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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2017-present Assistant Professor, Department of History
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2016-2017 College Fellow, Department of History
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D. in History (with distinction)
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Dissertation: “Fear of the Family: Migration and Integration
in West Germany, 1955-1998”*
- 2011 M.A. in History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2009 B.A. in History and German Studies with Highest Honors,
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, Oak Leaf Award

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 “The Permanent Refugee Crisis in the Federal Republic, 1949—”
Central European History Volume 52, no. 1 (March 2019): 19-44.
- “ ‘An Invasion of Guest Worker Children’: Welfare Reform and the
Stigmatisation of Family Migration,” *Contemporary European
History* Volume 28, no. 3 (August 2019): 372-389.

Book Manuscript in Preparation

- 2021 *Fear of the Family: Guest Workers and Family Migration in the
Federal Republic of Germany*

Article Manuscripts in Preparation

- 2022 “The ‘Market-Conforming’ Family: Foreign Families, the ‘Grandmother Solution’ and the West German Welfare State” [article under consideration for supplement of *Past and Present*]
- “The Federal Republic at Seventy” [group review of eight new books on the FRG for *German History*, peer-reviewed]
- 2021 “The East German Border in Global Perspective” [editors’ introduction to special issue of *Central European History*]
- “Racial Profiling on the U6: Policing the ‘Berlin Gap’ in the Schönefeld Airport Refugee Crisis” [own contribution to special issue]
- “The Bisexual Politics of German Homosexual Emancipation” [article in preparation]

Public Writing

- 2019 “The Center Falters in Germany,” *Dissent Magazine*, published online, June 3, 2019.
- 2015 “Closeted/OUT in the Quadrangles: A History of LGBTQ Life at the University of Chicago” available at <https://tinyurl.com/LGBTQUChicago>

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Jennifer Miller, *Turkish Guest Workers in Germany: Hidden Lives and Contested Borders, 1960s-1980s* and Sarah Thomsen Vierra, *Turkish Germans in the Federal Republic of Germany: Immigration, Space, and Belonging, 1961-1990*, for *German Studies Review*, *German Studies Review*, October 2019 (42.3): pp. 642-646.
- 2018 Review of Rita Chin, *The Crisis of Multiculturalism in Europe: A History*, *German History*, August 2018 (36.2): pp. 494-496.
- 2017 Review of Cornelia Wilhelm, ed., *Migration, Memory, and Diversity: Germany from 1945 to the Present*, *Europe Now*, October 2017, available at <http://tinyurl.com/Stokes-Wilhelm>
- Review of Mischa Honeck, Martin Klimke and Anne Kuhlmann, eds., *Germany and the Black Diaspora: Points of Contact, 1250-*

1914, *European History Quarterly*, October 2017 (47.4): pp. 747-748.

Review of Bernd Jürgen Warneken, *Fraternité!: Schöne Augenblicke in der europäischen Geschichte*, *German History*, June 2017 (35.2): pp. 322-324.

2014 Review of Günal Incesu, *Ankara—Bonn—Brüssel. Die deutsch-türkischen Beziehungen und die Beitrittsbemühungen der Türkei in die Europäische Gemeinschaft, 1959-1987*, *German History*, December 2014 (32.4): pp. 681-682.

2010 Review of *Madness and Modernity: Mental Illness and the Visual Arts in Vienna in 1900*, eds. Gemma Blackshaw and Leslie Topp, [h-psychiatry](#).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019-2020 Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern University

2015 Central European History Society Travel Grant
Von Holst Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago

2013-2014 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation German Chancellor Fellowship, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Berlin Program Fellowship (declined)

DAAD Graduate Research Fellowship (declined)

2012 German Historical Institute Archival Summer School
Council on European Studies Pre-Dissertation Fellowship

2011-2015 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship

2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Boğazici University, Istanbul, Turkey

2009-2010 Fulbright Fellowship, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

