

# Paul Tan

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## EDUCATION

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- Durham University – Department of English Studies** 2018-present
- PhD Student – Old Norse Literature (see below)
- Durham University – Department of English Studies** 2017-2018
- Master of Arts in Medieval and Renaissance Literary Studies – Graduated with Distinction
- University of Hong Kong (HKU)** 2013-2017
- Bachelor Arts – Graduated with First Class Honours
  - Major in English Studies
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS): Overall 8.5/9
  - Graduate Record Examination (GRE): Verbal Reasoning 162/170, Analytical Writing 5/6
- Monash University** 2016
- Exchange student for one semester
  - Took courses in English Literature

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Department of English Studies, Durham University, *Teaching Assistant*** 2019-present
- Taught for the modules ‘Myth and Epic of the North’ and ‘Epic and the Literature of Legend’
  - Prepared handouts, held tutorials and marked formative essays as well as exam scripts
- School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University, *Research Assistant*** 2018-2019
- Conducted research for the Nineteenth-Century Electoral Violence Project
  - Identified cases of electoral violence in Victorian England and Wales from 19<sup>th</sup> century newspaper articles and recorded relevant information on an online platform
- School of English, University of Hong Kong, *Research Assistant*** 2016-2017
- Worked on the project ‘Plotting the News: Nation and Newspaper in the Victorian Novel’
  - Searched various 19<sup>th</sup> century periodicals for articles which provide insight into people’s attitudes towards the expansion of journalism and the popular press in the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century
- ARCH Education (Hong Kong), *Summer Intern*** Jul-Aug 2016
- Conducted a comparative study of the business strategies of competitors and produced a summary report and a presentation for internal review
  - Wrote and edited articles for publicity purposes
  - Compiled a database of English teaching materials for classes
  - Gained insight into the field of private education in Hong Kong
- Delphitech Solutions Ltd (Guangzhou), *Summer Intern*** Aug 2012
- Responsible for consolidating a customer information database for a client company, for future e-marketing purposes
  - Worked at the client company’s office in Guangzhou for a week

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- PhD Project** 2018-present
- Studies the recurring motif of foretelling across texts of different genres in Old Norse literature, including its nature, functions, and relationship to other major themes
- MA Project** 2017-2018
- ‘Sorcery and the Undead in the *Íslendingasögur*’ – Analyzed instances of sorcery and the *draugar* in the Sagas of Icelanders, particularly in relation to gender and religion
- The 13<sup>th</sup> Bergen International Postgraduate Symposium for Old Norse Studies** Apr 2019
- Presented a paper titled ‘Foretelling in the *fornaldarsögur*’, which discussed the forms of foretelling and their implications in five Old Norse sagas
  - The paper is based on research conducted for my PhD project

## AWARDS

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- Dean’s Honours List (The University of Hong Kong) – 2016
- Awardee 2013
- Huacheng Chinese Culture Scholarship (The University of Hong Kong) – Recipient