

Bio – Nick Jones 2024

Nicholas Jones, PHD, is Professor Emeritus at Oberlin College, where he taught for over forty years, specializing in English literature and its connections with music and the arts. Educated at Harvard, Nick is a scholar, poet, lecturer, reviewer, and translator. At Oberlin, he taught courses in poetics and literary theory, focusing on poetry from Shakespeare and Milton through Keats and Shelley to the modern and contemporary periods. In his teaching, he encourages an integrated approach to poetry, connecting close reading and analysis of language and form with contextual study through history, visual art, science and music. While at Oberlin, he led three semester-long study programs in London, engaging students with English literature from the Middle Ages to the 20th century through visits to historic sites, museums, concert halls, and libraries. Since retirement to the Bay Area, he has continued teaching through OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) classes on subjects such as Homer, Shakespeare, Milton, and Romantic Literature.

His translation of the poetry of the sixteenth-century Italian poet Giovanni Battista Guarini was published in 2018; a translation of Jacopo Sannazaro's *Arcadia*, an Italian classic from 1504 in prose and poetry, is to be

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