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Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 2005-present.
Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, 2013-2016.
Inaugural Director, Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, 2013-2016.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 1999-2005.

Education

Harvard University, Ph.D. in History, 1999.Harvard University, Master of Arts in History, 1993.Columbia University, Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1991.

Books and Current Manuscript Projects

- *The Ghetto without Walls: The Holocaust in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.* In progress.
- Intermarriage from Central Europe to Central Asia: Mixed Families in the Age of Extremes. Coedited and introduced with Adrienne Edgar. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2020.
- National Cleansing: Retribution against Nazi Collaborators in Postwar Czechoslovakia. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005. Translated and published in Czech as: Národní očista: Retribuce v poválečném Československu. Prague: Academia, 2010.

Articles and Book Chapters

- "Züruck ins Ghetto (und Dorf): Ausweisung und Umsiedlung der jüdischen Bevölkerung im nationalsozialistischen Protektorat Böhmen und Mähren" [Back to the Ghetto (and Village): The Eviction and Resettlement of Jews in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moraviva] in *Delogiert und ghettoisiert: Jüdinnen und Juden vor der Deportation (Jahrbuch des DÖW 2022)*, eds. Christine Schindler und Wolgang Schellenbacher (Vienna: DÖW, 2022), 21-38.
- "Retribuce stíhání válečných zločinů a kolaborace v poválečné Evropě" [Retribution: The Punishment of War Criminals and Collaboration in Postwar Europe] in Spravedlnost, nebo pomsta? Potrestání válečných zločinců, kolaborantů a zrádců po 2. světové válce v Československu, eds. Jaroslav Pažout and Kateřina Portmann (Prague/Liberec: Ústav pro studium totalitních režimů - Technická univerzita v Liberci, 2022), 14-28.
- "The Holocaust in Bohemia and Moravia," in *Prague and Beyond: The History of the Jews in the Bohemian Lands*, eds. Kateřina Čapková and Hillel Kieval (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021), 196-234. Published also in German (2020) and Czech (2022).
- "Privileged Victims: Intermarriage between Jews, Czechs and Germans in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," in *Intermarriage from Central Europe to Central Asia: Mixed Families in the Age of Extremes*, ed. by Adrienne Edgar and Benjamin Frommer (Lincoln: Nebraska University Press, 2020), 47-82.
- "Introduction" (co-authored with Adrienne Edgar), *Intermarriage from Central Europe to Central Asia: Mixed Families in the Age of Extremes*, ed. by Adrienne Edgar and Benjamin Frommer (Lincoln: Nebraska University Press, 2020), 1-22.

- "Honorary Czechs and Germans: Petitions for Aryan Status in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," in *Petitions Resisting Persecution: Negotiating Self-Determination and Survival of European Jews*, ed. by Wolf Gruner and Thomas Pegelow Kaplan (New York: Berghahn Books, 2020), 72-91.
- "The Saved and the Betrayed: Hidden Jews in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," Unlikely Heroes: The Place of Holocaust Rescuers in Research and Teaching, ed. by Ari Kohen and Gerald J. Steinacher (Lincoln, NE: Nebraska University Press, 2019), 37-56.
- "Afterword." Ladislav Grosman, *The Shop on Main Street*, trans. Iris Urwin Lewitová (Prague: Karolinum Press, 2019), 117-125.
- "Verfolgung durch die Presse: Wie Prager Büroberater und die tschechische Polizei die Juden des Protektorats Böhmen und Mähren isolieren halfen" [Persecution through the Press: How Prague Bureaucrats and the Czech Police Helped to Isolate the Jews of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.] Leben und Sterben im Schatten der Deportation: Der Alltag der jüdischen Bevölkerung im Großdeutschen Reich 1941-1945, ed. by Doris Bergen, Andrea Löw and Anna Hájková (Oldenbourg: München, 2013), 137-150.
- "The Holocaust in Occupied Poland, Then and Now." *East European Politics and Societies* 25:3 (Summer 2011), 575-580. Reprinted in: Jan T. Gross, ed., *The Holocaust in Occupied Poland: New Findings and New Interpretations*, Warsaw Studies in Jewish History and Memory, vol. 1 (New York: Peter Lang, 2012).
- "Denouncers and Fraternizers: Gender, Collaboration, and Retribution in Bohemia and Moravia during the Second World War and After." *Gender and War in 20th-Century Eastern Europe*, ed. by M. Bucur and N. Wingfield (Bloomington: Indiana UP, 2006), 111-132.
- "Getting the Small Decree: Czech National Honor in the Aftermath of the Nazi Occupation." *Constructing Nationalities in East Central Europe*, ed. by Pieter M. Judson and Marsha L. Rozenblit (New York: Berghahn Books, 2004), 267-282.
- "Retribution as Legitimation: The Uses of Political Justice in Postwar Czechoslovakia," *Contemporary European History* 13:4 (2004), 477-492.
- "To Prosecute or to Expel? Czechoslovak Retribution and the 'Transfer' of the Sudeten Germans," in Philip Ther and Ana Siljak, eds., *Redrawing Nations: Ethnic Cleansing in East-Central Europe, 1944-1948* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001), 221-240.
- "Expulsion or Integration: Unmixing Interethnic Marriage in Postwar Czechoslovakia." *East European Politics and Societies* 14:2 (Spring 2000), 381-410.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Nicholas D. Chabraja Center for Historical Studies Course Development Fellowship	2022
Visiting Fellow, Masaryk Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences	2017
W Award (Weinberg College Research Innovation Grant)	2016-2017
Charles Deering McCormick Professorship of Teaching Excellence	2013-2016
Visiting Fellow, Masaryk Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences	2013
Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Fellowship	2012-2013
Wayne V. Jones Research Professorship in History	2010-2012
Fulbright Senior Research Scholar to the Czech Republic	2009-2010
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award	2007
Visiting Fellow, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna	2004-2005
International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) research fellowship	2003
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Postdoctoral Fellowship	2002-2003

