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Education

Ph.D.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Modern European History, May 2004

Dissertation: "Linguistic Violence: Language, Power and Separation in the Fate of Germans of Jewish Ancestry, 1928-1948"

M.A.

Modern European History, December 1998

Thesis: "Toward a 'Stringent Separation'? The Construction and Contestation of 'Jews' and 'Germans' in the Press of Nazi Germany, 1933-1938"

Magister student (graduate studies equivalent)

Technical University Berlin, Modern European History, 1996-97

Magister student (graduate studies equivalent)

Free University Berlin, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, American Studies, 1996-97

Graduate student (exchange year)

University of Oregon-Eugene, Department of History, 1995-96

Zwischenprüfung (B.A. equivalent)

Eberhard-Karls University Tübingen, Germany, History, June 1995, English, February 1995

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2009-10**
- Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn, Germany
 - Leibniz Summer Fellowship, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam, Germany-not accepted due to conflict
 - Faculty Travel Grant, Dean Rusk International Studies Program, Davidson College
- 2008-09**
- Davidson Research Initiative-Group Investigations Grant, Duke Endowment
 - Faculty Study and Research Project Grant, Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs, Davidson College
- 2007-08**
- Bernadotte Schmitt Research Grant, American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
 - Faculty Study and Research Project Grant, Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs, Davidson College
- 2006-07**
- Faculty Scholarship Grant, Office of the Dean of the College, Grinnell College
 - Travel Grant, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Illinois
- 2005-06**
- Faculty Scholarship Grant, Office of the Dean of the College, Grinnell College
 - Travel Grant, Institut für Deutsche Presseforschung, Universität Bremen, Germany
- 2003-04**
- Dissertation Fellowship, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York City
 - Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill

- 2000-01** - Miles Lerman Center for the Study of Jewish Resistance Fellowship, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
 - Lady Davis Doctoral Fellowship, Hebrew University, Israel -not accepted due to conflict
 - Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, Graduate School, UNC-Chapel Hill
 - Research Grant, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Illinois
 - Grant, Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.
 - Mowry Research Grant, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 1999-00** - Fellowship, Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, Holocaust Educational Foundation
- 1995-97** - Scholarship, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Bonn
- 1995-96** - Scholarship, North America Program, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Bonn

Publications

Books

The Language of Nazi Genocide: Linguistic Violence and the Struggle of Germans of Jewish Ancestry (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2009)

Chapters in edited books

“Jüdische Holocaustüberlebende und sprachliche Gewalt im besetzten Deutschland der frühen Nachkriegsjahre.” In *Deutsch-Jüdische Zeitgeschichte (1945-1999)*. Ed. Susanne Schönborn. Munich, 2006

“Was the German Population a Willing Supporter of the Nazi Regime?” In *History in Dispute: The Second World War*. Ed. Dennis Showalter. Detroit, 2000

“Was the Holocaust Unequaled in Its Crimes Against Humanity?” In *History in Dispute: The Second World War*. Ed. Dennis Showalter. Detroit, 2000

Journals

“Die Praxis der Bestimmung Rassischer Abstammung: Staatliche Sippenforschung, Rassistischer Diskurs und Gewalt im NS-Deutschland der Vorkriegszeit.” *Zeitgeschichte* 35 (2007)

“Determining ‘People of German Blood,’ ‘Jews,’ and ‘*Mischlinge*.’ The Reich Kinship Office and the Competing Discourses and Powers of Nazism, 1941-1943.” *Contemporary European History* 15 (2006)

“*Holocaust Studies* in den USA. Rückblick auf die 7. *Lessons and Legacies* Konferenz in Minnesota vom 01. bis 04. November 2002.” *Sozial.Geschichte Online* 1 (2003). 1 Mar. 2003 <http://www.stiftung-sozialgeschichte.de/ff_sozygesonline.htm>

“‘German Jews,’ ‘National Jews,’ ‘Jewish Volk’ or ‘Racial Jews’? The Constitution and Contestation of ‘Jewishness’ in Newspapers of Nazi Germany, 1933-1938.” *Central European History* 35 (2002)

Book Reviews

“Robbing the Jews. The Confiscation of Jewish Property in the Holocaust, 1933-1945,” by Martin Dean. *Canadian Journal of History* (forthcoming 2009).

