

Part I Reading Lists

I. Primary Texts: Histories of English and Historical Grammars

Charles Barber. *Early Modern English*

Albert Baugh and Thomas Cable. *A History of the English Language*

Roger Lass. *The Shape of English: Structure and History*

Celia Millward. *A Biography of the English Language*

Bruce Mitchell and Fred Robinson. *A Guide to Old English*

Fernand Mossé. *Handbook of Middle English*

Note: In addition to Section I, students interested in taking the exam will have to focus on one of the subfields II-VII. Further references will be provided upon request. The texts for analysis will be drawn from the reading lists in Anglo-Saxon, Middle English, and Renaissance literature.

II. Theory of Language Change

Theodora Bynon. *Historical Linguistics*

Heinrich Hock. *Principles of Historical Linguistics*

Roger Lass. *Approaches to English Historical Linguistics*

----- . *On Explaining Language Change*

Robert Jeffers and Ilse Lehiste. *Principles and Methods for Historical Linguistics*

Michael Samuels. *Linguistic Evolution, with Special Reference to English*

Proceedings from the International Conferences on English Historical Linguistics, 1979 (Durham, England); 1981 (Odense, Denmark); 1985 (Amsterdam, Holland); 1987 (Cambridge, England); 1990 (Helsinki).

III. English Historical Phonology and Metrics

Thomas Cable. *The English Alliterative Tradition*

----- . *The Metre and Melody of **Beowulf***

Fausto Cercignani. *Shakespeare's Works and Elizabethan Pronunciation*

Eric Dobson. *English Pronunciation 1500-1700*

Roger Lass. *English Phonology and Phonological Theory: Synchronic and Diachronic Studies*

Donka Minkova. *The History of Final Vowels in English*

Geoffrey Russom. *Old English Meter and Linguistic Theory*

Jerzy Welna. *A Critical Survey of a Historical Phonology of English Vowels with special reference to Karl Luick's "Historische Grammatik"*

IV. English Historical Morphology, Word Formation and Vocabulary

John Algeo. *Fifty Years Among the New Words: A Dictionary of Neologisms, 1941-1991* (Introduction)

Stephen Barney. *Word-Hoard: An Introduction to Old English Vocabulary*

Laurie Bauer. *English Word-Formation*

Laurel Brinton. *The Development of English Aspectual Systems*

Charles Jones. *Grammatical Gender in English*

Eilert Ekwall. *A History of Modern English Sounds and Morphology*

Jacek Fisiak. *Recent Developments in Historical Morphology*

------. *Morphemic Structure of Chaucer's English*

H. Marchand. *The Categories and Types of Present-Day English Word-Formation*

M. Serjeantson. *A History of Foreign Words in English*

V. English Historical Syntax

S. O. Andrew. *Syntax and Style in Old English*

Olga Fischer. *Syntactic Change and Causation*

David Lightfoot. *Principles of Diachronic Syntax*

Bruce Mitchell. *Old English Syntax*

Ans van Kemenade. *Syntactic Case and Morphological Case in the History of English*

Elizabeth Traugott. *The History of English Syntax*

F. Th. Visser. *An Historical Syntax of the English Language*

VI. Standards and Dialects, Historical Sociolinguistics

Richard Bailey and Jay L. Robinson. *Varieties of Present-Day English*

Erik Bjorkman. *Scandinavian Loan-Words in Middle English*

G. L. Brook. *English Dialects*

----- . *Varieties of English*

Jenny Cheshire. *English Around the World*

Edward Finegan. *Attitudes Toward English Usage*

Dick Leith. *A Social History of English*

Leslie Milroy. *Language and Social Networks*

W. R. O'Donnell and Loreto Todd. *Variety in Contemporary English*

Susanne Romaine. *Socio-historical Linguistics: Its Status and Methodology*

Thomas Toon. *The Politics of Early Old English Sound Change*

Peter Trudgill. *Sociolinguistic Patterns in British English*

J. C. Wells. *Accents of English*

VII. The History of American English

Craig Carver. *American Regional Dialects*

J. L. Dillard. *Black English: Its History and Usage in the United States*

----- . *Perspectives on American English*

J. N. Hook. *The Story of American English*

Hans Kurath. *Handbook of the Linguistic Geography of New England*

----- and R. I. McDavid, Jr. *The Pronunciation of English in the Atlantic States*

William Labov. *Language in the Inner City: Studies in the Black English Vernacular*

R. I. McDavid, Jr. *Varieties of American English*

H. L. Mencken. *The American Language*

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