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Curriculum Vitae

Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy
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CURRENT POSITION:

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Department of History & Geography

Assistant Professor, Modern German History, 2004-2014

Associate Professor, Modern German History, 2014-2022

Professor, Modern German History, 2022-

Sagrera Family Memorial/BORSF Endowed Professorship in History, 2020-2023

EDUCATION:

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1992 – 1999

1999: Ph.D., Modern German History

Dissertation Title: “Bismarck’s Shadow: The Iron Chancellor and the Crisis of German Leadership, 1898-1945”

Advisor: Professor Konrad H. Jarausch

1994: MA, Modern German History

Thesis Title: “Under a Shadow of Blood and Iron: The Image of Bismarck in German Political Culture, 1898-1914”

Advisor: Professor Konrad H. Jarausch

Languages: German, Spanish (reading knowledge)

Freie Universität Berlin, 1996-1997

State University of New York at Buffalo, 1988-1992

1992: BA in History. Magna Cum Laude

Northwestern University

2005: Fellow, Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

2010: Fellow, Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty: *The Holocaust in the Soviet Union: New Sources, New Perspective for Use in Teaching*

2016: Fellow, Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty: *After the Holocaust: Teaching the Post-war World*

Holocaust Educational Foundation

2021: Fellow, Holocaust Educational Foundation Regional Institute, Durham, North Carolina: *Post-War Memory, Holocaust Memorialization, and the Implications for the Present*

PUBLICATIONS:

Antisemitism Before the Holocaust: Re-evaluating Antisemitic Exceptionalism in Germany and the United States, 1880-1945. Routledge Studies in Modern Europe Series. New York: Routledge, 2023.

***“The Globalization of Hate: America, Germany, and the Rise of Modern Antisemitism, 1880-1914,” in Zadoff, Noam, Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Mirjam Zadoff, Heike Paul, eds., *Four Years After: Ethnonationalism, Antisemitism, and Racism in Trump's America*. Universitätsverlag Winter, 2020.

***“An Exceptional Hatred? Re-Examining Antisemitism in Germany and the United States in a Time of War and Upheaval, 1914-1923,” *Antisemitism Studies*, vol. 3, nr. 2 (Fall 2019): 191-230.

***“No Jews, Dogs, or Consumptives’: Comparing Anti-Jewish Discrimination in Late-Nineteenth-Century Germany and the United States,” in *Nineteenth Century Antisemitism in International Perspective*. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2019.

***“The Deeper the Roots, the Deadlier the Antisemitism? Comparing Images of Jewish Financial Control in Modern Germany and the United States,” in Jonathan Adams and Cordelia Heß, eds., *The Medieval Roots of Antisemitism: Continuities and Discontinuities From the Middle Ages to the Present Day*. New York: Routledge, 2018.

***“One Crisis Behind? Rethinking Antisemitic Exceptionalism in the United States and Germany,” *American Jewish History* vol. 97, no. 3 (July 2013): 235-258.

***“The Paranoid Style in Antisemitic Journalism: Comparing Coverage of the ‘World Jewish Conspiracy’ in the *Völkischer Beobachter* and the *Dearborn Independent*, 1920-1923,” in Michael Nagel and Moshe Zimmermann, eds., *Judenfeindschaft und Antisemitismus in der deutschen Presse über fünf Jahrhunderte/Five Hundred Years of Jew-Hatred and Anti-Semitism in the German Press*, 2 vols. Bremen: Edition Lumière, 2013.

***“Klansmen in the Fatherland: A Transnational Episode in the History of Weimar Germany's Right-Wing Political Culture,” *Journal for the Study of Radicalism*, vol. 7, no. 1 (2013): 61-78.

“The Dearborn Independent,” “Social Justice,” in Wolfgang Benz, hrsg., *Handbuch des Antisemitismus, Judenfeindschaft in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, Bd. 6 “Zeitungen und Zeitschriften.” Munich: K. G. Saur, 2013.

“Ku Klux Klan,” “Silver Shirts,” “The Christian Front,” “The John Birch Society,” “The Mothers’ Movement” in Wolfgang Benz, hrsg., *Handbuch des Antisemitismus*, Bd. 5 “Organisationen, Institutionen, Bewegungen”. Munich: K. G. Saur, 2012.

