

CURRICULUM VITAE

Merrill Kaplan

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Degrees

2006	Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, Scandinavian
1997	M.A., University of California, Berkeley, Scandinavian
1994	B.A., Harvard University, Folklore and Mythology

Positions

Academic Appointments

2012-present	Associate Professor of Folklore and Scandinavian Studies, The Ohio State University, Arts and Sciences, Departments of English and Germanic Languages and Literatures. Columbus, OH, United States.
2006 - 2012	Assistant Professor of Folklore and Scandinavian Studies, The Ohio State University, Arts and Sciences, Departments of English and Germanic Languages and Literatures. Columbus, OH, United States.

Administrative Service

Department Activities

The Ohio State University

The Department of English

2015-present	Area Convener, Folklore
2014-2015	Graduate Studies Committee, English, Member
2012-2013	Undergraduate Studies Committee, English, Member.
2010 - 2012	Graduate Admissions Committee, English, Member.
2009 – 2010	Diversity and Affirmative Action - Dept. of English, Member.
2009	Graduate Policy and Procedures, Estrich Prize Committee, Judge. Notes: The Estrich Prize is awarded for the best graduate student paper in English.

2007 – 2009 Graduate Policy and Procedures - English, Member.

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures

2012 – present Director, Program in Scandinavian
2006 - present Undergraduate Studies Committee - Program in Scandinavian, Member.
2006 - 2007 Prize Committee - Germanic Languages and Literatures, Member.
Notes: The Committee reads applications and selects winners of the Edse Scholarship, the Dieter Cunz Award, Graduate Service Award, Graduate Student Paper Award, and Undergraduate Essay competition.
2006 - 2007 Newsletter and Publicity Committee - Germanic Languages and Literatures, Member.

Center Activities

The Ohio State University

2009 - present Advisory Committee, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Member.
2007 Center for Folklore Studies, Folklore Student Association prize committee, Judge.
Notes: Selected winners of prize competition for the best undergraduate and graduate student papers presented at the Folklore Student Association conference
2007 Professionalization Workshop, Facilitator.
Notes: The Center for Folklore Studies offers professionalization workshops on various topics. This one centered on a specific book, a recent monograph by a well-known folklorist. I led discussion in a small group of students and faculty from several different departments and programs.
2006 - present Center for Folklore Studies, Core Faculty Member.

Professional Activities

Service to professional organizations

2016-2017 Chair, Committee to draft an anti-harassment Code of Conduct American Folklore Society

2013-2015	Member, 2015 Conference Committee	Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
2013 - 2017	Member, Birgit Baldwin Prize Committee	Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
2006-2015	Member, International Committee	American Folklore Society
2007-2011	Member, Advisory Board	Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study; Area Studies
2007-2009	Member, Aurora Borealis Prize Committee	Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
2009-2011	Administrative Vice President	Western States Folklore Society
2007-2009	Executive Vice President	Western States Folklore Society
2009-present	National Representative, USA	International Saga Conference
2009-2012, 2015-2016	Co-convener, Scandinavian-Baltic Section	American Folklore Society

Reviewing and refereeing

2018	Peer review. Manuscript reviewer. Oxford University Press.
2016	Peer review. Article referee. <i>Scandinavian Studies</i> .
2016	Doctoral grant proposal review. Proposal Reviewer. The Icelandic Center for Research (Rannsóknamiðstöð Íslands or RANNÍS).
2015	Peer review. Article referee. <i>Scandinavian Studies</i> .
2011	Peer review. Article referee. <i>Folklore</i> .
2010	Postdoctoral grant proposal review. Proposal Reviewer. The Icelandic Center for Research (Rannsóknamiðstöð Íslands or RANNÍS).
2009	Peer review. Manuscript reviewer. University of Toronto Press.
2007	Peer review. Article referee. <i>Scandinavian Studies</i> .
2007	Peer review. Article referee. <i>Journal of English and Germanic Philology</i> .

Service on international hiring committees

2015 Member, Valnefnd (hiring selection committee) in search for Assistant Professor of Folklore at the University of Iceland. I represented the field of Folklore, while other members represented the Faculty of Social Sciences, the University as a whole, etc. We hired Dr. Kristinn Schram.

