



## 2021 Provost Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship

**Dr. Mark Rankin**  
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Dr. Mark Rankin is Professor of English at James Madison University. He holds a double B.S.Ed. degree in English and Mathematics Education *summa cum laude*, and an M.A. degree in English literature, both from Ohio University. He joined the JMU faculty in 2007 after earning the Ph.D. in English Renaissance Literature from The Ohio State University.

Dr. Rankin's research focuses primarily on literature produced during the era of the Tudor monarchs (1485-1603) in England. He has received more than one million dollars in external funding in support of his work, primarily from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is the principal investigator of a major NEH-funded project to produce new scholarly editions of the writings of William Tyndale (c.1495-1536). He has co-directed three NEH Summer Seminars for university faculty, and will direct a fourth in 2022 on "Printing and the Book During the Reformation: 1450–1650." His research has also been supported by the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Huntington Library, the Newberry Library, and the Renaissance Society of America. In addition to his ongoing editorial work, he has published thirty-five peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, or essays and an edited collection of scholarly essays (with another under contract and a third in progress). His work has appeared in *English Literary Renaissance*, *Erasmus Studies*, *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, *The Library*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, *Sixteenth Century Journal*, *Studies in English Literature*, and more.

He is Editor of the peer-reviewed journal *Reformation*, and holds an appointment to the Editorial Board of *Renaissance Studies* and a seat on the governing Council of the Renaissance English Text Society.