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### **Peer-Reviewed Monographs:**

- Three Cities after Hitler: Redemptive Reconstruction across Cold War Borders* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2021).
- Bowling for Communism: Urban Ingenuity at the End of East Germany* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2020). Honorable Mention, inaugural GSA Barclay Prize, 2021.
- Demolition on Karl Marx Square: Cultural Barbarism and the People's State in 1968* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).
- The Lost German East: Forced Migration and the Politics of Memory, 1945-1970* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012). Paperback Edition, 2014.
- Co-Editor and Contributor: "The Voice of the Lost German East: Heimat Bells as Soundscapes of Memory," in *Cultural Landscapes: Transatlantische Perspektiven auf Wirkungen und Auswirkungen deutscher Kultur und Geschichte im östlichen Europa*, ed. Andrew Demshuk and Tobias Weger (Munich: Oldenbourg Wissenschaftsverlag, 2015).

### **Current Book-Length Projects:**

- "Cold War Coal Pits: Crafting Ecology in East and West Germany"
- "The Filthiest Village in Europe: Grassroots Ecology and the Collapse of East Germany"
- "The Suffocating City: East Germany's Mooncape Metropolis from Pollution to Revolution"
- "Alien Homeland: Human Encounters after Forced Migration on a German-Polish Borderland, 1970-2000"

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

- "Forced Migration and Displacement in Postwar East Central Europe," in *International Law and History: Eastern Europe in a Global Perspective. A Handbook*, ed. Isabella Löhr, Dietmar Müller, Ned Richardson-Little, and Stefan Troebst (forthcoming 2025).
- "Cultural Landscapes out of Lignite Moonscapes: Dreams and Realities in Leipzig's Coalfields before 1989," *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* (Spring 2025): forthcoming.
- "Erasure as Heritage: Memorial Legacies after Pit Mining across Leipzig's 'Recultivated' Coalfields," in *Cultural Landscapes of Energy: Constructing Histories of Power, Prosperity, and Decline*, ed Corinne Geering and Torsten Meyer (forthcoming Routledge, 2024).
- "The Other Lives of Stasi Spies: Decrypting Informants at the Biographical Level," *German Studies Review* 47, no. 1 (2024): forthcoming.
- "East Germany and the Lost German East: Dresden-Wrocław 'Socialist Friendship' after Nazism and Forced Migration," *Urban History* (2024), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963926823000135>.
- "Exiling Marx from Karl Marx Square: The Political Lives of a Leipzig Monument before and after 1989," *Journal of Contemporary History* (2023), <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220094221149971>.
- "Building the Cathedral of Democracy: Frankfurt's Paulskirche in Hitler's Shadow," *German History* 39, no. 4 (Dec. 2021): 602–25.

- “Bach’s Grave as Communist Legacy,” *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 63, no. 1–2 (June 2021): 119–47.
- “Architecture beyond Ideology: The Politics of Forgotten Landmarks in Communist East Germany,” *Journal of Urban History* 47, no. 2 (March 2021): 420–49.
- “The People’s Bowling Palace: Building Underground in Late Communist Leipzig,” *Contemporary European History* 29, no. 3 (August 2020): 339–55.
- “A Polish Approach for German Cities? Cement Old Towns and the Search for Rootedness in Postwar Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main,” *European History Quarterly* 50, no. 1 (Jan. 2020): 88–127.
- “Rebuilding after the Reich: Sacred Sites in Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław, 1945-1949,” in *War and the City: The Urban Context of Conflict and Mass Destruction*, ed. Tim Keogh (Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2019): 167–93.
- “Preservationism, Postmodernism, and the Public across the Iron Curtain in Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main, 1968-1988,” in *Re-framing Identities: Architecture’s Turn to History*, ed. Ákos Moravánszky and Torsten Lange, 245–60 (Berlin: Birkhäuser/De Gruyter, 2016).
- “A Mausoleum for Bach? Holy Relics and Urban Planning in Early Communist Leipzig, 1945-1950,” *History & Memory* 28, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2016): 47–89.
- “Godfather Cities: West German Patenschaften and the Lost German East,” *German History* 32, no. 2 (2014): 224–55.
- “What Was the ‘Right to the Heimat’? West German Expellees and the Many Meanings of Heimkehr,” *Central European History* 45, no. 3 (September 2012): 523–56.
- “Reinscribing Schlesien as Śląsk: Memory and Mythology in a Postwar German-Polish Borderland,” *History & Memory* 24, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2012): 39–86.
- “‘Heimaturlauber’. Westdeutsche Reiseerlebnisse im polnischen Schlesien vor 1970,” *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropaforschung* (ZfO) 60, no. 1 (2011): 79–99.
- “Heimweh in the Heimat. Homesick Travelers in the Lost German East, 1955-1970,” in *Re-mapping Polish-German Historical Memory: Physical, Political, and Literary Spaces since World War II*, ed. Justyna Beinek and Piotr Kosicki (Slavica, 2011): 57–79.
- “‘When you come back, the Mountains will surely still be there!’ How Silesian Expellees processed the Loss of their Homeland in the early Postwar Years, 1945-1949,” *ZfO* 57, no. 2 (2008), 159–86.
- “‘Wehmut und Trauer:’ Jewish Travelers in Polish Silesia and the Foreignness of Heimat,” *Jahrbuch des Simon-Dubnow-Instituts* (Dec. 2007): 311–35.
- “Citizens in Name Only: The National Status of the German Expellees, 1945-1953,” *Ethnopolitics* 5, no. 4 (Nov. 2006): 383–97.