2014 Member, Valnefnd (hiring selection committee) in search for Assistant Professor of Folklore at the University of Iceland. I represented the field of Folklore, while other members represented the Faculty of Social Sciences, the University as a whole, etc. We hired Dr. Ólafur Rastrick.

2012 Member, Valnefnd (hiring selection committee) in search for Assistant Professor of Folklore at the University of Iceland. I represented the field of Folklore, while other members represented the Faculty of Social Sciences, the University as a whole, etc. We hired Dr. Aðalheiður Guðmundsdóttir.

Books and Monographs

Kaplan, Merrill. 2011 (2012). *Thou Fearful Guest: Addressing the past in four tales in Flateyjarbók*. Folklore Fellows Communications. Helsinki, Finland: Academia Scientiarum Fennica / Suomalainen Tiedeakatemia. (Published)

Chapters in Books

Kaplan, Merrill. "The State of Vinland." In *Myths and Ideologies: Critical Studies in Political Uses of Old Norse Myths*. Edited by Nicolas Meylan and Lukas Rösli. Turnhout: Brepols. (Expected 2019)

Kaplan, Merrill. "Gold is Red: Sigurðarkviða en skamma 49-50." In *Old Norse Mythology, materiality and lived religion*. Edited by Andreas Nordberg, Peter Jackson, and Torun Zachrisson. Stockholm Studies in Comparative Religion. Stockholm: Stockholm University Press. (Expected 2019)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2013. "Tradition and Curation on Web 2.0". In *Tradition in the Twenty-First Century: Locating the Role of the Past in the Present..* Edited by Robert Glenn Howard and Trevor Blank. Logan, Utah: Utah State University Press. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2012. "Once more on the mistletoe". In *Tíðendi ór öðrum heimum - News from Other Worlds. Essays in Nordic Folklore and Mythology..* WCCAS Occasional Monographs. Vol. 1. Edited by Timothy Tangherlini and Merrill Kaplan. Los Angeles and Berkeley: Wildcat Canyon Advanced Seminars. (Published)

Edited Books

Kaplan, Merrill and Timothy Tangherlini, ed. 2012. *Tíðendi ór öðrum heimum - News from Other Worlds. Essays in Nordic Folklore and Mythology in honor of John Lindow's 65th birthday*. WCCAS Occasional Monographs. Vol. 1. Los Angeles and Berkeley: Wildcat Canyon Advanced Seminars. (Published)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kaplan, Merrill. 2008. "Out-Thoring Thor: Akkerisfrakki, Rauðr inn rammi, and Hit Rauða Skegg". *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*. Vol. 107: 470-482. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2006. "'Ja, til Island!' The Icelandic Reception of *Hærmændene paa Helgeland*". *Modern Drama*. Vol. 49, no. 3: 235-255. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2004. "Hedda and Hjørdis: Saga and Scandal in *Hedda Gabler* and *The Vikings and Helgeland*". *Ibsen Studies*. Vol. 4: 18-29. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2003. "On the Road to Realism with Asbjørnsen and Moe, *Peer Gynt*, and Henrik Ibsen". *Scandinavian Studies*. Vol. 75: 491-508. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2000. "Prefiguration and the Writing of History in *Þáttur Þiðrandi ok Þórhalls*". *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*. Vol. 99, no. 3: 379-94. (Published)

Editor-Reviewed Journal Articles

Kaplan, Merrill. 2004. "The past as guest: mortal men, king's men, and four *gestir* in *Flateyjarbók*". *Gripla*. Vol. 15. Edited by Sverrir Tómasson: 91-120. (Published)

Papers in Proceedings

Kaplan, Merrill. 2006. "Out-Thoring Thor in *Óláfs saga Tryggvasonar en mesta*". In: *The Fantastic in Old Norse/Icelandic Saga Literature. Sagas and the British Isles. Preprint papers of the 13th International Saga Conference. Durham and York, 6th-12th August*. Vol. 1. Edited by John McKinnell, David Ashurst, and Donata Kick. Durham, England: The Center for Renaissance and Medieval Studies: 479-485. (Published)

