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RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN EARLY MODERN BIBLIOGRAPHY

Applications are invited for a short-term, part-time post as research assistant in early modern bibliography for the Oxford Traherne edition.

The Oxford Traherne is a 14-volume critical edition of the collected works of the seventeenth-century poet, spiritual writer, and theologian, Thomas Traherne. It is commissioned by Oxford University Press, and has an interdisciplinary team of editors under the general editorship of Dr Julia Smith. More information about the edition can be found on the Oxford Traherne website.

Three of Traherne's works are being edited from early printed texts, and the edition is undertaking extensive collation of multiple extant copies. In collaboration with colleagues in Engineering Science, we have developed an innovative and highly sophisticated digital tool (the Traherne Digital Collator) for textual comparison. The role of the research assistant will be to undertake systematic collation of printed texts using this tool, record and analyse the results, advise editors on the status and printing history of the texts, and contribute to developing appropriate editorial protocols. They will also liaise with libraries to obtain image sets, and provide feedback for the development of the digital collator software.

The post consists of 120 hours which can be worked flexibly (e.g. 10 hours a week over 12 weeks), by agreement, between 1 April and 30 June 2019. The rate of pay is up to £16.50 per hour. The work is based in Oxford, but will involve some travel to other UK libraries, for which expenses are paid. The research assistant will work with Dr Sarah Apetrei (editor of Volume XIV: *A Serious and Pathetical Contemplation*), and the general editor, Dr Julia Smith. The post is supported by Keble College, Oxford, and the grant holder is Dr Sarah Apetrei.

Candidates should ideally have a doctorate, and at least a Master's degree, in early modern English literature, history, or a related field, and expertise in early modern bibliography, textual criticism, or the history of the book. An ability to organize and present data in a systematic way, confidence in working with appropriate software, willingness to work collaboratively, and a high standard of accuracy are essential for this role.

The closing date for applications is 14 February 2019. There is no application form; please send applications, including a CV, an account of relevant experience, and the name of one referee to Dr Sarah Apetrei (sarah.apetrei@keble.ox.ac.uk). Applicants should also arrange for their referee to submit a reference by the closing date. Interviews will be held in Oxford at the end of February, and shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a short bibliographical exercise in preparation for the interview.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sarah Apetrei (sarah.apetrei@keble.ox.ac.uk) or Dr Julia Smith at (julia.smith@ell.ox.ac.uk).