### **Research Interests:**

Modern Germany, migrations and ethnic cleansing, memory and nostalgia, post-WWII urban reconstruction, historic preservation, environmental devastation, civic activism, nationalism, borderlands, Cold War, transnational interchange.

### **Selected Awards, Honors, and Scholarships:**

Alice Davis Hitchcock Award for *Three Cities after Hitler*, Society of Architectural Historians, 2023

Architecture and Planning Institute of former East Germany (IRS, Berlin/Erkner) Residency Fellowship, January 2023

German Academic Exchange (DAAD) Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2022

David Barclay Book Award, Honorable Mention for *Bowling for Communism*, GSA, 2021

Leibniz Research Alliance 1.2 million Euro award for our history department in collaboration with partner institutions including GWZO (Leipzig) and ZZF (Potsdam), 2021-2025  
AU Mellon Grant for Publication Costs with Cornell University Press, spring 2019 and fall 2019  
AU Book Incubator Grant (book manuscript workshop), November 2018  
Humanities Center for East-Central Europe (GWZO, Leipzig) Fellowship, summer 2018  
AU Mellon Research Grant, summer 2018  
AU International Travel Grant, summer 2018  
AU Book Incubator Grant, April 2017  
Humboldt Foundation Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers, August 2014-December 2015  
German Academic Exchange (DAAD) Junior Faculty Research Grant, Fall 2014 (declined)  
UAB Faculty Development Grant for Overseas Research, Summer 2013  
UAB Dean's Grant for Overseas Research, Summer 2013  
Smith Book Award, Honorable Mention for *The Lost German East*, European Section, SHA, 2012  
UAB Sterne Grant for Modern German and East European History library acquisitions, 2012, 2014  
Graduate Certificate in Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, The Program in Jewish Culture and Society at the University of Illinois (UIUC), June 17, 2010  
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UIUC Graduate College, Fall 2009-Summer 2010  
Herder Institut Research Fellowship in Marburg, Germany, November-December 2009  
Travel/Study fellowship: DAAD interdisciplinary summer institute, Kraków, Poland, May-June 2009  
DAAD Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Germany, October 2007-August 2008  
Herder Institut Research Fellowship in Marburg, Germany, August-September 2007  
Dubnow Institut Fellowship at the University of Leipzig, Germany, May-June, 2006  
Pre-dissertation Fellowship, UIUC Department of History, May-June, 2006  
Award: Best Graduate Paper on Central Europe, ASN, Columbia University, NYC, March 25, 2006  
FLAS Foreign Language Fellowship (Polish), UIUC European Union Center, Fall 2005-Spring 2007

### **Education:**

Ph.D., University of Illinois: August 2010 (Modern Central and Eastern Europe)  
M.A., Marquette University: May 2005 (Early Modern Europe)  
B.A., Aquinas College: May 2002 (summa cum laude)

### **Teaching Experience and Work History:**

American University, Professor of History (Fall 2022 to present)  
American University, Associate Professor of History (Fall 2018 to Fall 2022)  
American University, Assistant Professor of History (Fall 2016 to Fall 2018)  
University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Assistant Professor (Fall 2011 to Spring 2016)  
UIUC Visiting Professor (Spring 2011); Aquinas College Visiting Professor (Fall 2008)

### **Courses:**

Modern Europe since 1750, Survey– [Fall 2011; Fall 2012; Spring 2013; Fall 2013; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Spring 2021; Spring 2022]  
Modern Germany, Survey– [Fall 2008; Spring 2012; Spring 2014; Spring 2016; Fall 2016]  
Nazi Germany, Seminar– [Fall 2018; Fall 2021]