Abstracts and Short Entries

Kaplan, Merrill. 2015. "Hidden Folk at the University of Iceland celebrate Professor Terry Gunnell's 60th birthday." [Short Entry] *Gamanleikir Terentíusar settir upp fyrir Terry Gunnell sextugan 7. júlí 2015*. Reykjavík, Iceland: Menningar- og minningarsjóður Mette Magnussen: 52-53. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2011. "Obituary: Jón Hnefill Aðalsteinsson (1927-2010)" [Short Entry]. *Journal of American Folklore*. Vol. 124, no. 494: 318. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2009. “A Journey to Iceland 2009” [Short Entry]. *Wawnarstræti (alla leið til Íslands) lagt til heiðurs Andrew Wawn 65 ára 27. október 2009*. Reykjavík, Iceland: Menningar- og minningarsjóður Mette Magnussen: 52-54. [Editor Reviewed] (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2008. “Rósamál” [Short Entry]. *Rósaleppar þæfðir Rósu Þorsteinsdóttur fimmtugri 12. ágúst 2008*. Reykjavík, Iceland: Menningar- og minningarsjóður Mette Magnussen: 77-79. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2000. “Runes and Runic Inscriptions” [Short Entry]. *Medieval Folklore: An Encyclopedia of Myths, Legends, Tales, Beliefs, and Customs*. Vol. 2. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO: 846-848. [Editor Reviewed] (Published)

Reviews

Kaplan, Merrill. 2016. (review). Review of *Trolls: An Unnatural History* by John Lindow. *Scandinavian Studies* 87, no. 3: 409–413. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2011. (review). Review of *Fornaldarsagaerne: Myter og virkelighed*. *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*. Vol. 110, no. 3: 391-93. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2010. (review). Review of *Reflections on Old Norse Myths*. *Studies in Viking and Medieval Scandinavia I. Trunhout: Brepols, 2007.*, by Pernille Hermann, Jens Peter Schjødt, and Rasmus Tranum Kristensen, eds. *Scandinavian Studies*. Vol. 82, no. 1: 95-99. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2009. (review). Review of *Translating the Sagas: Two Hundred Years of Challenge and Response*, by John Kennedy. *Speculum*. Vol. 84, no. 4: The Medieval Academy of America: 1068-1069. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2007. (review). Review of *Lyric, Meaning, and Audience in the Oral Tradition of Northern Europe*, by Thomas A. DuBois. *Scandinavian Studies*. Vol. 79, no. 3: 363-366. (Published)

Kaplan, Merrill. 2006. (review). Review of *Meeting the Other in Norse Myth and Legend*, by John McKinnell. *Scandinavian Studies*. Vol. 78, no. 1: 99-103. (Published)

Presentations

Invited Presentations

Local

Kaplan, Merrill, Chair. 2010. "Contact" (opening remarks). Presented at Contact: The Dynamics of Power & Culture. A joint conference produced by The Ohio State University Folklore Student Association and the Indiana University Folklore & Ethnomusicology Student Association. Columbus, Ohio. (April 2)

Kaplan, Merrill, Seminar Presenter. 2009. "Giant Head in a Box: Practical Uses for Severed Extremities in Old Norse Myth and Literature". Presented at Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Faculty Colloquium. Columbus, Ohio. (May 22)

Kaplan, Merrill, Discussant. 2008. "Gone but not forgotten: Rituals of Memory" (Response). Presented at Translation/Transformation: A joint conference produced by The Ohio State University Folklore Student Association and the Indiana University Folklore & Ethnomusicology Student Association. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.

Regional

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2017. "Old Norse, Folklore, and Revolt." At Mariulestur Seminar Series. April 7, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.

Kaplan, Merrill, Lecturer. 2015. "How to perform a pagan ritual." At Performers of Tales: A Seminar Sponsored by the Program in Ancient Studies. April 30, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. (invited)

Kaplan, Merrill, Lecturer. 2011. "Practical Uses for Severed Body Parts in Old Norse Myth and Literature" to the Program in Medieval Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Kaplan, Merrill, Discussant. 2011. Nation, Tradition, and Mediated Narratives (Response). Presented at Mediating Culture: Experience, Harmony, and Discord: A joint conference produced by The Ohio State University Folklore Student Association and the Indiana University Folklore & Ethnomusicology Student Association. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana.