2009 Critical Language Scholarship Program, Izmir, Turkey

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 “Nobody Intends to Construct a *Gegenmauer*: Policing the ‘Berlin Gap’ in the Schönefeld Airport Refugee Crisis,” invited lecture at Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Postdam, Germany, February 13.
- 2019 “Berlin Wall or Berlin Gap? Policing the Border During the Refugee Crisis of the 1980s,” invited lecture at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, November 12.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “The Spanish Grandmother and the Welfare State: Family Reunion in West Germany,” accepted at International Conference of Europeanists, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 22.
- “The ‘African-American Analogy’ and the Racialization of the Guest Worker,” accepted at German Historical Institute Conference on Migration and Racism in the US and Germany in the 20th Century, Washington, DC, April 23.
- 2019 “Justifying Family Separation in 1970s West Germany,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 22.
- “Jet Age Asylum, or Sovereignty at the Schönefeld Airport,” German Historical Institute Conference on The Politics of Sovereignty and Globalism in Modern Germany, Washington, DC, March 23.
- “Patriotic Bisexuality and the Disloyal Homosexual Subject in Weimar Germany,” American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 4.
- 2018 “Racial Profiling on the U6: The ‘Berlin Gap’ and the Schönefeld Airport Refugee Crisis,” German Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA, September 29.
- “Crossing Borders,” Council for European Studies Semi-Plenary Roundtable, Chicago, IL, March 29.
- 2017 “Adult until Proven Innocent? ‘Suspiciously Young Turks,’ Age Verification, and Child Migration in West Germany,” American Historical Association, Denver, CO, January 7.
- 2016 “Spending Like a Refugee: Asylum and Political Economy in 1980s West

Germany,” International Conference of Europeanists, Philadelphia, PA, April 15.

“Democracy, Inclusion, and Europe: 1965 and after,” Central European History Society President’s Panel at American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, January 8.

“Can the Family Member Integrate? Family Migration and European Identity in West Germany, 1973-1990,” American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, January 10.

2015 “ ‘Artists of Adaptation’: Situating Immutable Difference in Child Development in 1980s West Germany,” German Studies Association, Washington, DC, October 2.

“ ‘Illiterate in Two Languages’: Child Welfare and Child Migration in 1980s West Germany,” presented at German Historical Institute Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, Berlin, Germany, May 30.

2014 “ ‘Is My Family a German Family?’ Binational Couples and Changing Female Citizenship in 1970s West Germany,” presented at German Studies Association, Kansas City, MO, September 19.

“Queer Histories of Swarthmore: A Panel Discussion,” Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, April 18.

“Reaching the *Toleranzgrenze*? Race and the Spatial Imagination in 1970s West Germany,” presented at Labor and Race in Modern German History, Birkbeck, University of London, London, UK, March 29.

“Reaching the *Toleranzgrenze*? Race and City Planning in 1970s West Germany,” presented at International Conference of Europeanists, Washington, DC, March 16.

2012 “Schizophrenic Scribblings as the Über-Kunst: Hans Prinzhorn and the Secret to Human Creativity,” presented at Ohio State University Germanic Graduate Conference, Columbus, OH, February 17.

2011 “The National Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted under National Socialism and the Fragility of a Queer Genealogy,” presented at University of Illinois Graduate Symposium on Women’s and Gender History, Urbana-Champaign, IL, March 3.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Avatars in the Classroom,” presented at In and Out of the Classroom: Innovations in Teaching in German History and Culture, German Studies Association, Portland, OR, October 6.
- “Racial Profiling on the U6: The ‘Berlin Gap’ and the Schönefeld Airport Refugee Crisis,” presented at New Transnational and Global Approaches to the GDR Border, University of Erfurt, Germany, July 11.
- 2017 “Towards a Genealogy of the ‘Economic Migrant,’” presented at The Demos and the Market: Economic Populism and Popular Economism as Past and Future Seminar, German Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, October 7.
- 2016 “The Ottoman-German Alliance: Shifting Actors and Shifting Temporal Frames,” presented at Midwest German History Workshop, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, October 29.
- “Who is the ‘Economic Migrant’? Race and Mobility in the Federal Republic,” presented at New Narratives for the History of the Federal Republic Seminar, German Studies Association, San Diego, CA, September 30.
- 2015 “‘Illiterate in Two Languages: New Restrictions on Child Migration in the 1980s,’” presented at Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 15.
- “An Existential No-Man’s Land”: Denying Work Permits to Family Members and Redefining Integration,” presented at Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February 24.
- 2014 “When Is a Family a ‘Real Family’? Reproductive Labor and Migration Policy in Post-War Germany,” presented at Midwest German History Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, October 11.
- 2013 “Families in Flux: Foreign and Binational Families in West German Migration Policy,” presented at Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 15.
- 2011 “Charlotte von Mahlsdorf and the Homosexual *Wende*,” presented at Nanterre/UChicago Partner University Fund Seminar, Chicago, IL, June 2.