Invited Lectures (selected)

- "Holocaust and Genocide Denial" and "International War Crimes Prosecution," Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies, Mendel University, Brno, Czech Republic (3-13, Dec. 2022).
- "Solving the Housing Crisis: The Eviction and Resettlement of Jews in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," Centre français de recherché en sciences sociales (CEFRES) and the Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague (28 November 2017). Variations on this paper delivered at the annual convention of the Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies in Chicago (11 Nov. 2017), the Terezin Initiative Institute (13 Dec. 2017), Northwestern Hillel (11 May 2018), and Vanderbilt University (11 April 2019), and as the keynote for the conference, "Persecution at Home: Eviction and Resettlement of Jews within the City Space, 1938-1942," hosted by the Dokumentationsarchiv des österreichischen Widerstandes, Vienna, Austria (21 September 2020).
- "The Pursuit of Justice in Postwar Communist Europe: Czechoslovakia," STAJE Seminar, The Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York City (8 December 2019).
- "Retribuce Stíhání válečných zločinců a kolaborace v poválečné Evropě" [Retribution: Punishing War Criminals and Collaboration in Postwar Europe], Technical University, Liberec, Czech Republic (19 August 2019).
- "From Assimilation to Elimination: The Exclusion of Jews from Czech Society in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (27 March 2017).
- "Why There Were So Few Rescuers in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (6 March 2017).
- "Privileged' Victims: Intermarried Families in Nazi Central Europe," The Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Worcester, MA (21 March 2016).
- "The Last Jews: Intermarried Families in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis-St. Paul (16 September 2015).
- "Unmixing Marriage: Czech-German and Jewish-Gentile Intermarried Families in Bohemia and Moravia, 1938-1945," University of Nebraska (13 March 2014).
- "Persecution in the Name of Protection: How Czech Fascists, Prague Bureaucrats and Local Police Helped Build the Nazi Ghetto without Walls," University of Texas-Austin (20 February 2014).
- "The Ghetto without Walls: The Identification, Isolation, and Deportation of Bohemian and Moravian Jewry, 1938-1948," The Society for the History of the Czechoslovak Jews, New York (11 April 2013).
- "Československo 1945-1948 z pohledu zahraniční historiografie" (Czechoslovakia, 1945-1948 from the Perspective of Foreign Historiography), Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague (28 March 2013).
- "Šestkrát smíšené: Česko-německo-židovské manželství v době nacistické okupace a poté" (Six Times Mixed: Czech-German-Jewish Marriage during the Nazi Occupation and After), Moravian Provincial Library, Brno, Czech Republic (26 March 2013).
- "Poválečná česká retribuce ve stínu celoevropského zúčtování s nacisty a domácimi kolaboranti" (Postwar Czech Retribution in the Shadow of the Reckoning with Nazis and Domestic Collaborators throughout Europe), Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic (25 March 2013).

Conference and Panel Organization

- Co-Organizer/Covener, "Internarriage during the Holocaust," International Research Workshop, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 9-18 August 2023.
- Co-Organizer of "New Research in Holocaust Studies" workshop, Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 29-30 October 2021.
- Co-organized roundtable, "Interpreting Intermarriage: Interethnic families in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe and Eurasia," Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, DC, 19 November 2016.
- Organizer of the 14th biannual *Lessons and Legacies of the Holocaust Conference*. Run by the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University in partnership with Claremont McKenna University, Claremont, California, 3-6 November 2016.
- Director of the 21st annual Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization. Run by the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 19 June 1 July 2016.
- Director of the 20th annual Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization. Run by the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 21 June 2 July 2015.
- Director of the 13th biannual Lessons and Legacies of the Holocaust Conference. Run by the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University in partnership with Florida Atlantic University, Boca, Raton, Florida, 30 October 2 November, 2014.
- Director of the 19th annual Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization. Run by the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 22 June 3 July 2014.
- Organizer of "The Limits of Ethnic Intermixing in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union," Panel, Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, DC, 19 November 2011.
- Primary organizer and director of the Ninth Annual Czech Cultural Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston and Chicago, Illinois, 25-27 April 2008.
- Organizer of "War Crimes Trials as Sources for Writing History," Roundtable, American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., 9 January 2004.
- Co-organizer of "Compensating for History? Restitution and Retribution for World War Two Crimes" Symposium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 19-20 May 2000.

Paper Presentations

- "Jewish Tables and Hours: The Exclusion of 'non-Aryans' from Social and Economic Life in the Nazi Protectorate," Lessons and Legacies of the Holocaust conference, Ottawa, 14 Nov. 2022.
- "Prague and Beyond: Jews in the Bohemian Lands," Author roundtable, Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Chicago, 11 Nov 2022.
- "In Search of New Narratives," Roundtable at "DB70: A Conference in Honor of David Blackbourn," Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee (9 November 2019).
- "The Myth of Solidarity: The Czechs and the Holocaust," Theresienstadt Initiative Institute, Prague, 10 Sept. 2019.
- "The Terezín Project Album and Refugee Data," Exploring Refugee Data Workshop, Eur Holocaust Research Infrastructure and the Masaryk Institute, Prague, 12 Nov. 2018.
- "The Ghetto without Walls: Prague Jews and Their Neighbors under Nazi Occupation," European Capitals under German Occupation workshop, the Munk Center, U. of Toronto, 20 Sept. 2018.

- "Intermarriage in a Decade of Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing, 1938-1948," Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, DC, 19 Nov. 2016.
- "The Last Jews: Intermarried Families in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," German Studies Association (GSA) annual convention, Denver (5 October 2013).
- "How Postwar Czech Courts Exposed and Exonerated Perpetrators of Crimes against Bohemian and Moravian Jews," Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, New Orleans, 15 November 2012.
- "The Jewish Department of the Prague Police: What its Czech Directors Did During the War, and How They Escaped Justice Afterwards," Lessons and Legacies of the Holocaust, Evanston, IL, 2 Nov. 2012.
- "Jews Not Allowed': The Aryanization of Public Spaces in Bohemia and Moravia, 1939-1941," Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Vienna, Austria, 19 June 2012.
- "The Last Jews: Intermarried Families in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia," Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, DC, 19 November 2011.
- "How Czech Fascists, Prague Bureaucrats and Local Police Helped Build the Nazi 'Ghetto without Walls," presented at Princeton University (30 October 2010) and at the University of Toronto in Berlin, Germany, 20 November 2010.
- "Historians Twenty Years after the Fall: The Czech Case in Comparative Perspective," Stanford University, 17 September 2010.
- "The Not-So-Strange Case of Milan Kundera," Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria, 26 September 2009.
- "Victims are Perpetrators: Wartime Violence, Postwar Revenge, and their Interwoven Legacy in Central Europe," Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 18 April 2009
- "Czechoslovak Justice (and Injustice) before, during, and after February 1948," The Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University, Washington, DC, 24 October 2008.
- "Narratives of Sudeten German Suffering: The Czechs' Special Role," Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 13 October 2007.
- "The Postwar European Reckoning: A Comparative Approach to the Punishment of War Criminals and Collaborators." American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Washington, DC, November 17, 2006.
- "In the Shadow of the Iron Curtain: The Czech/Slovak German/Austrian Borderlands from the Second World War to the European Union (1945-2004)," World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), Frankfurt-an-der-Oder, Germany, 29 July 2005.
- "One Country, Two Reckonings: Slovak and Czech Retribution against Nazi Collaborators," Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria, 12 April 2005.
- "War Crimes Trials as Sources for Writing History: Czechoslovakia," American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., 9 January 2004.
- "Prague People's Court 1947: Two Women and a Nation's Past," American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention (AAASS) National Convention, Toronto, Canada, 20 November 2003.
- "Retribution as Justification: Legitimizing the 'Transfer' and the Regime in Postwar Czechoslovakia." European Science Foundation Workshop, "Moments of Transition," Ghent, Belgium, 15 September 2002.

