



## Dictionary of Old English: 2013 Progress Report

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Last year we began our report with news of the magnificent Jackman gift of \$500,000. This year we begin our report also with some splendid news: we have just been awarded a \$500,000 five-year Challenge Grant from the Triangle Community Foundation of Raleigh, North Carolina. Further information on this most generous grant can be found at [www.doe.utoronto.ca](http://www.doe.utoronto.ca).

We are delighted that our former Toronto colleague and member of our International Advisory Committee, Andy Orchard, has been appointed to the Rawlinson and Bosworth Professorship at the University of Oxford. We will certainly miss him here in Toronto. He has been a generous promoter of our research, and he and his wife, Clare, have extended gracious hospitality to DOE by hosting events for us at the Provost's Lodge, Trinity College. We wish him and his family every good thing as he takes up his new post.

Finally, we wish to extend every good wish to Eric Stanley, an earlier holder of the Rawlinson and Bosworth Professorship, who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at Pembroke College, Oxford, on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Colleagues and friends from around the world gathered together that very evening to honour him. All of us at DOE wish to thank him for his invaluable support over the years.

Toni Healey

### Editorial and Technological Advances

We have forged ahead with the production of entries for the letter *H* and for related headwords in later letters of the *Dictionary*. At the same time, our systems analyst, Xin Xiang, has continued to test and improve the new versions of DOEonline and DOE Web Corpus developed last year, and to fix any bugs that have been identified. At the beginning of October, we implemented a pay-wall system to allow individual users 20 free logins every year to both the online version of the *Dictionary* and the Web Corpus. To date, 125 users have registered for free access. Our work on linking to *Parker on the Web* has produced 773 annotations for cruxes as well as the creation of

814 thumbnail images. An equally significant partnership with another research project was initiated at the beginning of October, when the *Corpus of Narrative Etymologies* (CoNE) of the University of Edinburgh added links to DOE, with identifiers provided by us, to the entries for Germanic vocabulary on their website. We are delighted to see here yet another example of the interoperability of large linguistic databases as we have begun to add reciprocal links to CoNE while we are completing *H*.

### Dissemination and Outreach

In January 2013, Toni Healey gave her annual report to the Old English Executive on the progress of the *Dictionary* at the MLA conference in Boston, and chaired one of the Old English sessions on 'Anglo-Saxon Futures'. On April 29, she gave a talk at the Mellon Research Cluster Meeting in Stanford entitled 'The Future of the Past: Early English, Connectivity, and Sustainability in a Digital Universe' in which she highlighted the links between DOE and *Parker on the Web*. In May, Toni also attended the annual meeting of the Richard Rawlinson Center for Anglo-Saxon Studies and Manuscript Research at Western Michigan University, and the biennial meeting of the Dictionary Society of North America at the University of Georgia, Athens. At the ISAS meeting in Dublin in July and August, she gave a pre-conference workshop for graduate students on the latest technological developments at DOE, especially the new platforms for DOEonline and the Web Corpus.

In October, she delivered a paper at the University of Würzburg entitled 'Shifts in Application: the Burden of "Hard" in Old English and Beyond'.

In June, we were happy to welcome as a visiting scholar Christopher Riedel of Boston College, this year's recipient of the John Leyerle-CARA Prize for Dissertation Research. Chris made use of the DOE library to examine the ways in which the role of the laity is represented in tenth-century saints' lives as part of the research for his doctoral thesis. And this fall, we have been fortunate to have Alexandra Bolintineanu working at the DOE as a Council on Library and Information Resources Postdoctoral Fellow in Data

Curation for Medieval Studies. Alexandra is currently using the resources of the DOE to build digital project management protocols, instructional resources that connect major research projects to university classrooms, and a virtual exhibit, 'A Word is Born', which will document both the evolution of words across the history of the English language and the work of creating a DOE entry. On November 22 and 29, Toni Healey and Alexandra each offered a Digital Medieval Studies Workshop at the Centre for Medieval Studies in which Toni gave an overview of the new DOE platforms, and Alexandra supervised graduate students in testing the new versions of DOE online and the Web Corpus. We are very grateful to all those who took part and who helped to identify problems and suggest improvements.

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