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Professor of History
Chair of the Department of General Education
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TEACHING

2014- Professor, University of West Georgia, Department of History

2008-2014 Associate Professor, University of West Georgia, Department of History

2003-2008 Assistant Professor, University of West Georgia, Department of History

2002-2003 Postdoctoral Fellow, George Mason University, Department of History and Art History

2001 Instructor, University of Virginia, History Department

Courses Taught at UWG

HIST 1112 World History since 1500
HIST 2302 Methodology
HIST 3500 Junior Historiography Seminar on the Third Reich
HIST 3500 Junior Historiography Seminar on US Foreign Policy since 1898
HIST 4250 The First World War
HIST 4418 Twentieth-Century Europe
HIST 4420 The Holocaust
HIST 4437 France since 1815
HIST 4440 Modern Germany
HIST 4484 Senior Seminar
HIST 4485 The Third Reich
HIST 4485 The Holocaust in Film and Memory
HIST 6684 Historiography
HIST 6686 Readings in Modern German History
HIST 6686 The First World War
HIST 6686 Readings in Modern European Military History
HIST 6686 The History of Genocide
XIDS 2002 What Do You Know about the Boxer Rebellion (team-taught)

Scholarship of Teaching

- Co-facilitator with Veena Paliwal, Christi Fain, and Ann Gaquere-Parker, "Improving Student Success Using Growth Mindset Workshop," Innovations in Pedagogy Conference, May 2019.
- "Placing the Senior Capstone Course within the History Program," *Perspectives on History* (April 2009).

SERVICE

University

- Member of the College Restructuring Committee (2019)
- Member of the ad hoc COAH/COSM Structuring Committee (2019)
- Member of the University Counsel Search Committee (2019, 2008)
- Member of the General Education Assessment Committee (2018-2019)
- Representative for COAH to the Senate Budget Committee (2017-2019)
- Ad-hoc Assessment Rubric Review Committee (2018)
- Academic Assessment Review Committee (2016-2017)
- Disciplinary Appeals Committee Pool (2015)
- Academic Policies Committee (2013-2015)
- Attendance Policy Subcommittee Chair (2013-2014)
- President's Special Commission to Improve Graduation Rates (2010-2011)
- Search Committee for Director of First-Year Programs (2010)
- Institutional Studies and Planning Committee (2005-2008), including work on the strategic plan
- Ad hoc committee on student graduation and retention (summer 2005)
- Ad hoc committee on student government bylaws (2005-2006)
- Advisor to First-Year Students in the College Student Inventory program (2005-2006)

College

- COAH Faculty Advisory Committee (2015-2017)
- Committee drafting COAH Strategic Plan (2014)
- Parliamentarian (2012-2014)
- College of Arts & Humanities Executive Committee (2011)
- Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the Social Sciences (2010)
- College of Arts & Sciences Executive Committee (2007-2009)
- Chair, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures Promotion and Tenure Committee for one candidate's application for promotion to full professor (2008)

History Department

- Chair (July 2018-June 2020)
- Assessment coordinator (2011-2020)
- Chair Review Committee (2017)
- Graduate Committee (2015-2018)
- Public Programming Committee (2013-2016, chair, 2015-2016)
- Search Committee for Islamic Middle East Historian (2015-2016)
- Undergraduate Education Committee (2011-2014, chair 2013-2014)
- Department minute-taker (fall 2013-2015)
- Search Committee for African Historian, chair (2012-2013)
- Promotion and Tenure Committee (2011-13, chair 2011-12)
- Undergraduate Education Coordinator, including serving as department RPG guide (2008-2009)
- Advisor to undergraduate students (2004-2018)

- Scheduling Coordinator (2006-2008)
- Scheduling and Curriculum Committee (2004-2008)
- Awards Committee (2004-2007, chair 2005-2007)
- Budget Oversight Committee (2004-2007, chair 2006-2007)
- Search committee for a U.S. political historian (2004-2005)

Department of General Education

- Chair (July 2020-)

Other Service

- Member of the USG Regents Academic Advisory Council on History (2018-)
- Member of American Historical Association's Committee for the Raymond J. Cunningham Prize for the Best Article by an Undergraduate (2011, 2010)
- Reviewer for Jacob K. Javits Fellowship applications in history (2011, 2010, 2008)
- Pre-publication peer reviewer for Bloomsbury Publishing (2020), the *Journal of the Georgia Association of Historians* (2019), *War in History* (2017), *Central European History* (2016), *Journal of Military History* (2011), Liverpool University Press (2010), *Journal of the Association of the Interdisciplinary Study of the Arts* (2010), Palgrave Macmillan (2009), and *The Western Journal of Black Studies* (2009)
- Reader for Advanced Placement Examination in World History (2013-15, 2017-18)
- Workshop session on teaching the Holocaust for high school world history teachers (2005)
- Served as judge for a high-school and middle-school art competition organized by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust: "What can be learned from the Holocaust?" (2004)

Public Speaking

- "The Meeting of West and East: Peace-making in the Wake of the Boxer Conflict" talk as part of the University of West Georgia Asian Studies talks (2020)
- Speech to Carrollton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the origins of the First World War (2017)
- Speech to Carrollton chapter of the League of Women Voters on Germany ascendant (2011)
- Speech to Carrollton chapter of the League of Women Voters on the history of human rights (2009)
- Guest lecturer on Nazi seizure of power in high school World War II class at Newnan High School (spring 2007)
- Guest lecturer on the Holocaust in high school honors world history classes at Chapel Hill High School in Douglasville (spring and fall 2005)
- Helped to organize a public forum at West Georgia on the legacy of the Holocaust, where I delivered a talk on Nazi racism and African Americans (2005)
- Speech to the Kiwanis on relations between the United States and the European Union (2004)
- Speech to the Carrollton chapter of the League of Women Voters on relations between the United States and the European Union (2004)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Ph.D. University of Virginia, 2002
Dissertation: “Race after the Master Race: Germans and African Americans, 1945-1949”

M.A. University of Virginia, 1998
Thesis: “‘Bad Girls’ and ‘Boys Who Never had it so Good’: Race and Gender in American-Occupied Germany”

J.D. Harvard Law School, 1991

B.A. University of Dallas, 1988

Grants and Honors

- Guest of the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (2017)
- University of West Georgia Faculty Research Grant (2015, 2009, 2004)
- J. David Griffin Award for Superior Teaching, 2005
- University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2001-2002
- Jacob K. Javits Fellow, United States Department of Education, 1997-2001
- German Historical Institute Dissertation Fellowship, 2000
- Graebner Research Travel Grant, History Department, University of Virginia, 1998

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Publications

Book

Recasting Race after World War II: Germans and African Americans in American-Occupied Germany (Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2007).

Refereed Articles/Papers

- “Multinormativity in Western Arguments Regarding Punishment of the Boxers and their Patrons, 1900-1901,” Max Planck Institute for European Legal History Research Paper Series, No. 2018-07 (July 2018), <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3193923>
- “Civilization, Barbarism, and the Ethos of Self-Control among the Perpetrators,” *German Studies Review* 35, no. 1 (2012): 33-54.

Peer-reviewed Articles/Chapters

- “A ‘War for Peace’? German-Speaking Pacifists’ Views on the Boxer Conflict,” (under consideration for inclusion in volume in Palgrave Series in Asian-German Studies, ed. J. M. Cho and L. M. Roberts).
- “The German Military, Violence, and Culture during the Boxer Conflict,” in *Empire, Ideology, Mass Violence: The Long Twentieth Century in Comparative Perspective*, ed. Tobias Hof (Munich: Herbert Utz Verlag, 2016), 21-44.

- “The Emergence and Early Demise of Codified Racial Segregation of Prisoners of War under the Geneva Conventions of 1929 and 1949,” *Journal of the History of International Law* 15 (2013): 53-76.
- “‘Racial’ Mixing of Prisoners of War in the First World War,” in *Other Combatants, Other Fronts: Competing Histories of the First World War*, ed. James E. Kitchen, Alisa Miller, and Laura Rowe, 177-98 (Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2011).

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Occupation of Germany” in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008).
- “African Americans in Germany” in *Germany and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2005).

Reviews

- Review of *Winning the Peace: The British in Occupied Germany, 1945-1948*, by Christopher Knowles, *German History* 35, no. 3 (2017): 474-75.
- Review of *The Good Occupation: American Soldiers and the Hazards of Peace*, by Susan L. Carruthers, *The American Historical Review* 122 (2017): 1245-46.
- Review of *Ordinary Organizations: Why Normal Men Carried Out the Holocaust* by Stefan Kühn, *Journal of Social History* (2017), shx058. doi: 10.1093/jsh/shx058.
- Review of *French Colonial Soldiers in German Captivity during World War II*, by Raffael Scheck, *German History* 34, no. 1 (March 2016): 171-72.
- Review of *Transatlantic Cultural Exchange: African American Women’s Art and Activism in West Germany*, by Katharina Gerund, *The American Historical Review* 119 (2014): 866-67.
- Review of *Image Matters: Archive, Photography, and the African Diaspora in Europe*, by Tina M. Campt, *Central European History* 46 (2013): 659-61.
- Review of *Vorort von New York? Die Amerikaner in Bremerhaven*, by Rüdiger Ritter, *German History* 30 (2012): 485-86.
- Review of *Koloniale Herrschaft und ihre Grenzen. Die Kolonialpolizei in Deutsch-Südwestafrika, 1894-1915*, by Jakob Zollmann, *Central European History* 45 (2012): 145-47.
- Review of *Barbed Wire Diplomacy: Britain, Germany, and the Politics of Prisoners of War, 1939-1945*, by Neville Wylie, *Canadian Journal of History/Annales canadiennes d’histoire* 46 (2011): 401-403.
- Review of *Germany 1945: From War to Peace*, by Richard Bessel, *Journal of Social History* 44, no. 3 (2011): 962-63.
- Review of *Decoding Clausewitz: A New Approach to On War*, by Jon Tetsuro Sumida, H-German, H-Net Reviews, March, 2010.
- Review of *Un-Civilizing Processes? Excess and Transgression in German Society and Culture: Perspectives Debating with Norbert Elias*, edited by Mary Fulbrook, *German Studies Review* 31, no. 3 (2008): 135.
- Review of *Jews, Germans, and Allies: Close Encounters in Occupied Germany*, by Atina Grossmann, H-German, H-Net Reviews, February, 2008.

- Review of *Homecomings: Returning POWs and the Legacies of Defeat in Postwar Germany*, by Frank Biess, *Journal of Social History* 41, no. 2 (2007): 502-03.
- Review of *Civilizing the Enemy: German Reconstruction and the Invention of the West*, by Patrick Thaddeus Jackson, H-German, H-Net Reviews, June, 2007.
- Review of *1945: The War That Never Ended*, by Gregor Dallas, H-German, H-Net Reviews, November, 2006.
- Review of *Life after Death: Approaches to a Cultural and Social History of Europe During the 1940s and 1950s*, edited by Richard Bessel and Dirk Schumann, *Journal of Social History* 38, no. 3 (2005): 768-70.
- Review of *Hitler's Jewish Soldiers: The Untold Story of Nazi Racial Laws and Men of Jewish Descent in the German Military*, by Bryan Mark Rigg, *Canadian Journal of History* 39, no. 3 (December, 2004): 606.
- Review of *German-Speaking Officers in the U.S. Colored Troops, 1863-1867*, by Martin W. Öfele, H-German-American and German-Canadian Studies, H-Net Reviews (December, 2004).
- Review of *GIs and Fräuleins: The German-American Encounter in 1950s West Germany*, by Maria Höhn, *Journal of Social History* 37, no. 3 (2004): 780-82.
- Review of *The Making and Unmaking of Whiteness*, edited by Birgit Brander Rasmussen et al., *The Virginia Quarterly Review: A National Journal of Literature and Discussion* 78, no. 3 (Summer 2002): 95.
- Review of *The Miracle Years: A Cultural History of West Germany, 1949-1968*, edited by Hanna Schissler, *The Virginia Quarterly Review: A National Journal of Literature and Discussion* 77, no. 4 (Autumn 2001): 121.
- Review of *On the Road to the Wolf's Lair: German Resistance to Hitler*, by Theodore S. Hamerow, *The Virginia Quarterly Review: A National Journal of Literature and Discussion* 74, no. 1 (Winter 1998): 8.

