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Academic Appointment

- Associate Chair, Department of History, University of Utah, 2022-present
- Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Utah, 2022-present
- Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Utah, 2015-2022

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

- Faculty Teaching Award for Excellence in General Education, University of Utah, 2022
- Tanner Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, University of Utah, Fall 2021
- ACLS Incentive Fellowship, College of Humanities, University of Utah, Fall 2020
- Free University Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, Research Fellowship, 2012-2013
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) graduate student 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

Grants

- International Travel Research Grant, College of Humanities, University of Utah, 2023
- International Travel Research Grant, College of Humanities, University of Utah, 2022
- 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
- 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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Book

- *Saving Nature under Socialism: Transnational Environmentalism in East Germany, 1968-1990*. New Studies in European History. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Articles

- "Fraught Friendships: East German Experts, Communist Development, and Environment in Cold War Mongolia" (in preparation for submission to the *Journal of Global History*)

- “A River Runs Through It: The Elbe, Socialist Security, and East Germany’s Borders,” *Central European History* 56, No. 2 (June 2023), Special Issue on “The GDR’s Global Borders.”
- “Defending God’s Creation? The Environment in State, Church and Society in the GDR, 1975-1989.” *German History* 37, No. 2 (June 2019): 205-226.

Chapters

- “The Environment,” *Routledge History of Communism*, eds. Melissa Feinberg and Lisa Kirschenbaum (under contract to Routledge, chapter due June 1, 2024).
- “Environmental Subjectivities: Taking on Ecological Concerns in the GDR,” *Socialist Subjectivities: Rethinking East Germany under Honecker*, eds. Scott Harrison, Jeff Hayton, and Katharine White (under contract to University of Michigan Press)
- Co-authored with Thomas Fleischman, “Germany, the Environment, and the End of Communism: A Conversation,” *Reading the New Global Order: Textual Transformations of 1989*. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022.
- “East German Environmental Activism and the West: Connections, Common Ground, and Difference across the Iron Curtain,” *Rethinking Social Movements after 68: Selves and Solidarities in West Germany and Beyond*, edited by Friederike Brühöfener, Belinda Davis, and Stephen Milder. New York: Berghahn Books, 2022.
- “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, 201-226. 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, 151-168. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019.

Fora

- “Dictatorship and Environment: East Germany and the Limits of Change,” Forum on “Democracy and Climate,” *Journal of Modern European History* (August 2022)

Book Reviews

- Małgorzata Fidelis, *Imagining the World from Behind the Iron Curtain: Youth and the Global Sixties in Poland*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. Roundtable Review for H-Net/H-Diplo (Fall 2023)
- Nina Lorkowski, *Warmes Wasser – Weiße Ware: Energiewende im Badezimmer, 1880-1939*. Leiden, The Netherlands: Ferdinand Schoeningh Verlag, 2021. *Central European History* (December 2022)

- Robin Attfield, *Environmental Thought: A Short History*. New York: Polity Press, 2021. *Environmental History* (October 2022).
- Stefan Dorondel and Stelu Șerban, editors. *A New Ecological Order: Development and Transformation of Nature in Eastern Europe*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2022. *H-Net/H-Environment* (September 2022).
- Thomas Fleischman, *Communist Pigs: An Animal History of East Germany's Rise and Fall*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2020. *Germany History* (December 2020)
- 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)

Public-Facing Intellectual Engagement

- “Grenzübergreifende Umweltprobleme in der DDR: Protest und politische Versuche,” *Horch und Guck* (Berlin: Bundesstiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur). Published: October 18, 2023: <http://h-und-g.info/forum/schwerpunkt-3/23-umwelt>
- “Saving Nature under Socialism” Interview for the New Books Network: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/saving-nature-under-socialism>. Published: November 9, 2021
- “Crossing Borders in Cold War Central Europe,” *fifteeneightyfour: Academic Perspectives from Cambridge University Press*: <http://www.cambridgeblog.org/2021/09/crossing-borders-in-cold-war-central-europe/>. Published: September 14, 2021
- “Transformations after the Fall of the Berlin Wall: What happened in East Germany?” *Perspectives: The Official Magazine of the University of Utah College of Humanities*: <https://humanities.utah.edu/perspectives/2020-2021/what-happened-in-east-germany.php>. Published: Fall 2021
- Podcast Interview for “Chernobyl: Turning Point or Catalyst,” EURATOM “History of Nuclear Energy and Society” Project: <https://soundcloud.com/honest-podcast/chernobyl-effect>. Published: March 2017

Invited Talks

- “Saving Nature under Socialism,” American University, April 2, 2024 (virtual – scheduled)
- “Saving Nature Under Socialism: Exploring the Intersections of History and Environmentalism,” Westminster College, November 4, 2021
- “Saving Nature under Socialism,” Invited “Lightning Talk,” German Studies Association Conference, October 1, 2021

