

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of California, Berkeley, 1991
M.A. History, University of California, Berkeley, 1984
B.A. History (with Honors), University of California, 1982

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of History, Montclair State University, 1992-1997
Associate Professor of History, Montclair State University, 1998-present

HONORS

Fellowship from the Free University of Berlin: Colloquium on the Shoah Foundation video-testimony, July 2010

German Academic Exchange Service: Stipend for Study at Einstein Forum, Berlin, Germany, June-July 2002.

DAAD Research Fellowship, June-August 2000

Research Fellowship from the *Institut für Europäische Geschichte*, Mainz, West Germany, Summer 1993 and 1995

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the Free University of Berlin, 1991-92

Chancellor's Fellowship, University of California, 1991

IREX Fellowship for dissertation research in the German Democratic Republic, 1988-1989

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for dissertation research in the German Democratic Republic, 1988-89

DAAD Fellowship for dissertation research in West Germany, 1987-88

Phi Beta Kappa

BOOKS

Rebirth of a Culture: Jewish Writing and Identity in Austria and Germany, (New York and Oxford, 2008) ed., with Todd and Hillary Herzog

Revolution From the Right: Politics, Class and the Rise of National Socialism in Saxony (New Jersey and Boston, 1997)

ARTICLES

"The Newspaper *Aufbau*, its evolving politics, and the problem of German Jewish Identity, 1939-1955" in *The Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook*, (Oxford University Press) 2013

"The Holocaust Survivor as *Germanist*" in *Rebirth of a Culture: Jewish Writing and Identity in Austria and Germany* (New York and Oxford, 2008: 113-121 eds., Hillary Herzog, Todd Herzog, and Benjamin Lapp

"National Socialism: What Kind of Crisis" in *Culture and Crisis: The Case of Germany and Sweden*. Eds. Lars Tragardh and Nina Witoszek: 110-120 (New York, 2002)

"The Memory of 1923 in German History" in *Democracy, Memory and the Mediated nation*: 322-335 Ed. James Retallack (Ann Arbor, 2001).

"Industrie und Staat Sachsens in der Hyperinflation" in *Unternehmer in Sachsen*: 119-125 Ed. Werner Bramke and Ulrich Hess. (Leipzig, 1998).

"Der Aufstieg der NSDAP in Sachsen, 1918-1933" in *Dresden Unterm Hakenkreuz*: 1-24. Ed. Rainer Pommerin. (Dresden, 1998).

"A 'National' Socialism? The Old Socialist Party of Saxony," *Journal of Contemporary History*: 291-310 (April 1995).

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PAPERS

Invited Talk at the Institute for Jewish Studies at the Free University of Berlin, July 7, 2014.
"A Jewish Communist in the German Democratic Republic: Helmut Eschwege."

"Aufbau and the Politics of German-Jewish Identity" at the conference "Beyond Camps and Forced Labour," Held at the Imperial War Museum, London, January 2012

"The Reception of Anne Frank in Germany, 1957," Invited Lecture: Institute for Jewish Studies, Free University of Berlin (not given)

"Jews, Germans and Memory," Invited Lecture: Jewish Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Cruz, May, 2010

Invited lecture, "The Jews in Germany after the Holocaust," Genocide Studies Seminar at Yale University, April 13, 2006

Commentary on the work of Ben Katchor, College Arts Association panel, "Comic Genius," February 2003, New York

"The German Diaspora" Comment/Paper at the Annual Convention of the American Historical Association, January 1999

"Saxon Industry and the Hyperinflation," given at a conference on Saxon industry at the University of Leipzig, April 23-24, 1998

"Regionalism as anti-Republican Protest" given at the annual conference of the German Studies Association, Chicago, September 21-23, 1995

"National Socialism and the Working Class." Given at the Institute for European History in Mainz, Germany, June 25, 1994

"German Unification and the Balkans." Invited lecture at the Open Society Institute, University of Bucharest, Romania, 1993

"The Social and Political Basis of National Socialism in Saxony." Given at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington DC, December 27-29, 1992.

BOOK REVIEWS

Reparations for Nazi Victims in Post-War Europe, Regula Ludi, to be published in *Social History*, Summer 2014.

The German Jewish Soldiers of the First World War in History and Memory, Tim Grady in

Social History, v. 38, issue 2, Summer, 2013, p. 978.

A European Memory: Contested Histories and Policies of Remembrance, Eds. Malgorzata Pakier and Bo Strath in *Central European History*, vol. 45, March 2010, pp. 176-79.

Jews, Germans and Allies, Close Encounters in Occupied Germany, Atina Grossman in *Central European History*, v. 42, issue 1, March 2009, pp. 180-83.

The German Communist Party in Saxony, 1924-1933, Norman Laporte, *Central European History*, vol 39, vol. 1, March 2006, pp. 146-148

The Social Basis of Nazism, 1919-1933 Detlef Muehlberger in H-Net (December, 2005(1)

Nazism in Central Germany: The Brownshirts in Red Saxony, Claus-Christian Szejnmann, *Central European History*, vol. 35, issue 1, March 2002, pp. 138-140

Alfred von Tirpitz and German Right-Wing Politics, Raffael Scheck in *The American Historical Review*, October 2001, p. 1485-7.

National Identity and Weimar Germany: Upper Silesia and the Eastern Border, 1918-1922, T. Hunt Tooley in *Journal of Modern History*, v. 74, December 2000, 1089-1090.

H-Net, *Reading Berlin, 1900* by Peter Fritzsche (October 1997)

SERVICE

Graduate Student Coordinator, January 2013-Present

Chair of PAC: 2012 - 2013

Departmental PAC: 1997-2003, 2005-2008, 2010

College Curriculum Committee: 1999-2007, 2009

Committee for organizing events around the 70th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, 2013.

Responsible for the organizing of two conferences, the first on Genocide, the second on Mass violence and Memory with Dr. Kate McCaffrey: 2005, 2006

Graduation Speaker committee: 2006

Undergraduate Advisor: 1999-2002

Phi Alpha Theta Advisor: 1992-1996

Summer Chair: 1999

Assessment Committee: 1992-94

Faculty Senate: 1999

Library Committee: 1996-1998

GRANTS

Two successful grant applications for University events:

New Jersey Council for the Humanities (with Steve Shapiro); a Mini-grant to organize events around the Krystallnacht memorials on campus: "Commemorative Program for the 75th Anniversary of the Krystallnacht" (2013)

New Jersey Council for the Humanities, (with Kate McCaffrey): A Mini-grant to organize a symposium, "Confronting the Threat of Genocide." (2005)

TEACHING

History 100: The Study of History

History 105: Emergence of European Civilization

History 106: Contemporary Europe, 1914 to the Present

History 326: Modern German History (new course)

History 400: Senior Seminar

History 426: The Nazi Third Reich

History 427: The Holocaust, 1939-1945 (new course)

History 499: Special Topics: Violence and Memory, Genocide

History 529: Europe of the Dictators

HonP 102: Honors Seminar in Twentieth Century Civilization

HonP 103: Honors Seminar in Contemporary Civilization

GenEd 303: Holocaust: History and Film

LETTERS OF REFERENCE:

Letters of Reference included in application:

- Professor James Retallack, University of Toronto, Canada
- Professor Claus-Christian Szejnmann, University of Longborough, UK
- Professor Dagmar Lorenz, Professor of Germanic Studies and Director of Jewish Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- Professor Murray Baumgarten, Distinguished Professor of Comparative Literature and Director of Jewish Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Professor Simone Laessig, Professor of Modern History at the University of Braunschweig, Federal Republic of Germany, and Director of the George Eckart Institute for International Textbook research