“Afterimages: A Family Memoir,” by Carol Ascher; “As Luck Would Have It: My Exile in France and Mexico,” by Bruno Schwebel and Michael Winkler; “The Dark and the Bright,” by Hilde Spiel and “A Scholar’s Tale: Intellectual Journey of a Displaced Child of Europe,” by Geoffrey H. Hartman. *H-GERMAN* (forthcoming 2009)

“Beyond the Border. The German-Jewish Legacy Abroad,” by Steven E. Aschheim and “Leo Strauss and the Politics of Exile,” by Eugene R. Sheppard. *H-GERMAN* (Nov. 2007). 25 Nov. 2007 <<http://www.h-net.msu.edu/~german/>>

“The Jewish Enemy,” by Jeffrey Herf. *Canadian Journal of History* 42 (2007)

“Resurgence of Jewish Life in Germany,” by Charlotte Kahn. *German Studies Review* 29 (2006)

“Nationalizing a Borderland: War, Ethnicity, and Anti-Jewish Violence in East Galicia, 1914-1920,” by Alexander Victor Prusin. *H-GENOCIDE* (Mar. 2006) <<http://www.h-net.msu.edu/~genocide/>>

“Die Etablierung der Außenseiter: Der Verband nationaldeutscher Juden 1921-1935,” by Matthias Hambroek. *H-GERMAN* (Sept. 2005). 21 Sept. 2005 <<http://www.h-net.msu.edu/~german/>>

“Light from the Ashes: Social Science Careers of Young Holocaust Refugees and Survivors,” by Peter Suedfeld, ed. *H-GERMAN* (Dec. 2004) <<http://www.h-net.msu.edu/~german/>>

“Gesundheitsämter im Nationalsozialismus. Rassenhygiene und offene Gesundheitsfürsorge in Westfalen 1900 – 1950,” by Johannes Vossen. *H-SOZ-U-KULT* (Mar. 2003). 3 Mar. 2003 <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2003-1-118>>

“Das Reichssippenamt. Eine Institution nationalsozialistischer Rassenpolitik,” by Diana Schulle. *H-SOZ-U-KULT* (Dec. 2001). 4 Jan. 2002 <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen>>

Contributions to Published Conference Proceedings

“Meanings of Jewishness and Germanness Reassessed: Jews and Germans and the Reemerging Press in Germany, 1945-1948.” In *Deutsch-jüdische Presse und jüdische Geschichte*. Eds. Eleonore Lappin and Michael Nagel. Bremen, 2008

“Linguistic Violence and Discursive Contestation Preceding the Holocaust.” In *The Holocaust in International Perspective*. Ed. Dagmar Herzog. Evanston, 2006

Conference Presentations

2009 “The West German Student Movement, Representations of Mass Murder, and Whiteness in the 1960s and 1970s.” Southeast German Studies Workshop, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2009

2008 “In the Interest of the *Volk*. . .’ Paternity Suits and Racial Recategorization in Nazi-German District Courts, 1938-1945.” Annual Conference of the American Society for Legal History, Ottawa, November 2008

“Remaking the Self After the Holocaust. Germans of Jewish Ancestry and the Practices of Granting Victim-of-Fascism Status in Berlin, 1945-48.” Lessons and Legacies X, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Evanston, November 2008

“A Transnational Negotiation: Germanness, Jewishness, and Identity in Allied-Occupied Berlin.” Southeast German Studies Workshop, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2008

2007 “Speaking and Contesting Nazi German: The *Frankfurter Zeitung* in the Wartime Hitler State.” 31st Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, San Diego, October 2007

“Petitioning the *Führer*. The Construction of Germanness and Jewishness in Personal Appeals to the Nazi Leader, 1934-1941.” Conference Group for Central European History, 121st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 2007

2006 ““And from the Ruins of the German Cities. . . Emerges the Poison Gas of Wild Hatred for Jews. . .’ Holocaust Survivors, Anti-Semitic Discourse, and the Remaking of Jewishness and Germanness in the U.S. Occupational Zone in Germany.” Youngstown State University conference “The Experience of Holocaust Victims,” Youngstown, April 2006