- “Saving Nature under Socialism,” University of Wyoming, March 23, 2021 (virtual)
- “Defending God's Creation: Dictatorship, Nature, and Society in East Germany,” Black Hills State University, December 6, 2017

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- “Solidarity and Extraction: East German Mining in Vietnam during the Cold War,” American Society of Environmental Historians, April 2024 (accepted)
- “East Germany, Economic Development Abroad, and the Challenges of Solidarity,” American Historical Association, January 2024
- “East German Mining Abroad as Informal Imperialism,” German Studies Association Conference, October 2023
- “East Germans in Mongolia: Families, Separation, and Assignments Abroad,” German Studies Association Conference, September 2022
- “Solidarity and Socialist Riches: East German Diplomacy, Environment, and Technology, 1949-1989,” Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, February 2022
- “Reflections on Teaching Statements and the Job Market,” Association for Slavic, East European, Eurasian Studies Conference, December 2021
- “Socialist Friendship and Freight Relations: East German Experts in Mongolia, 1955-1989,” German Studies Association Conference, October 2021
- “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
- “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,” 19th 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) (Hist 4950)
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor (Hist 4999), 2019-2020 (three theses)
- Graduate Directed Reading (Hist 6940)
- Graduate Section of Topics in European History (Hist 6900)

Graduate Committees

- Annie Jenson (MA – committee chair)
- Artur Nogueira (MA – committee chair)
- Brian Passantino (PhD dissertation – committee member)
- Christopher Rich (PhD dissertation – committee member)
- Dumitru Toderic (MS portfolio), defended Spring 2022
- Elizabeth Seis (MS portfolio), defended Spring 2020

Coe College

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

Teaching Awards

- Faculty Teaching Award for Excellence in General Education, University of Utah, 2022-2023 (also mentioned above)
- Nominated for the Early Career Teaching Award, University of Utah, 2021
- Nominated for the College of Humanities Ramona Canon Teaching Award, University of Utah, 2018

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

Service

University Service

- Endorsed Scholarship Committee for the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships, 2021-2022
- U-Remembers the Holocaust Committee, 2015-2022
- Go Learn trip, "Borderlands: Berlin, Prague, Vienna," June 19-30, 2017

College Service

- Participation in a Roundtable Discussion of *The Silence of Others* hosted by Dr. Jackie Sheehan, March 2022
- International Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018-2022
- Humanities Radio Podcast, "International Holocaust Remembrance Day," (<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/humanities-radio/international-holocaust-EGHnSJ7UsC/>), January 2022
- Representing the University of Utah at Sun Yat-Sen University, Zhuhai/Guangzhou, China, November 11-17, 2019
- Moderator, Anne and Sandy Dolowitz Lecture in Human Rights, International Studies, University of Utah, April 2018
- "Teaching Trauma," Gateway to Learning Workshop, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, June 2017
- "Teaching the Holocaust," Gateway to Learning Workshop, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, July 2016

Departmental Service

- Associate Chair, 2022-present
- Faculty mentor for History Student Association, Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society), and Honors' Theses, 2021-2022
- Executive Committee, 2019-2020
- Ancient Mediterranean Search Committee, 2019-2020
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2015-2016, 2018-2019
- Teaching Committee, 2017-2018
- Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, 2017
- Ancient Mediterranean Search Committee, 2016-2017
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2016-2017
- Liaison to the Library, 2015-2016

Professional Service

- Manuscript, Proposal, and Grant Reviews
 - *American Historical Review*, 2023
 - German Research Foundation Grant Proposal Review, 2023
 - Routledge Books, 2023
 - Bloomsbury Press, 2022

- *German Studies Review*, 2022
 - University of Pittsburgh Press, 2019
- Coordinator for the Environmental Studies Network of the German Studies Association, 2022-present
- External Review Committee Member for the Department of History, Salt Lake Community College, 2022

Community and Public Engagement

- Lecture on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Oasis House, January 2024
- Lecture at Park Lane Senior Living, “The Two Germanies in the Cold War,” May 2023
- Interview, “Vaccine swastika protest display offensive says U. history professor,” *KSL News Radio*, October 2021 (<https://kslnnewsradio.com/1956863/vaccine-swastika-protest-display-offensive/amp/>)
- Guest Lecture, “Germany’s Weimar Republic,” OSHER class on “Democracies in Crisis” (Professor Emeritus Bruce Landesman), University of Utah, January 22, 2020
- Public Talk, “The Central Powers in World War I,” Utah State Historical Society’s World War I Commission, April 25, 2019
- Interview, “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