“General Order #11,” “The Leo Frank Affair,” “The Rosenberg Trial” in Wolfgang Benz, hrsg., *Handbuch des Antisemitismus*, Bd. 4 “Ereignisse”. Munich: K. G. Saur, 2011.

Bismarck's Shadow: The Cult of Leadership and the Transformation of the German Right, 1898-1945. Oxford: Berg Publishers, 2005.

***“From the Beer Halls to the Halls of Power: The Cult of Bismarck and the Legitimization of a New German Right, 1898-1945,” *German Studies Review* vol. XXVI, no. 3 (October 2003).

***Indicates Peer Reviewed Article

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION:

Current book project: *A World of Hate: Antisemitism in Germany and the United States During the Age of Globalization, 1880-1914*

PUBLIC-FACING SCHOLARSHIP:

States of Exclusion: A New Wave of Fascism. New York: Joost Elffers Books, 2019.

“What Does it Mean to Carry the Swastika Flag?” *History News Network*, August 16, 2017

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/166708>

“To This German Historian, the Implications of Trump’s Pardon of Sheriff Arpaio Are Ominous,” *History News Network*, August 31, 2017 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/166794>

“Another German Lesson We Should Think About in the Wake of Trump’s Attack on DACA,” *History News Network*, September 10, 2017 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/166872>

“Lock Her Up”: So This Wasn’t Just a Rhetorical Flourish?,” *History News Network*, November 14, 2017 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/167473>

“Trump’s Demonization of Muslims Echoes a Dark Chapter in German History,” *History News Network*, November 29, 2017 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/167587>

“Trump’s “Shithole” Comment Is Right Out of the Anti-Semite’s Playbook,” *History News Network*, January 12, 2018 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/167985>

“Donald Trump’s Mocking the Disabled Again,” *History News Network*, May 2, 2018 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/168923>

“What’s Dangerous About Calling Immigrants “Animals,”” *History News Network*, May 29, 2018 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/169151>

“Trump Is Terrorizing Children,” *History News Network*, June 18, 2018 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/169325>

“Donald Trump’s Latest Immigration Outrage,” *History News Network*, September 4, 2018 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/169900>

“Trump’s Not Alone in Damaging Our Democracy,” *History News Network*, October 4, 2018 <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/170152>

BOOK REVIEWS:

Jones, Larry Eugene. *The German Right, 1918-1930: Political Parties, Organized Interests, and Patriotic Associations in the Struggle Against Weimar Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020. *Central European History*, 2022.

Jockusch, Laura. *Collect and Record! Jewish Holocaust Documentation in Early Postwar Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. Reviewed for *German Studies Review*, vol. 38, nr. 1 (2015): 216-217.

Grady, Tim. *The German-Jewish Soldiers of the First World War in History and Memory*. Liverpool: University of Liverpool Press, 2011. In *Special Issue of Seminar: A Journal of Germanic Studies*. 50.1 (February 2014), *Representations of War Experiences from the Eighteenth Century to the Present*. Ed. Stephan Jaeger and Susanne Vees-Gulani, 128-131.

Müller, Frank Lorenz. *Our Fritz: Emperor Frederick III and the Political Culture of Imperial Germany*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011. Reviewed for *American Historical Review*, 117 (2012): 1681-1682.

Baumgarten, Murray, Kenez, Peter, Thompson, Bruce, eds. *Varieties of Antisemitism: History, Ideology, Discourse*. Delaware: University of Delaware Press, 2009. Reviewed for *Journal of Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Vol. 24, no. 3 (2010): 486-488.

Wolfram Pyta. *Hindenburg: Herrschaft zwischen Hohenzollern und Hitler*. Munich: Siedler Verlag, 2007. Reviewed for H-German: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=23665>.

Thomas Rohkrämer. *A Single Communal Faith? The German Right from Conservatism to National Socialism*. New York: Berghahn, 2007. Reviewed for H-German: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=25019>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Panel Commentator: “Reconstructing the Anglo-German Alliance after 1945: Politics, Militarism, and the Legacy of Nazism.” German Studies Association Conference, Houston, Texas, September 15-18, 2022.

“Jews, Germs, and the Infrastructure of Migration: The Relationship Between Antisemitism and Globalization in Germany and the United States, 1880-1914,” presented at the German Studies Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, October 3-6, 2019.

“The Globalization of Hate: America, Germany, and the Rise of Modern Antisemitism, 1880-1914,” presented at the conference, “After the Election: Antisemitism and Racism in the United States,” presented at the Technical University Berlin and Indiana University Gateway Berlin, Germany, June 14-15, 2017.

“The ‘International Jewish Traitor?’ Antisemitism, Globalization, and the Question of National Belonging in Germany and the United States,” presented at the conference, “Contesting Jewish Loyalties: The First World War and Beyond,” at the Jewish Museum, Berlin, Germany, December 15-17, 2016.

“A Transnational Jewish Question: Understanding the Rise of Modern American Antisemitism in the Context of Late-Nineteenth-Century Globalization,” presented at the conference, “Re-Framing American Jewish History and Thought: New Transnational Perspectives,” at the School of Jewish Theology, University of Potsdam, Germany, July 20-22, 2016.

“Jewish Danger and Yellow Peril: Antisemitism and Chinese Exclusion in Germany and the United States in an Age of Globalization,” presented at the conference, “Modern Antisemitism(s) in the European and Colonial Peripheries, 1880s-1945,” at the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Vienna, Austria, November 30 – December 2, 2015.

“‘No Jews, Dogs, or Consumptives’: Comparing Anti-Jewish Discrimination in Late-Nineteenth-Century Germany and the United States,” presented at the conference “Nineteenth-Century Antisemitism in International Perspective,” at the German Historical Institute, Paris, France, October, 2015.

“Jews, Germans, and Bolsheviks: The Politics of American Antisemitism in World War I,” presented at the conference, “Radikalisierung des Antisemitismus während des Ersten Weltkrieges? Antisemitische Akteure und jüdische Kriegserfahrungen im europäischen Vergleich,” at the Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin, March 18-20, 2015.

“The Deeper the Roots, the Deadlier the Antisemitism? Comparing Images of Jewish Financial Control in Modern Germany and the United States,” presented at the conference, “The Medieval Roots of Antisemitism,” at the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History, and Antiquities, Stockholm, Sweden, February 9-11, 2015.

“International Fears of an International Jewish Conspiracy: Antisemitism in Germany and the United States in the Aftermath of the First World War,” presented at German Studies Association Conference, Denver, CO, October 3, 2013.

“The Enemy at Home: Antisemitism, Nationalism, and Anti-Communism in Germany and the United States, 1914-1924,” presented at the international conference, “Anti-Semitism in Central Eastern Europe: Ideas, Politics and Praxis of Jew-Hatred from a Comparative Perspective, ca. 1880-1939,” German Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland, May 17, 2013.

"The Paranoid Style in Antisemitic Journalism: Comparing Coverage of the 'World Jewish Conspiracy' in the *Völkischer Beobachter* and the *Dearborn Independent*, 1920-1923," presented at conference "Five hundred years of Jew-Hatred and Anti-Semitism in the German Press: Manifestations and Reactions," Bremen, Germany, May 2010.

“Combating 'International Jewry': Radical Antisemitic Attacks on the Roosevelt Administration in Germany and the United States, 1933-1945,” German Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, Oct. 2008.

“From Stormtroopers to Klansmen? A Transnational Episode in the History of German Right-Wing Political Culture,” presented at German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2007.

“‘Bismarck come back!’ ‘Bismarck stay home!’: The Role of the Bismarck Image in German Political Culture in the Wake of the First World War, 1918-1923,” presented at American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D. C., January 2004.

“Conspiracies, Cabals, and Catastrophe: Self-Perception of German History and the Paranoid Style of Politics, 1870-1945.” Midwest German Historians' Workshop, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 17-19, 2003.

“Celebrating Bismarck, Opposing the State: Bismarck-Ritual and Populist Rhetoric in German Political Culture, 1890-1933,” with Steven Pfaff (University of Washington, Seattle), presented at the Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, November 15-18, 2001.

“The Charismatic Placeholder in German Political Culture: Otto von Bismarck and the Crisis of German Leadership, 1898-1945,” Social Science History Association Conference, Pittsburgh, Oct. 26-28, 2000.

“Radicalizing Bismarck: The Iron Chancellor as Counter-Revolutionary Icon and the Struggle Against the Weimar Republic,” presented at German Studies Association Conference, Houston, October 5-8, 2000.

“An Unholy Trinity: Nationalism, Anti-Semitism, and Homophobia in the Harden-Moltke Trial of 1907,” European History Section of Southern Historical Association Conference, Birmingham, Nov. 13, 1998.