Conference Presentations

- “The Past, Present, and Future of the Humanities: A Historian’s Perspective,” 33rd Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities, UWG, October 2018 and May 2019 at Innovations in Pedagogy Conference.
- “Laughing at the Germans: Imperial Anxieties and Aggression at the End of the Nineteenth Century,” Southeast German Studies Workshop, Emory University, February 2018.
- “German-Speaking Pacifists’ Views on the Boxer Conflict,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2017.
- “Multinormativity in Western Arguments Regarding Punishment of the Boxers and their Patrons, 1900-1901,” Jour Fixe, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt a.M., Germany, February 2017.
- “Legitimizing Violence in the Boxer Conflict: Terror, Honor, and Law,” Invited Talk at City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY, November 2016.
- “Germans Traveling to China: Finding the Chinese, Finding the Germans,” Nature, Culture, Commerce Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities, University of West Georgia, September 2016.

- Participant in History/Law/Politics: A Workshop on History and the Politics of International Law, Northwestern University, June 2016.
- Moderator for “Irregular Armed Conflict and the Development of the Law of War, 1863-1977” Panel, AHA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, January 2016.
- Comment on “Soldiers and Civilians: War, Gender, and the Spaces In-Between” Panel, German Studies Association Annual Conference, Crystal City, VA, October 2015.
- “What Was Distinctive about the German Military in the Boxer Conflict?” *Gewaltkulturen von den Kolonialkriegen bis zur Gegenwart*, Potsdam, Germany, June 2015.
- “War and the Making of Modern Germany,” Southeast German Studies Workshop, Davidson College and University of North Carolina Charlotte, March 2014.
- “German Efforts to Expand the Reach of the Law of War in the Boxer Conflict,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, October 2013.
- “*Rechtswissenschaft, Militärwissenschaft*, and German Involvement in the Boxer War,” Southeastern German Studies Workshop, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 2013.
- “Clausewitz and Violence,” Southeastern German Studies Workshop, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 2012.
- “Hurry Up, Please. It’s Time,” Southeastern German Studies Workshop, Georgia State University, March 2011.
- “The Birth of Codified Racial Segregation of Prisoners of War,” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2010.
- “How Barbaric Were the Perpetrators? Killing and the Ethos of Self-Control among the Perpetrators,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland, October 2010.
- “‘Who Are the Huns?’ Germanness, Civilization, and Law in the First World War,” at Southeastern German Studies Workshop, Georgia State University, March 2010.
- “The Birth of Codified Racial Segregation of Prisoners of War,” at Other Combatants, Other Fronts Conference of the International Society for First World War Studies, London, UK, September 2009.
- “How Useful is Ethnicity as a Category of Analysis in German Studies?” at German Studies Workshop, University of South Carolina, March 2009.
- “Nazi Barbarism, Nazi Civilization,” at Southwestern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2008.
- “Problems of Occupation: Anti-racism, Jim Crow, and the Germans,” at German Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, October 2007.
- “Exiled in Germany: African Americans in Wolfgang Koeppen’s *Tauben im Gras* and William Gardner Smith’s *Last of the Conquerors*,” at Crossovers Conference, Münster, Germany, March 2006.
- “Bringing African American Music to the Germans: Black Music and American Diplomacy in Germany, 1945-1949,” at Culture and International Diplomacy III, Frankfurt, Germany, December 2005.

- “Black Music in a White Land: German Reactions to Jazz and Spirituals in the American Occupation Zone,” at European Social Science History Conference, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, March 2004.
- “Black Market Whiteness: Race, Sex, and Survival in the Postwar Rubble,” at American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2004.
- “Black Music in a White Land: The Impact of African-American Music in Germany after 1945,” at “Americanization and Anti-Americanism: The Impact of American Culture on Germany After 1945” conference at Ohio State University, October 2002.
- “Race and Romance: Encounters between African-American Men and German Women, 1945-1949,” at German Historical Institute conference, Washington, DC, September 2002.
- “Exiled in Germany: African Americans in *Tauben im Gras* and *Last of the Conquerors*,” at German Studies Conference at the University of Virginia, March 2002.
- “‘Bad Girls’ and ‘Boys Who Never Had It So Good’: Race and Gender in American-Occupied Germany,” at “Ethnic Encounters and Identities: German, American, and African Perceptions” conference at the University of Leipzig, July 2000.

Work in progress

My research focuses on efforts by Germany and other Western powers to punish and reform China in the wake of the Boxer uprising.

Listed in directories

- *German Studies in North America: A Directory of Scholars*, ed. Keith Alexander and Annemarie Sammartino (Washington: German Historical Institute, 2004).