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JANE CLAYTON received her BA in English Literature from the University of Bristol and an MA in Children's Literature from the University of Reading while teaching English as a secondary school teacher. Following her retirement from teaching in 2009 she earned an MA in Women's Writing of the Long Eighteenth Century from the University of Southampton. While working as a volunteer at the Jane Austen House Museum in Chawton, Hampshire she met Professor Diane Watt. A conversation with Professor Watt about the women in the Paston letters led to the PhD program at the University of Surrey. My thesis "Power and Agency in the Letters and Wills of the Paston Women," from which "Discovering Constance Paston" is drawn has been submitted. I am due for a viva in March 2021. I am married, with three children and six grandchildren.

SUSAN SIGNE MORRISON, Professor of English at Texas State University, has written the award-winning *A Medieval Woman's Companion: Women's Lives in the European Middle Ages* (Oxbow Books, 2016) and *Grendel's Mother: The Saga of the Wyrð Wife* (Top Hat Books, 2015), a novel which retells *Beowulf* from the perspective of the female characters. Her scholarly monographs focus on women pilgrims in late medieval England, Chaucer's fecopoetics, and waste and waste studies, the latter drawing the attention of *History*, *American Public Media*, *The New Yorker*, and *WIRED*. Recent articles examine slow pilgrimage ecopoetics, such as "Slow Practice as Ethical Aesthetics: The Ecocritical Strategy of Patience in Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Clerk's Tale*" in *Ecozon@*.

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