- “The Practice of Determining Racial Descent: Kinship Research, Racial Discourse, and Violence in Nazi Germany.” Conference Group for Central European History, 120th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 2006
- 2005** “Struggling Against Linguistic Violence: Germans of Jewish Ancestry, Racialized Identities, and Diary Writing in Nazi Germany.” 29th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Milwaukee, September/October 2005
- “Meanings of Jewishness and Germanness Reassessed. Jews and Germans and the Reemerging Press in Germany, 1945-1948.” German-Jewish Press and Jewish History-Conference, Bremen, Germany, July 2005
- 2004** “Linguistic Violence and the Discursive Struggles of Germans of Jewish Ancestry in Prewar Nazi Germany.” Triangle Judaic Studies Seminar, Chapel Hill, April 2004
- 2003** “Determining ‘People of German Blood,’ ‘Jews,’ and ‘*Mischlinge*.’ The Reich Kinship Office and the Competing Discourses of Nazism, 1941-1943.” 27th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, New Orleans, September 2003
- “Killing With Words. Linguistic Violence in Nazi Germany.” Departmental Research Colloquium, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2003
- 2002** “Linguistic Violence and Discursive Contestation Preceding the Holocaust.” Lessons and Legacies VII, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Minneapolis, November 2002
- 2001** “(Re-)Constructing ‘Germanness’ and ‘Jewishness.’ The Discursive Engagements of German Jews and ‘*Mischlinge*’ over Collective Identities in Germany, 1933-1949.” 67th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, November 2001
- “Between Control, Reification, and ‘Discursive Contestation.’ The Construction and Contestation of ‘Jewishness’ and ‘Germanness’ in Germany, 1928-1948.” United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., April 2001
- “(Re-)Constructing ‘Germanness’ and ‘Jewishness.’ The Reich Kinship Office and the Discursive Engagements of German Jews, ‘*Mischlinge*,’ and Non-Jewish Germans over Legal and Cultural Identities in Nazi Germany.” 7th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., April 2001
- 2000** “Die politisch-kulturellen Konflikte über Deutschtum und Judentum in Deutschland, 1928-1948.” Center for Research in Anti-Semitism, Technical University Berlin, October 2000
- “Sprachkontrolle und Konstruktionen des Deutsch- und Jüdischseins in Deutschland, 1928-1948.” Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin, October 2000
- “Toward a ‘Stringent Separation’? The Construction and Contestation of ‘Jews’ and ‘Germans’ in the Press of Nazi Germany, 1933-1938.” 4th Bi-Annual MTSU Holocaust Studies Conference, April 2000

Invited Presentations

- “Why the Jews? Why Germany? Why Racial War and Genocide?” Teacher Workshop, NC Council on the Holocaust, Wilkesboro, November 2008
- “Gender and Petitioning the Nazi State.” Gender Workshop, Department of History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, March 2006
- “World War II in National and International Context.” North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, March 2005

Teaching Experience

2007- Present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Davidson College

- History 122, “Europe Since 1789”
Introductory-level course for degree-seeking students
- History 125, “History of Modern Russia, 1855-2000”
Introductory-level course for degree-seeking students
- History 331, “History of Germany in Global Context, 1871-1990”
Upper-division course for degree-seeking students
- History 335, “Comparative Genocide in the Twentieth Century”
Upper-division course for degree-seeking students, meets Diversity Requirements
- History 337, “Cultures and Technologies of Imperialism: Germany and Great Britain, 1840-1945”
Upper-division course for degree-seeking students
- History 433, “The Holocaust: Interpretation, Memory, and Representation”
Seminar for advanced history majors

Under Design:

- History 43X, “Maleness and Gender in Modern European History”
- History 43X, “1968 in Europe”

2005-07

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Grinnell College

- History 101-01, “Basic Issues in European History: 1650 to the Present”
Introductory-level course for degree-seeking students
- History 105-01, “Cultural Encounters in History”
Introductory-level course for degree-seeking students
- History 238-01, “Germany from Unification to Reunification”
Mid-level course for degree-seeking students
- History 239-01, “The Collapse of the Eurocentric World Order”
Mid-level course for degree-seeking students
- History 339-01, “The Holocaust”
Upper-level seminar for advanced history majors

2004-05

Visiting Faculty Member, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill

- History 11, “History of Western Civilization to 1650. Cultural Interaction and Diversity”
Introductory-level course for degree-seeking students, meets General Education Requirements
- History 19, “Cultural Diversity in the Post-1945 World History”
Introductory-level course for degree-seeking students, meets Diversity Requirements
- History 50, “History of the Holocaust”
Mid-level on-line course for degree-seeking students, meets Western History Perspective
- History 139/International Studies 139, “Technology, Imperialism, and Popular Culture: Global History, 1840-1939”
Upper-level course for degree-seeking students, meets Non-Western/Comparative Perspective

1997-2003**Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**

- History 11, “History of Western Civilization to 1650”
- History 16, “Early Modern European History, 1415-1815”
- History 17, “Europe in the Twentieth Century”
- History 19, “Cultural Diversity in the Post-1945 World History”
- History 50, “History of the Holocaust”

1995**Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Institute for Medieval History, Eberhard-Karls University Tübingen, Germany****Academic and Community Activities and Awards****History Department**

