

# Mems Staff

## Member of the Month: Dr. Suzanna Ivanic:



Where is she from:  
Lancaster

Research interests:  
Anything in the realm of early modern cultural history and material culture, but specifically things to do with everyday beliefs and Central-Eastern Europe.

She likes strong tea with no sugar, dislikes the slimy feel of swimming pool changing room floors, and her hobbies include going for walks and playing the piano.

A fun fact that not many would know about her is that she once slept in the West Papuan jungle overnight to watch a bird of paradise lek.

## Fun Fact from a MEMS student:

From Kylie Brown

George Plantagenet, Duke of Clarence, the brother of King Edward IV, was guilty of treason and therefore was sentenced to death. How did he choose to die? Drowning in malmsey wine. Not a bad way to go!



## January Birthdays:

Megan - January 5

Siena - January 5

Leo - January 16

Tressa - January 28



## Study Tips:

Have you ever wanted to look for an illumination and don't know where to start? Head to <https://manuscriptminiature.com/>, a repository with over 16,000 miniatures produced before 1450 spanning 19 countries.



# Get to Know the Authors

## Tris

Hi! My name is Tris Lopez Huicochea and I come all the way from Mexico City. I am very interested in Mysticism, female devotion in the Middle Ages and Anglo-Saxon Poetry. This is my first time living in the UK but as of recent I have been moving countries every two years - Who knows where I'll go next! I love reading, curating playlists, editing/digital design, and fashion.

My favourite animal is a possum (they are so cute and relatable), my favourite colour is yellow and a fun fact about me is that I can fluently speak English, Spanish and Korean.



## Kylie

Hey everyone! My name is Kylie Brown, and I am from Michigan, USA. My research interests include the War of the Roses, the Tudors, and 19th-century English literature. While this is my first time actually living in the UK, I've always imagined completing my postgrad and eventually living here permanently. In my spare time, I love reading, learning new languages, and writing my own original works (would love to publish eventually!). My favourite animal is a fennec fox. A fun fact about me is that I am related to King Edward I.

## Tressa

My name is Tressa Biener, and I'm from New Jersey, USA. My research interests include the Viking era, the Wars of the Roses, and the Tudors. I first came to the UK in 2023 when I studied abroad, and I fell in love with it - my goal is to live here permanently after graduation. When I have free time, I love to bake, cook, read, and travel. My favourite animal is either a

dolphin or a red panda, and my favourite colour is burgundy. Two fun facts about me are that I have seven tattoos, and a historical figure I am fascinated with is Katherine of Aragon.

# THE JESTER CHRONICLES

## A MEMS NEWSLETTER

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# Spring 2026 Termcard

Wed 14 Jan  
14:00-15:30  
DLT1

Eadmer of Canterbury's Reputation as Historian to the End of the Middle Ages |  
Dr Charlie Rozier, University of Kent

Wed 21 Jan  
14:00-15:30  
DLT1

Canterbury Cathedral Library in the Seventeenth Century: Revival, Removal, Retrieval, Resurgence |  
Dr David Shaw, University of Kent

W/c 26 Jan

MEMS Labs

## CARSON TRAVELS

### Meet Carson, the mascot of MEMS

Please welcome Carson, the official mascot of MEMS! Carson will travel throughout the world to provide you with insight into historical locations. For this addition,

Carson was introduced to St. Augustine's Abbey by MEMS' very own Jamie! He was able to give us a tour of the site and walk through the grounds. Fun fact: when St. Augustine's was rebuilt after the Norman Conquest, it was actually built larger than Canterbury Cathedral!

Check out the newsletter to see where Carson goes next!

