

**Paula Blank (1959-2016)**

Paula Blank, Margaret L. Hamilton Professor of English at William and Mary College, was the author of *Shakespeare and the Mismeasure of Renaissance Man* and was internationally known for her scholarship in Shakespeare, Renaissance poetry and poetics, linguistics and literature, and Renaissance gender and sexuality.

She was the recipient of fellowships from the National Humanities Center (two times), from the Folger Shakespeare Library (two times), and from the American Council of Learned Societies. She was described as a “born teacher who loved teaching.” At William and Mary, she received the Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence for 2010, an honor given annually in recognition of exemplary achievements in teaching, research and service. She had also served on the Modern Language Association’s executive committee and on the advisory board for *PMLA*.