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When she is not reading early British texts, Dr. Brackmann spends her time binge-reading mystery novels, watching *Dr. Who* while exercising, engaging in geeky cross-stitch projects (her current work-in-progress will show all the monarchs of England since 1066), and most of all spending time with her family and pets. A self-described “general-purpose geek,” she maintains some small infamy among students for her wildly over-enthusiastic lectures on topics such as the Vikings and on King Charles I. However, she is also known for bringing her famous mac and cheese to department potlucks, so *that’s* all right.