2009 Member, Modern European History Search Committee, Davidson College

2008-09 Co-Organizer, History Forum, Davidson College

2007 Member, World History Search Committee, Grinnell College

2007 Member, Camery Prize Committee, Grinnell College

College-Wide

2009 Organizer, “The Holocaust: New Research by Student Scholars,” Presentations by Davidson Research Initiative Participants, Davidson, April 2009

2008-09 Co-Chair, NOAH, Junior Faculty Group, Davidson College

2008-09 Member, Committee on Campus and Religious Life, Davidson College

2008- Academic adviser for first-year students, Davidson College

2008 Participant, Teaching Circle, Teaching Discussion Group, Davidson College

2008 Organizer, “Surviving Auschwitz,” Talk by Susan Cernyak-Spatz, Davidson, October 2008

2008 Organizer, “War, Violence, Rape: Hidden Histories of 1971, East Pakistan/Bangladesh,” Talk by Yasmin Saikia, Davidson, October 2008

2008 Organizer, “What did you do during the Third Reich, Father? German Catholic Priests and National Socialism,” Talk by Kevin P. Spicer, Davidson, February 2008

2007-09 Faculty Advisor, Student Group STAND: An Anti-Genocide Coalition, Davidson College chapter

2007 Co-Organizer, “The Hidden Child. Holocaust Rescue and Survival in Nazi-Occupied Holland,” Talk by Maude Dahme, Grinnell, April 2007

2007 Organizer, “The West German Sex Wave: Buying and Selling Sex in the 1960s,” Talk by Elizabeth Heineman, Grinnell, April 2007

2007 Organizer, “Sex, Violence, and the Contemporary Pornography Industry,” Talk by Rebecca Whisnant, Grinnell, March 2007

2006-07 Member, Advisory Board of the Center for International Studies, Grinnell College

2006-07 Member, Enhancing the Curriculum on the Middle East Group, Grinnell College

2006-07 Member, Cultural Film Committee, Grinnell College

2006 Co-Chair, Early Career Faculty Steering Committee, Grinnell College

2006 Organizer, “Holocaust Memory and Education on American College Campuses,” Talk by Theodore Z. Weiss, Grinnell, May 2006

2000 Co-Organizer, “A Partisan’s Memoir. Women and the Holocaust,” Talk by Faye Schulman, Chapel Hill, October 2000

Academic Honors and Other Professional Activities

2009 Panel Chair, “Cultural Experiences of War,” North Carolina German Studies Seminar and Workshop, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, April 2008

2009 Inductee, Delta Phi Alpha, German Honor Society, Davidson College Chapter

2008 Honorable Mention, Second biennial H-German Syllabus Contest

2008 Organizer, “Victimhood, Identity, Practice: New Studies on Jewish Survivors, Germans, and Allied Officials in Occupied Germany” panel, Lessons and Legacies X, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Evanston, November 2008

2007 Co-Organizer, “Linguistic Constructions of Germanness and Spiritual Constructions of Democracy: The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, Dolf Sternberger and the Evangelische Kirchentage, 1941-1956” panel, 31st Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, San Diego, October 2007

2007 Co-Organizer, “Petitions And Subverting Systems Of Power In The Global Context” panel, 121st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 2007

2006 Organizer, “Defining Jewishness in Nazi Germany – Science, Scholarship, and the Practice of Racial Difference” panel, 120th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 2006

2005- Manuscript Reviewer, *Agricultural History*

2003 Inductee, Frank Porter Graham Graduate and Professional Student Honor Society, UNC-Chapel Hill

2002 Outstanding Senator Award, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, UNC-Chapel Hill

2001-02 Board of Directors Member and Chair of International Students Concerns Committee, National Association of Graduate and Professional Students

Community-Wide

2008 Volunteer, Barack Obama Presidential Campaign, Charlotte

2007 Volunteer, High Holiday Services, Havurat Tikvah, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Charlotte

1996-97 Guide, Alternative City Tours, Berlin, focus: Nazism and the Persecution of Berlin’s Jewish population, Landesjugendring Berlin

1995 Organizer, Communities Against Hate, Eugene, Oregon

1994 Organizer, “Service Civil International,” German-American-Ukrainian peace camp, Buchenwald Concentration Camp Memorial, Weimar, Germany

Professional Societies

German Studies Association, 1997-

American Historical Association, 1999-

Southern Historical Association, 2001-

International Association of Genocide Scholars, 2008-

References

Professor Christopher R. Browning, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professor Konrad H. Jarausch, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professor Claudia Koonz, Department of History, Duke University

Professor Lloyd S. Kramer, Chair, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Professor Christof Mauch, America Institute, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich