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### Appointment

- Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Utah, July 2015-present

### Education

- Ph.D., European History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2015
  - Dissertation: “Saving Nature in Socialism: East Germany’s Official and Independent Environmentalism, 1968-1990” (Adviser: Konrad H. Jarausch)
- M.A., European History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2011
- B.A., History, German Language & Literature (honors), Grinnell College, May 2008

### International Education

- Visiting Student, Free University of Berlin, 2012-2013
- Visiting Student, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany, 2008-2009
- Visiting Student, Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg and the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES), Freiburg, Germany, Freiburg, Germany, Spring 2007

### Fellowships and Awards

- ACLS Incentive Fellowship, College of Humanities, University of Utah, Fall 2020
- Tanner Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, University of Utah, Spring 2021 [deferred]
- Free University Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, Research Fellowship, 2012-2013
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) graduate scholarship, 2012-2013 [declined]
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program, 2012-2013 [declined]
- Mowry Dissertation Research Fellowship, Department of History, UNC, Summer 2012
- Andrew W. Mellon Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, Council for European Studies at Columbia University, Summer 2011
- Wallace E. Caldwell Graduate Award, Department of History, UNC, Summer 2010
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Jena, Germany, 2008-2009
- Gus and Elsie Kallfass Prize for Excellence in German Studies, Grinnell College, May 2008
- Trustee Honor Fellowship, Grinnell College, 2004-2008

### Grants

- Faculty Development Award, History Department, University of Utah, 2019
- Faculty Research and Creative Grant, University Research Council, University of Utah, 2018
- International Travel Research Grant, College of Humanities, University of Utah, 2017
- International Travel Research Grant, College of Humanities, University of Utah, 2015
- Dissertation Grant, Central European History Society (CEHS), Summer 2014

### Competitive Language Learning Grants

- Academic Year Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Grant, advanced Polish, Center for Eurasian and East European Studies, University of North Carolina, 2011-2012
- Intensive Summer FLAS Grant, continuing Polish, University of Pittsburgh's Summer Language Institute and Prolog Language School, Krakow, Poland, Summer 2011
- Academic Year FLAS Grant, intermediate Polish, Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, University of North Carolina, 2010-2011
- Intensive Summer FLAS Grant, beginning Polish, Indiana University Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European and Central Asian Languages, Summer 2010

### Publications

#### Book Manuscript

- *Saving Nature under Socialism: Transnational Environmentalism in East Germany, 1968-1990* (under contract at Cambridge University Press)

#### Articles

- "Polluted Waters: The Elbe, East German Borders, and Regulating Rivers," *Central European History* Special Issue on "Policing the Borders of the GDR" (in progress, anticipated Spring 2022)
- "Defending God's Creation? The Environment in State, Church and Society in the GDR, 1975-1989," *German History*, Vol. 37(2), June 2019

#### Chapters

- "Social Movements and the End of Communism: East Germany and Environmental Activism," *Social Movements After '68: Germany, Europe and Beyond*, edited by Friederike Brühöfener, Belinda Davis, and Stephen Milder (under consideration at Berghahn Books)
- "Aquatic Conundrums: East German Environmental Protection and Water Shortages, 1963-1989," *Ecologies of Socialisms: Germany, Nature, and the Left in History, Politics, and Culture*, edited by Sabine Moedersheim, Scott Moranda, and Eli Rubin (New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 2019)
- "Protesting Pollution: Environmental Activism in East Germany and Poland, 1980-1990," *Nature's Iron Curtain: Cold War Environmentalism in Capitalist and Communist Countries*, edited by Astrid Mignon Kirchhof and John R. McNeill (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019)

#### Reviews

- Thomas Fleischman, *Communist Pigs: An Animal History of East Germany's Rise and Fall*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2020. *Germany History* (forthcoming Spring 2021).
- Jon Berndt Olsen, *Tailoring Truth: Politicizing the Past and Negotiating Memory in East Germany, 1945-1990*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2015. *Canadian Journal of History* (Fall 2017).
- Quinn Slobodian, editor. *Comrades of Color: East Germany in the Cold War World*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2015. *Journal of Contemporary History* (Spring 2017).
- Christian Petzold, *Barbara* (film, 2012). *Traces: The UNC-Chapel Hill Journal of History* (Winter 2015).

Invited Talks

- “Defending God's Creation: Dictatorship, Nature, and Society in East Germany,” Black Hills State University, Invited Talk, December 6, 2017