Nationalism and Empire (1789-1918), Seminar– [Spring 2017; Fall 2019]  
 Forced Migration in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe, Seminar– [Fall 2011; Spring 2020]  
 Cities: Destroyed & Reinvented, Freshman Seminar– [Fall 2017; Fall 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020; Fall 2021]  
 Urban Modernity & the Politics of Memory, Seminar– [Spring 2014; Spring 2018; Fall 2020]  
 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe, Grad Colloquium– [Spring 2018; Spring 2020; Spring 2022]  
 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe, Grad Colloquium– [Spring 2021]  
 Europe after Hitler (1945-1989), Seminar– [Fall 2013]  
 Eastern Europe in the Age of Empire (to 1918), Survey– [Fall 2012]  
 Eastern Europe in the Age of Ethnic Cleansing (since 1914), Survey– [Spring 2013]  
 Modern Poland: Partitioned, Displaced, Reinvented, Seminar– [Spring 2011]  
 The Holocaust and its Commemoration– [prepared]  
 Cold War Germany: From Dictatorship to Democracy– [prepared]

**Other Publications (Articles, Review Essays, and Book Reviews):**

Article: “Inventing Authenticity: How Warsaw’s Old Town became a model for other cities,”  
*Notes from Poland*, <https://notesfrompoland.com/2021/08/18/inventing-authenticity-how-the-rebuilding-of-warsaws-old-town-became-a-model-for-other-cities/> (August 18, 2021)  
 Article: “Sprengung einer Volksdemokratie. Das historische Erbe von Leipzigs 1968,” *Leipziger Blätter* 72 (2018): 12-14. Reprinted in *Mitropa* (2019): 30-34.  
 Blog: “Demolishing ‘Participatory Dictatorship’: Leipzig in 1968,” AHA Today, May 21, 2018, <http://blog.historians.org/2018/05/demolishing-participatory-dictatorship-leipzig-in-1968/>  
 Article: “Pamięć roku 1921 po roku 1945: Górnoląscy wypędzeni w Zachodnich Niemczech— różne obraz ofiary,” in *Górny Śląsk i Górnolązacy*, ed. Sebastian Rosenbaum (Gliwice: IPN, 2014), 280-313. Also in *Fabryka Silesia* 2, no. 12 (2016): 19-23.  
 Review Essay (RE): Ulrich von Hehl et al, eds., *Geschichte der Stadt Leipzig*, vols. 1-4, H-Soz-Kult, June 2021, <https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-96160>  
 RE: Hans Henning Hahn and Robert Traba, eds., *Deutsch-Polnische Erinnerungsorte*, 5 vols., *ZfO* 66, no. 1 (2017), 99-106. Also on Pol-Int (March 2017).  
 RE: Cornelia Eisler, *Verwaltete Erinnerung— symbolische Politik*. and Stefan Scholz, *Vertriebenen Denkmäler*, *ZfO* 66, no. 2 (2017): 309-312.  
 RE: “Ethnic Cleansing and its Legacies in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe,” *EHQ* 43, no. 2 (April 2013): 326-334.  
 Book Review (BR): Elisabeth Fendl, Sarah Scholl-Schneider, and Tobias Weger, eds., *Heimatliche Enklaven? Bildungs- und Begegnungsstätten von Vertriebenen und Aussiedlern*, Nordost-Archiv, forthcoming.  
 BR: James Koranyi, *Migrating Memories: Romanian Germans in Modern Europe*, *ZfO* 72, no. 1 (2023): 121–123.  
 BR: Beata Halicka, *The Polish Wild West: Forced Migration and Cultural Appropriation in the Polish-German Borderlands, 1945-1948*, *The Polish Review* 68, no. 1 (2023): 110-113.  
 BR: Magdalena Kamińska, *Platte ist nicht gleich Platte. Kooperation und Konkurrenz zwischen der DDR und Polen im Wohnungsbauwesen der 1970er Jahre*, H-Soz-Kult, Nov. 25, 2022, <https://doi.org/10.11584/ips.10>  
 BR: Małgorzata Popiołek-Roßkamp, *Warschau. Ein Wiederaufbau, der vor dem Krieg begann*, *ZfO* 71, no. 4 (2022): 690–692.  
 BR: Lukasz Krzyzanowski, *Ghost Citizens. Jewish Return to a Postwar City*, *ZfO* 71, no. 1 (2022): 149-151. Reprinted at Sehepunkte, Summer 2022.