Book Reviews

- Deák, István. Kollaboration, Widerstand und Vergeltung im Europa des Zweiten Weltkrieges, trans. Andreas Schmidt-Schweizer. Wien/Köln: Bohlau Verlag, 2017. Střed/Centre 2020/1.
- Veselská, Magda. Archa pamětí: Cesta pražského židovského muzea pohnutým 20. stoletím. Prague: Academia/ŽMP, 2012. Judaica Bohemiae 48:2 (2013), 149-52.
- Spurný, Matěj. *Nejsou jako my: Česká společnost a menšiny v pohraničí (1945-1960).* Prague: Antikomplex, 2011. *Střed/Centre* 2013/1.
- Smetana, Vít. In the Shadow of Munich: British Policy towards Czechoslovakia from the Endorsement to the Renunciation of the Munich Agreement (1938-1942). Prague: Karolinum, 2008. Journal of World History 22:3 (Sept. 2011), 647-650.
- Cornwall, Mark and R. J. W. Evans, eds. *Czechoslovakia in a Nationalist and Fascist Europe, 1918-*1948. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. *The English Historical Review* 124:507, 496-99.
- Curp. T. David. A Clean Sweep? The Politics of Ethnic Cleansing in Western Poland, 1945-1960. Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2006. The American Historical Review (December 2008), 1624-25.
- Haar, Ingo and Michael Fahlbusch, eds., *German Scholars and Ethnic Cleansing*, 1920-1945 (Oxford and New York: Berghahn Books, 2005), *Central European History* 41:4 (Dec. 2008), 710-12.
- Rothkirchen, Livia. *The Jews of Bohemia and Moravia: Facing the Holocaust*. Lincoln, NE and Jerusalem: University of Nebraska Press and Yad Vashem, 2005. *Association of Jewish Studies Review* (2008), 209-11.
- Blaive, Muriel. Une déstalinisation manquée: Tchécoslovaquie 1956. Brussels: Éditions Complexe, 2005. The American Historical Review 111:4 (Oct. 2006), 1276.
- Calhoun, Noel. *Dilemmas of Justice in Eastern Europe's Democratic Transitions*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004. *IWM Post* 87, winter 2005.
- Naimark, Norman M. *Fires of Hatred: Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth-Century Europe*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2001. *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*.
- Jiřík, Václav. Nedaleko od Norimberku: Z dějin Mimořádného lidového soudu v Chebu v letech 1946 až 1948. Cheb: Svět křídel, 2000. Bohemia 44/1 (2003), 266-68.
- MacDonald, Callum and Jan Kaplan. Prague in the Shadow of the Swastika: A History of the German Occupation, 1939-1945. Vienna: WUV Universitätsverlag, 2001. HABSBURG Net (H-Net) Reviews 2002/26 (18 December 2002).

University Service (selected)

- Member, steering committee of The Crown Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP)
- Affiliate of: Northwestern University German and Slavic Departments
- Director, Jewish Studies Graduate Cluster, 2022-2023.
- Inaugural Director, Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, 2013-2016.
- Director of European Studies Major, 2006-2009.
- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 2005-2008.
- Chair, Search Committees for: History of Russia/Soviet Union (2021-22), History of the Holocaust (2018-19), German History (2015-16), and Ottoman/Turkish History (2008). Member of Search Committees for West African History and "US and the World."
- Presidential Fellows of The Graduate School selection committee (2019, 2020).
- Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award Committee (2012, 2014).
- The Graduate School of Northwestern Research Grants Committee (2010-2012).
- Co-Director, Central and Southeastern Europe Study Group (2005-2012).
- Humanities Council, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities (2008-2010).

Program Review Committee for the Block Museum (2006-2007).

Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching

Global History of Prisons and Camps Culture and History of Eastern Europe East-Central Europe under Communist Rule and Beyond, 1945 to the Present Europe since 1945 Historiography of Communist East Europe (graduate) Historiography of the Habsburg Monarchy (graduate) History of the Holocaust Holocaust Testimonies Justice for the Holocaust? Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals Modern Europe since 1750 Nations and Nationalism (graduate) Retribution against War Criminals and Collaborators in 20th-Century Europe Second World War in Europe Testimony and Justice (Kaplan Humanities Scholars Program) Totalitarianism

Foreign Languages

Czech, French, German, and Slovak