

What Dr. Claire Falck did on her sabbatical last year

During her AY 2022-2023 sabbatical, Dr. Falck read, wrote, read, wrote, read, wrote - and got a new puppy! The puppy's name is Aggie, after the classic mystery writer Agatha Christie, and is a mini golden doodle (very mini!) Aggie can neither read nor write, but she provided a lot of enthusiastic support as Dr. Falck was writing her book manuscript - tentatively titled *God's Corners: Space and Genre in Early Modern Protestant Poetry* - and only ate three of Dr. Falck's shoes and two sofa cushions before her adult teeth grew in, which isn't bad! (Unfortunately, her track record with socks isn't as good, but we're working on it). For a dog who's only one year old, Aggie is very well traveled! She's been with Dr. Falck to writing workshops in Maine, to Yale University to look at 17th-century manuscripts once owned by the epic poet Lucy Hutchinson, has hung out at the University of Pennsylvania while Dr. Falck did research in the UPenn rare books collections, and has patiently waited for Dr. Falck to finish reading lots and lots of poetry by John Donne, George Herbert, and John Milton when Aggie really just wanted to go to the dog park. She also has sat in on Zoom meetings of the International Spenser Society (Dr. Falck served on the editorial board of a Spenser-focused journal, *The Spenser Review*, this year too) but, like most sensible people, Aggie generally prefers chasing tennis balls to reading *The Faerie Queene*. Aggie also got to come to Rowan's campus a few times last year when Dr. Falck needed to renew library books at Campbell Library, but she hasn't been back to visit this semester...yet! If you happen to see her (or Dr. Falck) in the new English Department offices in Laurel North, be sure to say hello!