- BR: Kathryn Ciancia, *On Civilization's Edge: A Polish Borderland in the Interwar Period*, *Slavic Review* 80, no. 4 (2021): 918-920.
- BR: Jana Fuchs, *Städtebau und Legitimation. Debatten um das unbebaute historische Warschauer Zentrum, 1945-1989*, *ZfO* 70, no. 3 (2021): 505-506.
- BR: Annika Frieberg, *Peace at all Costs: Catholic Intellectuals, Journalists, and Media in Postwar Polish-German Reconciliation*, *Slavic Review* 79, no. 2 (2020): 440-441.
- BR: Teresa Willenborg, *Fremd in der Heimat. Deutsche im Nachkriegspolen, 1945-1958*, *ZfO* 68, no. 4 (2019): 632-634.
- BR: Brendan Karch, *Nation and Loyalty in a German-Polish Borderland: Upper Silesia, 1848-1960*, *German Studies Review (GSR)* 42, no. 3 (Oct. 2019): 601-603.
- BR: Michelle Klöckner, *Kultur- und Freundschaftsbeziehungen zwischen der DDR und der Belorussischen Sozialistischen Sowjetrepublik (1958-1980)*, *H-Soz-Kult*, February 19, 2019.
- BR: Paul Stangl, *Risen from the Ruins: The Cultural Politics of Rebuilding East Berlin*, *GSR* 41, no. 1 (2019): 184-186.
- BR: James Bjork et al, eds., *Creating Nationality in Central Europe, 1880-1950*, *Slavic Review* 77, no. 2 (2018): 492-494.
- BR: Arnold Bartetzky, ed., *Geschichte Bauen. Architektonische Rekonstruktion und Nationenbildung vom 19. Jahrhundert bis heute*, *ZfO* 67, no. 3 (2018): 428-429.
- BR: Juliane Tomann, *Geschichtskultur im Strukturwandel. Öffentliche Geschichte in Katowice nach 1989*, *ZfO* 67, no. 2 (2018): 313-315.
- BR: Eagle Glassheim, *Cleansing the Czechoslovak Borderlands: Migration, Environment, and Health in the Former Sudetenland*, *EHQ* 47 (Oct. 2017): 743-745.
- BR: Manuel Borutta and Jan Jansen, eds., *Vertriebene and Pieds-Noirs in Postwar Germany and France*, *Central European History (CEH)* 50, no. 3 (2017): 429-432.
- BR: Barbara Törnquist-Plewa, ed., *Whose Memory? Which Future? Remembering Ethnic Cleansing and Lost Cultural Diversity in Eastern, Central, and Southeastern Europe*, *ZfO* 66, no. 3 (2017): 442-444; reprinted at [www.sehenpunkte.de/2017/11/31028.html](http://www.sehenpunkte.de/2017/11/31028.html)
- BR: Joanna Wawrzyniak, *Veterans, Victims, and Memory: The Politics of the Second World War in Communist Poland*, *Slavic Review* 76, no 1 (2017): 227-228.
- BR: John Kulczycki, *Belonging to the Nation: Inclusion and Exclusion in the Polish-German Borderlands, 1939-1951*, *EHQ* 47, no. 1 (2017): 157-159.
- BR: Matthew Fitzpatrick, *Purging the Empire: Mass Expulsions in Germany, 1871-1914*, *EHQ* 46, no. 4 (2016): 732-734.
- BR: Marci Shore, *The Taste of Ashes: The Afterlife of Totalitarianism in Eastern Europe*, *Slavonic and East European Review* 94, no. 2 (April 2016): 378-379.
- BR: Robert Żurek, *Die katholische Kirche Polens und die 'Wiedergewonnenen Gebiete' 1945-1948*, *Pol-Int* (March 2016), <https://www.pol-int.org/de/publikationen/die-katholische-kirche-polens-und-die-wiedergewonnenen>
- BR: Anna Witeska-Młynarczyk, *Evoking Polish Memory: State, Self and the Communist Past in Transition*, *ZfO* 64, no. 1 (2015): 153-154.
- BR: Cattaruzza, Dyroff, and Langewiesche, eds., *Territorial Revisionism and the Allies of Germany in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War: Goals, Expectations, Practices*, *EHQ* 44, no. 4 (2014): 724-726.
- BR: Hugo Service, *Germans to Poles: Communism, Nationalism and Ethnic Cleansing after the Second World War*, *EHQ* 44, no. 3 (2014): 576-578.
- BR: Peter Pragal, *Wir sehen uns wieder, mein Schlesierland*. *ZfO*, 63, no. 2 (2014): 325-327.