National

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2017. "Roundtable: Popular Religion." At The Generative Power of Tradition: A Celebration of *Traditio*, 75 Years. The 37th Annual Conference of the Center for Medieval Studies, Fordham University. March 25. New York, New York.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2016 "Vǫlsa þáttur and the drunnur: generic norms and literary effects." Patricia Conroy Memorial Lecture, April 4, University of Washington, Seattle.

Kaplan, Merrill, Lecturer. 2011. "Practical Uses for Severed Body Parts in Old Norse Myth and Literature" to Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Department of English, Scandinavian Section. University of California, Los Angeles. (April 18)

Kaplan, Merrill, Lecturer. 2009. "The Icelandic Sagas". Presented at Nordic Spirit: Sagas and the Viking World, Feb. 6-7, 2009, to Scandinavian American Cultural and Historical Foundation. California Lutheran University. Thousand Oaks, California.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2007. "How to insult a giantess (and taunt Thor)". Presented at the 4th annual Folklore & Mythology Symposium (sponsored by Harvard's Program in Folklore & Mythology). Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts.

International

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2018. "Konur vs. Eddur." At Aarhus Old Norse Mythology Conference 2018: The Feminine in Old Norse Mythology and Folklore. November 15-16, Uppsala, Sweden.

Kaplan, Merrill, Discussant. 2016. AFS and ISFNR Conversation on the Future of International Folk Narrative Studies. Joint Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society and the International Society for Folk Narrative Research. October 19-22, Miami, Florida

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2016. "*Maurtir*: The Circumstantial Case for Female Cult Recipients in *Völsa þáttur*." Paganism Past. October 29-30, University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, California.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2015. "Gruesome gold in Sigurðarkviða in skamma 49-50." At Aarhus Old Norse Mythology Conference 2015: Myth, materiality and lived religion. November 4-5, 2015. Stockholm, Sweden.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2013. "*Völsa þáttur*: Making Paganism." Presented at the Aarhus Old Norse Mythology Conference: Old Norse Mythology in its Comparative Contexts. Cambridge, MA.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2012. "*Vaxinn völlum hæri*: The *mistilteinn* in *Völuspá*." Nordic Mythologies: Interpretations, Intersections and Institutions. Los Angeles, California, April 27-28, 2012.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2012. "Memory, Media and Performance." The Ambiguities of Memory Construction in Medieval Texts: The Nordic Case. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cambridge, Massachusetts. April 13-14, 2012.

Kaplan, Merrill, Seminar Presenter. 2003. "Hirðmenn og dauðlegir menn: Frá fjórum gestum í *Flateyjarbók*" (King's men and mortal men: On four "gestir" in *Flateyjarbók*). Presented at Málstofa Lagastofnunar og Miðaldamálstofa Hugvísindastofnunar (in-house lecture series co-sponsored by the Faculty of Law and the Program in Medieval Studies). University of Iceland. Reykjavík, Iceland.

Kaplan, Merrill, Seminar Presenter. 2002. “*Fornöldin kemur í heimsókn*: Time and narrative in *Nornagests þátr* and allied tales”. Presented at a Málstofa (in-house lecture series) at the Árni Magnússon Institute in Iceland. Reykjavík, Iceland.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 1999. “Að flytja rúnasteina” (Moving/performing runestones). Presented at Kvöldvaka Félags Þjóðfræðinga á Íslandi (Lecture Evening of the Society of Folklorists in Iceland). July 28, 1999. Reykjavík, Iceland.

Kaplan, Merrill, Seminar Presenter. 1999. “Varsler og tilbakeblikk i *Þátr Þiðranda ok Þórhalls*” (Omens and backward looks in the *Tale of Þiðrandi and Þórhallr*). Presented at meeting of the Norrønt studentforum (Old Norse student forum). University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway.

