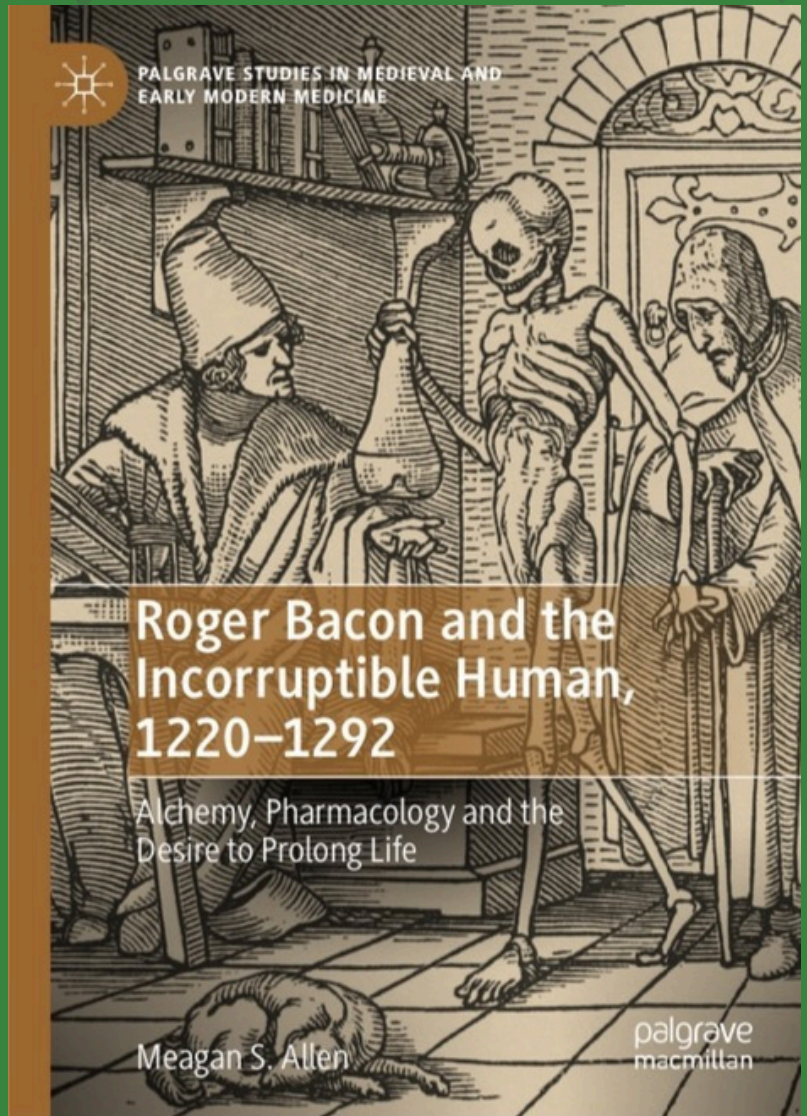
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