Panel Discussant: “German National Identity and Nationalism,” at the nineteenth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York City, April 24-26, 2014.

Panel Discussant: “Fascism and Nazism in the Early 20th Century: Diffusion and Resistance,” at the eighteenth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York City, April 19-21, 2013.

Panel Discussant: “German Conceptions of Space in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” at the Seventeenth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), at Columbia University, New York City, April 19-21, 2012.

Panel Chair: “Entangled Histories: German-Yugoslav Relations Before, in, and After World War II,” at the Seventeenth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), at Columbia University, New York City, April 19-21, 2012.

Panel Discussant: “Claiming National Dominance in Central Europe, 1890-1945,” at the Sixteenth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), at Columbia University, New York City, April 14-16, 2011.

Panel Moderator: “Antiziganismus”: Vorurteil und Wahrnehmung rumänischer Roma. Conference organized by the Center for Research on Antisemitism at the Technical University, Berlin. July 10, 2010.

Panel Discussant: “Central European Fascisms: Images, Perceptions, and Internal Dynamics” at the Fourteenth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), at Columbia University, New York City, April 23-25, 2009.

Organized Panel: “Radicalizing the Nation: The Impact of the First World War on German Nationalism and Political Culture” for the American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D. C., January 2004. Panel sponsored by Conference Group on Central European History.

Organized Panel: “In the Name of the Nation: Populism and Political Mobilization in Germany, Great Britain, and the United States in the 19th and 20th Centuries” for the Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, November 15-18, 2001.

Organized Panel: “Nationalists Against the State: The Political Culture of the Radical Right in Weimar Germany” for German Studies Association Conference, Houston, October 5-8, 2000.

INVITED LECTURES AND PUBLIC TALKS:

“Antisemitism in Word and Deed,” keynote lecture for opening of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum traveling exhibit, “Americans and the Holocaust,” at Dupre Library, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, November 10, 2022.

“The Cult of Leadership: From Bismarck to Hitler,” presented at “Churchill in Conflict and Culture: A Symposium,” co-sponsored by the National World War II Museum in New Orleans and the Hilliard Art

Museum in Lafayette, LA; presented at the LITE Center, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, January 17, 2020.

“The Politics of Exclusion: Antisemitism and Fascism in Germany and the United States, Then and Now,” presented at the University of South Alabama, November 19, 2019.

States of Exclusion Book Talk, University of Minnesota, Sponsored by Department of Sociology, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and the American Mosaic Project, October 10, 2019.

“Decisions in Hell: The Question of Flight and Survival During the Holocaust,” at the Illumination Series at SOWELLA Technical Community College, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

“The Holocaust in the East.” Presentation and panel discussion introducing the exhibit, “Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War, and the Holocaust,” at the Paul and Lulu Hilliard Art Museum, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, October 16, 2014.

“Inside Europe’s ‘Heart of Darkness’: World War II and the Holocaust in Eastern Europe,” at Lafayette Public Library, May 4, 2011, as part of their commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day, Memorial Day, and Armed Forces Day.

“Antisemitismus in Deutschland und den USA, 1871-1945: Ein geeigneter Fall zum Vergleich?” Talk delivered as part of Research Colloquium at the Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung (Center for Research on Antisemitism), Technical University, Berlin, July 1, 2009.

“It Couldn’t Happen Here? Comparing Antisemitism in Germany and the United States on the Eve of the Holocaust.” Keynote lecture delivered at the official Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day observance, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, April 22, 2009.

“Anti-Semitism, Nationalism, and Scandal in Modern Germany,” sponsored by the International Affairs Committee of the Anti-Defamation League. Offices of the Anti-Defamation League, Chicago, IL, June 28, 2005.

“Bismarck and the Cult of Leadership.” Frye Art Museum’s “Connections and Context” Series, sponsored by Department of Germanics and the Center for West European Studies, Univ. of Washington. Seattle, Washington, April 21, 2005.

“Bismarck’s Shadow: The Cult of Leadership and the Transformation of the German Right, 1898-1945,” Politics & Society Colloquium of the Center for West European Studies at the University of Washington, May 15, 2002.

“From Exclusion to Violence: The Lessons of Kristallnacht Eighty Years Later,” delivered at Temple Shalom’s commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Lafayette, LA, November 7, 2018.