Conference Presentations

- “Beyond Umweltschutz: Narrative and Visual Responses to Environmental Threats,” German Studies Association Conference, October 2020
- “East German Water Management Experts in Mongolia, 1960-1980,” German Studies Association Conference, October 2019
- “Toward a Global Perspective in German History,” German Studies Association Conference, Round Table, October 2019
- “‘The Black Triangle’: Environmental Pollution and Frustration in a Central European Borderland,” Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, December 2018
- “Environmental Activism in East Germany: A Local and Transnational Movement under Communism, 1975-1989,” Social Movements after 1968, Rutgers University, November 2018
- “‘God’s Creation’ In and Out of Socialism: Environmentalism, East German Protestant Clergy, and the World Council of Churches, 1975-1985,” German Studies Association Conference, September 2018
- “Interactive Approaches to Teaching 20th-Century German History,” American Historical Association Conference, January 2018
- “Lobbying for Nature: Negotiating East German Environmental Protection from Within,” German Studies Association Conference, October 2017
- “Aquatic Conundrums: The GDR’s Water Woes and Soviet Bloc Cooperation, 1963-1989,” Century of Communism Workshop, Center for Contemporary History, Potsdam, July 2017
- “Chernobyl as a Turning Point in Communist Eastern Europe: Protest and System-Critique in East Germany and Poland,” Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin, Germany, December 2016
- “Environmental Pollution, Cleanup, and the Politics of Transition,” German Studies Association Conference, October 2016
- “TransGerman to TransEuropean: Environmental Protest in the (former) GDR, 1985-1995,” Berlin Program Summer Workshop/Conference at the Free University, June 2016
- “East German Environmentalism in a Transnational Context,” GDR Historiography: What’s Next? Seminar, German Studies Association, October 2015
- “Protesting Pollution: Environmental Activism in East Germany and Poland, 1980-1990,” German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, May 2015
- “Socialist Environmentalism? The Implementation and Failures of Environmental Protection in East Germany, 1968-1982” North Carolina German Studies Seminar, December 2014
- “‘Material and Moral Waste’: Christian Environmental Critique of Pollution in the GDR, 1980-1990,” German Studies Association Conference, September 2014
- “Preservation and Progress: the multiple Faces of East German Environmentalism,” University of North Carolina – King’s College London (UNC-KCL), Transatlantic Connections Workshop, September 2013
- “Fueling the Future? Contending with Pollution in East Germany’s Coal-Mining Region, 1975-1990,” UNC-KCL Transatlantic Connections Workshop, May 2013

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- “Die umstrittene Umweltpolitik: der Kampf um Umweltschutz in der DDR, 1970-1990,“ Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, Free University, Berlin, Germany, April 2013
- “Contending Visions: The Struggle over Environmentalism in East Germany, 1970-1990,“ Berlin-Brandenburg Umweltgeschichte Kolloquium, Berlin, Germany, April 2013
- “Zum Schutz von Gottes Schöpfung: Die Entwicklung des Umweltaktivismus in der DDR, 1980-1990,“ Recent and Contemporary History Colloquium, Free University, Berlin, Germany, November 2012
- “Defending God’s Creation: The Rise of Environmental Activism in the GDR, 1980-1990,“ Recent and Contemporary History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, October 2012
- “Environmental Activism in East Germany: Isolation, Networking, and the Struggle for Resonance, 1980-1989,“ 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Europeanists, March 2012

### Teaching Experience

University of Utah

- Nazi Germany and the Holocaust (Hist 2100)
- World since 1945 (Hist 2200)
- Historian’s Craft (Hist 3100)
- Soviet Union (Hist 3160)
- Modern Germany (Hist 3190)
- Age of Total War (Hist 3210)
- Postwar Europe (Hist 3220)
- Holocaust and Memory (Hist 3910)
- Global Cold War (Hist 4990)
- Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) mentor, Fall 2017
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor (Hist 4999), 2019-2020 (three theses)
- Graduate Directed Reading (Hist 6940), Fall 2018

Graduate Committees

- Elizabeth Seis (MS portfolio), defended Spring 2020

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Instructor, The World Since 1945 (Hist 140), Spring 2015
- Instructor (Carolina Course Online), Europe before 1650 (Hist 151), Summer 2014
- Teaching Assistant
  - Sport and American History (Hist 120), Fall 2014
  - The World since 1945 (Hist 140), Spring 2014
  - Europe in the Twentieth Century (Hist 159), Fall 2013 (nominated for a departmental teaching award)

Coe College

- Logistical Coordinator and Teaching Assistant for a Maymester course on Holocaust Memorialization, Spring 2013

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#### Teaching Awards

- Sigma Chi Fraternity Outstanding Professor Award, University of Utah, Spring 2016

#### Service

##### University of Utah

- Representing the University of Utah at Sun Yat-Sen University, Zhuhai/Guangzhou, China, November 11-17, 2019
- Executive Committee, Department of History, 2019-2020
- U-Remembers the Holocaust Committee, 2015-present
- International Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018-present
- Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History, 2015-2016, 2018-2019
- Teaching Committee, Department of History, 2017-2018
- Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, Department of History, 2017
- Go Learn trip, “Borderlands: Berlin, Prague, Vienna,” June 19-30, 2017
- “Teaching Trauma,” Gateway to Learning Workshop, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, June 2017
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, 2016-2017
- “Teaching the Holocaust,” Gateway to Learning Workshop, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, July 2016
- Library Committee/Department of History Liaison to the Library, 2015-2016

##### Professional Service

- Manuscript Review, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019

##### Public Outreach

- Guest Lecture, “Germany’s Weimar Republic,” OSHER class on “Democracies in Crisis” (Professor Emeritus Bruce Landesman), University of Utah, January 22, 2020
- Public Talk on “The Central Powers in World War I,” Utah State Historical Society’s World War I Commission, April 25, 2019
- Podcast Interview for “Chernobyl: Turning Point or Catalyst,” Euratom “History of Nuclear Energy and Society,” March 2017 (<https://soundcloud.com/honest-podcast/chernobyl-effect>)
- Interview for “A Math Lesson from Hitler’s Germany,” *Undark*, Published: February 1, 2017 (<https://undark.org/article/math-lesson-hitlers-germany/>)
- *Salt Lake Tribune* “TribTalk” Interview, “Utah and the Atomic Bomb,” August 11, 2015

#### Languages

- English: native speaker
- German: fluent in reading, near fluent in speaking and writing
- Polish: proficient in reading, intermediate in speaking and writing