Conference Presentations

National

Kaplan, Merrill, Discussant. Panel: Trauma Entrained: Assault, Constraint, and Feminine Bodies in Tales and Traditions. American Folklore Society Annual Meeting. October 17-20. Buffalo, New York.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2018. “Troubling White Paradise.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. May 2-5. Los Angeles, California.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2017. “The Skald and the Judge: Brack’s roots in *Hærmændene paa Helgeland*.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. May 11-14, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter and Co-Chair. 2017. “Round Table Discussion: Folk Resistance to the Ascendency of Donald Trump.” April 21-22, 2017, Eugene, Oregon. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2016. “Gold is Red: Sigurðarkviða en skamma 49-50.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. April 28-30, New Orleans, Louisiana. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Discussant. 2015. Panels: Legends, Fairy Tales, and the Supernatural I & II. At the annual meeting of the American Folklore Society, Oct. 14-17, 2015. Long Beach, California.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2013. “Trollspotting: Face to face with the Internet’s most notorious monster.” Presented at the 103rd annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, May 2-4, 2013, San Francisco, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2012. “Ladies First: How I Turned my Norse Mythology Syllabus Inside-Out and Why.” Presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, May 3-5, 2012. Salt Lake City, Utah. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2011. “*Jötnar* and *dvergjar* in the real world”. Presented at the 101st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, April 28-May 1, 2011. Chicago, Illinois. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2011. "Curating Folklore Online: An Etymological Excursus". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Folklore Society, April 15-16, 2011. University of Southern California. Los Angeles, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2010. "Desperately seeking Óðinn: An antiquarian king in *Ynglingasaga* 12". Presented at the joint 100th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study and 22nd bi-annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, April 22-24, 2010. Seattle, Washington. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2010. "Memorates on YouTube *or* the Legend Conduit is a Series of Tubes". Presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Folklore Society, April 15-17, 2010. Salem, Oregon. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2009. "Dance, dance, revolution! Iceland's protests hit YouTube". Presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Folklore Society, April 16-18, 2009. Los Angeles, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2009. "Óðinn gets a head: Mímir, *seiðr*, and *Völsa þáttur*". Presented at the 99th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, April 30-May 2, 2009. Madison, Wisconsin. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2009. "Remixing Iceland's Revolution: Protest Culture on YouTube". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society. Boise, Idaho. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2009. "Teaching Nordic Folklore: Strategies and Syllabi". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society, Oct. 21-25. Boise, Idaho.

Kaplan, Merrill, Panelist. 2009. Forum: Tradition in the 21st Century: Locating the Role of the Past in the Future. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society, Oct. 21-24. Boise, Idaho.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2008. "Experts in the Field: Crop Circles, Ostension, and Authority". Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society. Louisville, Kentucky. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2008. "Female Circumscription: Women and land-taking in the Icelandic *Book of Settlements*". Presented at the 98th Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Fairbanks, Alaska. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2008. "Superorganic Farming: The crop circle debate". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western States Folklore Society. Davis, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2007. "Death and Belief in the Graveyard". Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Folklore Society, April 20-21, 2007. Los Angeles, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2007. "Ostention, illegibility, and the borders of folklore: a few runic objects lost in the interdisciplinary gap". Presented at the 97th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Davenport, Iowa. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2006. "Capping Verses in Cyberspace: Textuality and Performance on an Icelandic Chatboard". Presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Folklore Society, April 20-22, 2006. Berkeley, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2006. "Not an everyday *fornaldarsaga*: *Stjörnu-Odda draumr* and genre". Presented at the 96th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, May 4-6, 2006. Oxford, Mississippi. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2005. "Some thoughts on resonance." (In forum: Field, Library, and Reader: Returning the Gift of Folklore). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society. Atlanta, Georgia. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2005. "'The King also set great store by his stories ..' *Nornagests þáttur* as reliable and unreliable source". Presented at the 95th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Portland, Oregon. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2004. "Óðinn and Óláfr at Ögvaldsnes: From Oddr munkr to *Óláfs saga en mesta*". Presented at the 94th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, April 15-17, 2004. Redondo Beach, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2003. "This is not a Runic Inscription: Finnur Magnússon and the Voice of the Past". Presented at the annual meeting of the American Folklore Society, Oct. 9-11, 2003. Albuquerque, New Mexico. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2002. "Embedding the Past in *Nornagests þáttur*". Presented at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Salt Lake City, Utah. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2002. "Voicing the Past in the *Tale of Nornagest*". Presented at Medieval Performativity (Conference sponsored by the Graduate Medievalists at Berkeley). University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, California.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2001. "Synchrony in *Íslendingabók*: Law, Calendrics, and Conversion". Presented at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Chicago, Illinois. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2000. "*Peer Gynt*, Realism, and the middle class appropriation of folklore". Presented at the 90th meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Madison, Wisconsin. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2000. "Legends and runestones: oral tradition meets illegible object". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the California Folklore Society. Berkeley, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2000. "Legends and runestones: oral tradition meets illegible object". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society. Columbus, Ohio. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 1998. "Re-assessing Ragnarök: A new look at the Gosforth Cross". Presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, April 30-May2, 1998. Tempe, Arizona. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 1998. "The Dual Nature of Mill Trolls in Scandinavian Legend". Presented at the annual meeting of the California Folklore Society, April 16-18. Sacramento, California. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 1997. "Prefiguration and Nationalism in *Þáttir Þiðrandar ok Þórhalls*". Presented at the 87th annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study. Urbana-Champaign, Indiana. [Peer Reviewed]