CHAIR/COMMENT

- 2019 Comment for “Teaching Matters: Reconfiguring Courses and Classrooms,” German Studies Association, Portland, OR, October 5.
- Comment for “Radical Futures,” Back to the Future: Visions of Tomorrow in History at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, May 5.
- Comment for “Expressions,” Walls and Bridges: Migration and Its Histories at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April 12.
- Comment for “Strangers in a Strange Land: Migration, Education, and Tradition in Germany and Britain since World War II,” American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 4.
- 2018 Comment for “National Ideology Through Childhood,” Writing History Through Children at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, October 5.
- Comment for “Sexualities in Postwar Germany,” German Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA, September 30.
- Chair and Comment for “Interactive Approaches to Teaching 20th-Century German History,” American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 4.
- Chair and Comment for “Teaching Race as an Integral Part of European History,” American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 7.
- 2017 Comment on “Refuge, Sexuality, Shopping, or Redemption in the Aegean: on crosslocations in Lesbos, Greece,” by Sarah Green, University of Helsinki, at Mobilizing Gender: Secularism, Nation, and Remaking Europe, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 31.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “How Did They Get There? The Rise of Homosexual Persecution in Nazi Germany,” invited speaker for a fundraiser for the Midwest Regional Office of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Chicago, IL, November 30.
- “Sanctuary Evanston: Refugees in *The Daily Northwestern*, from the 1930s to Now,” presented at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, January 30.

TEACHING

Northwestern University

Global Migration (graduate seminar)

Graduate independent studies: “Modern Europe,” “Humanitarianism and Refugee History,” “Global Governance,” “Labor Migration,” “Migration in Modern Europe”

A Global History of Refugees (undergraduate lecture)

Germany Since 1945 (undergraduate lecture)

Weimar and Nazi Germany (undergraduate lecture)

Transgender History (undergraduate seminar)

Unsettled Europe: Migration and the Making of Modern Europe (undergraduate seminar)

Comparative Fascism (undergraduate seminar)

History of Surveillance (undergraduate seminar)

Advisor for Undergraduate Senior Theses, History (2018-2019: 2 students, 2017-2018: 2 students, including Research Expo Poster winner)

Advisor for Undergraduate Senior Theses, German (2018-2019, 1 student, 2017-2018: 1 student)

University of Chicago

A Global History of Sexualities (undergraduate lecture)

A History of Neoliberalism, 1927-present (undergraduate seminar)

Sexuality and the Production of History (undergraduate seminar)

SERVICE

2018-present Peer reviewer for Yale University Press, Oxford University Press, and Polity Press

2018-present Holocaust Educational Foundation Advisory Board

2018-2019 Coordinator of Faculty Works-In-Progress Workshop, History Department

2018-present Faculty Coordinator for Dissertation Writers’ Workshop in European History, History Department

2018-2019 Gender-Queer, Non-Binary, and Transgender Task Force, Northwestern University

2018-2019 Search Committee, Theodore Zev and Alice R. Weiss—Holocaust Education Foundation Chair

2017-2018 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, History Department

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2017 Hewlett Curricular Fellow for “A Global History of Refugees,” Northwestern University

2016 Presenter and Workshop Leader, “Teaching Primary Sources,” January 29 and February 5, 2016, Chicago, IL

2014-2015 University of Chicago History Department Pedagogy Certificate

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012-2015 Curator and Co-Director, “Closeted/Out in the Quadrangles: A History of LGBTQ Life at the University of Chicago,” Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

I co-directed a project that collected 100 oral histories from LGBTQ alumni, faculty and staff and curated a Spring 2015 exhibit at the Special Collections Research Center of the University. I also coordinated new donations of material to Special Collections, and hired, trained, and directed the work of eight undergraduate project assistants.

LANGUAGES

German Advanced proficiency, including Kurrentschrift

Turkish Working proficiency

Spanish
Esperanto

French Reading knowledge [high pass on each reading exam]

Italian
Portuguese

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Committee on LGBT History
Central European History Society
German Studies Association