

This summer, I was granted the opportunity to conduct research abroad in London, thanks to the generous support of two Bowdoin College funds: a Faculty Scholar Award and the initially planned on taking my research trip in January, during the long winter break between semesters, but due to the unfortunate timing of the COVID-19 Omicron variant (and my bad luck in catching it) I was forced to postpone until summer. But this trip was well worth the wait! From July into early August, I spent nearly three weeks in London, strolling through streets, markets, gardens, libraries, tea shops, Underground stations, and, of course, innumerable museums and historical sites.

I also discovered a major silver lining to postponement, as I was able to connect my experience in London to an English course on Chaucer that I took during the spring semester