“The Totalitarian Temptation: What German History Can Teach Us About the Death of Democracy,” delivered as part of the Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy’s Teach-In Series, Dupré Library, February 7, 2017.

“When America Closed the Golden Door: From Chinese Exclusion to the Holocaust,” delivered as part of the Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy’s Teach-In Series, Ernest Gaines Center, February 2, 2017.

“Kristallnacht in Context: International Antisemitism in 1938,” part of “Kristallnacht: 75 Years Later. An Evening of Reflection and Remembrance,” at Temple Shalom, Lafayette, LA, November 8, 2013.

“The Experience of Jews and Germans during the Holocaust,” at Northside High School, January 20, 2010 as part of the school’s week-long observance of the Holocaust and the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

“The Image of Bismarck in German Political Culture,” at Sommerschule, Wust, Germany, July 20, 2009.

“Looking Back on *Kristallnacht* after Seventy Years: Assessing the Antisemitic Potentials of Germany and the United States, 1914-1945,” delivered on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*. Temple Shalom, Lafayette LA. November 7, 2008.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Awarded the Sagrera Family Memorial/BORSF Endowed Professorship in History (2020-2023; 2023-2026) Fellowship, Second Regional Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, Durham, North Carolina, 2020

Awarded the Richard G. Neiheisel Professorship in European History (2017-2020)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette Department of History Guilbeau Summer Research Award, \$2500, May 2017.

Fellowship, 2016, Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty: “After the Holocaust: Teaching the Post-War World,” United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, January 4-8, 2016.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette Department of History Guilbeau Summer Research Award, \$2333, May 2015.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette Research Travel Grant, \$1,000, December 2014.

Nominated by UL Lafayette to Apply for NEH Summer Stipend, 2010, 2012, 2014.

Fellowship, 2010, Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty: “The Holocaust in the Soviet Union: New Sources, New Perspective for Use in Teaching,” United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, January 4-8, 2010.

Peter Hayes Research Fellowship, \$5,000, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Summer 2007.

Summer Research Award, \$4,800, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Summer 2006.

Fellowship, Tenth Annual Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, 2005, Northwestern University.

DAAD Full Year Fellowship, dissertation research in Germany, 1996-97.

DAAD Summer Language Training Fellowship, Goethe Institute, Staufien i. B., Germany, 1994.

Member, Phi Beta Kappa

TEACHING:

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

2004 – 2013 Assistant Professor

2014 – 2021 Associate Professor

2022 – Professor

Western Michigan University

2002 – 2004 Assistant Professor

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

1999 – 2002 Visiting Lecturer

COURSES TAUGHT:

The Holocaust
 Holocaust Memory (Readings Seminar)
 Historian's Craft: Holocaust Memory (Historical Methods)
 Nazi Germany
 The Death of Democracy: Weimar Germany, 1918-1933
 Global Germany, 1900
 Germany, 1871-1945
 Nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe (Seminar)
 Twentieth-Century Germany (Lecture)
 Modern European Readings (Graduate)
 European Supremacy, 1815-1914
 Comparative Genocide (Seminar)
 World Civilizations, II
 Modern Europe: Culture and Society
 The World Since 1945
 History of Western Civilization to 1650
 History of Western Civilization since 1650
 Diversity and Post-1945 World History

DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

UL History Department Graduate Coordinator (2019—)
 COLA Professorship Committee
 UL History Department QEP Planning Committee
 COLA Graduate Faculty Committee
 UL History Department Guilbeau Committee
 UL History Department Library Liason
 UL History Department Undergraduate Coordinator
 UL Academic Delivery Systems Task Force
 UL Parking Appeals Committee
 UL History Department Mission Statement Committee (Chair)
 UL History Department Schedule Committee (Chair)
 UL History Department Outcomes Assessment Committee
 UL History Department Tenure Committee
 UL Graduate Student Research & Project Showcase Judge
 Region VI Social Studies Fair Judge

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Review manuscript proposals for Berg Publishers, Oxford England.
 Review manuscripts for *German Studies Review*.
 Review manuscripts for *German History*.
 Review manuscripts for *Quest: Issues in Contemporary Jewish History*.
 Review manuscript proposals for Bloomsbury Publishing, Bloomsbury History of Modern Germany Series.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

German Studies Association
Central European History Society
Association for the Study of Nationalities
American Historical Association