International

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2018. "The State of Vinland." At 17th International Saga Conference. Reykjavík and Reykholt, Iceland. August 12-17, 2018. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2017. "Claiming Vinland." Poster presented at the 18th Viking Congress. August 5-12, Copenhagen and Ribe, Denmark. [Peer reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2016. "Stigmatized Women's Discourse within Academia." Joint Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society and the International Society for Folk Narrative Research. October 19-22, Miami, Florida. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2015. "*Völsa þáttur* and the *drunnur*: generic norms and literary effects." Presented at the 16th International Saga Conference, Zürich and Basel, Switzerland. August 9-15, 2015. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2012. "*Vaxinn völlum hæri*: Making Sense of *mistilteinn* in *Völuspá* 31-32." 15th International Saga Conference. Aarhus, Denmark. August 5-11, 2012. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2012 "Bad Night at the Mill: Encounters with the *Kvernknurr* in Norwegian Legend." The 6th Nordic-Celtic-Baltic Folklore Symposium. Tartu, Estonia. June 4-7, 2012. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2009. "Heads and Tales: Mímir, Völsi, and the pursuit of prophecy". Presented at the 14th International Saga Conference. Uppsala, Sweden. August 9 – 15, 2009. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2007. "Before Cultural Heritage: Claiming the Intangible in 14th-Century Iceland". Presented at the 2007 Joint Annual Meeting of the American Folklore Society & Association Canadienne d'Ethnologie et de Folklore (ACEF/FSAC). Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2006. "Já, til Ísland!" The Icelandic Translation of *Hærmændene paa Helgeland*. Presented at the 11th International Ibsen Conference, August 21-27, 2006. Oslo, Norway. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2006. "Out-Thoring Thor in *Óláfs saga Tryggvasonar en mesta*". Presented at the 13th International Saga Conference, August 6-12, 2006. Durham and York, England. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2002. "Nornagestr and the scene of performance". Presented at the Folklore Fellows Summer School: Sixth International Training Course for the Study of Folklore and Traditional Culture. July 15-24, 2002. Lammi, Finland.

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2000. "*Peer Gynt*, Realism, and the bourgeois appropriation of folklore." Presented at the 9th International Ibsen Conference. Bergen, Norway. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 2000. "Runestones and Legends: A folklorist reads the runic corpus editions". Presented at the 5th International Symposium on Runes and Runic Inscriptions. Jelling, Denmark. [Peer Reviewed]

Kaplan, Merrill, Presenter. 1999. "Runestones and Legends in Telemark: The weird case of the Flatdal and Tveito inscriptions". Presented at the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Fulbright Agreement between the United States and Norway. May 6, 1999. Oslo, Norway.

Research funding

International Travel, Arts and Humanities Small Grant. \$2500 for travel for research and participation in International Summer School in Manuscript Studies in Iceland.