- BR: Steven Schroeder, *To Forget it All and Begin Anew: Reconciliation in Occupied Germany, 1944-1954*, *American Historical Review* 119, no. 2 (2014): 623-624.
- BR: Mateusz Hartwich, *Das schlesische Riesengebirge. Die Polonisierung einer Landschaft nach 1945*, *ZfO* 63, no. 1 (2014): 144-146.
- BR: James Mace Ward, *Priest, Politician, Collaborator. Josef Tiso and the Making of Fascist Slovakia*, *Slavonic & East European Review* 92, no. 1 (Jan. 2014): 171-173.
- BR: Michael Gehler, *Three Germanies: West Germany, East Germany, and the Berlin Republic*, *CEH* 46, no. 3 (September 2013): 681-684.
- BR: Kristen Kopp and Joanna Niżyńska, eds., *Germany, Poland and Postmemorial Relations: In Search of a Livable Past*, *Slavic Review* 72, no. 3 (Fall 2013): 617-619.
- BR: Gregor Ploch, *Clemens Riedel und die katholischen deutschen Vertriebenenorganisationen...* *ZfO* 62, no. 4 (Fall 2013): 690-692; reprinted at <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2014/02/24649.html>
- BR: Gregor Thum, *Uprooted: How Breslau became Wrocław during the Century of Expulsions*, trans. Lampert/Brown, *Canadian Journal of History* 47, no. 2 (Fall 2012): 436-438.
- BR: Michael Fleming, *Communism, Nationalism and Ethnicity in Poland, 1944-50*, *ZfO* 61, no. 4 (2012): 305-307.
- BR: Thomas Lane and Marian Wolański, *Poland and European Integration. The Ideas and Movements of Polish Exiles in the West, 1939-1991*, *ZfO* 61, no. 1 (2012): 121-123.
- BR: Jutta Faehndrich, *Eine endliche Geschichte. Die Heimatbücher der deutschen Vertriebenen*, *ZfO* 61, no. 1 (2012): 34-36; reprinted at <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2012/09/22124.html>
- BR: Daphne Berdahl, *On the Social Life of Postsocialism. Memory, Consumption, Germany*, *GSR* 34/3 (October 2011): 678.
- BR: Annemarie Sammartino, *The Impossible Border: Germany and the East, 1914-1922*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 53, no. 2 (June 2011): 631-632.
- BR: Andreas Kossert, *Kalte Heimat. Die Geschichte der Deutschen Vertriebenen nach 1945*, H-German, H-Net Reviews (October 2010) <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=31005>
- BR: Rüdiger Wenzel, *Die große Verschiebung?: Das Ringen um den Lastenausgleich...* H-German, H-Net Reviews (January 2010) <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=26090>

### **Selected Presentations:**

- “Coal, Pollution, and Leipzig’s Peaceful Revolution,” GSA, Montreal, Oct. 5-8, 2023
- “Cultural Landscapes out of Lignite Moonscapes: Dreams and Realities in Leipzig’s Coalfields before and after 1989,” Invited Conference (IC), “Concrete Dreams: Urban Infrastructure and the Regulation of Human Behavior in the Global Twentieth Century,” University of Southern California, Los Angeles, May 15, 2023.
- “Große Pläne ohne schöne Gelände. Landschaftsplanung und Rekultivierung in Tagebaugebieten südlich von Leipzig vor 1989,” Invited Talk, IRS, Berlin-Erkner, Jan. 10, 2023.
- “Undermining Heimat in Leipzig’s Coalfields: Pollution, Prophecy, Demolition, and Memory before and after 1989,” IC, Cultural Landscapes of Memory Conference, Leipzig, Germany, Sept. 15-16, 2022
- “Rettung durch die Platte: Leipziger Stadtverfall und Sanierungskonzepte der 1980er Jahre,” Conference in Honor of Thomas Topfstedt, GWZO, Leipzig, September 10-11, 2022
- “The Suffocating City: Crafting Ecology in Leipzig’s Coalfields under Nazis, Communists, and Capitalists,” GWZO, Leipzig, Sept. 8, 2022
- “Die Rolle der schlesischen Heimatstuben bei der Aufarbeitung des Heimatverlusts in der frühen

- Bundesrepublik,” IC, “Persönliche Erinnerungen—gemeinsames Kulturerbe. Der Umgang mit dem materiellen Erbe der Heimatvertriebenen,” Haus Schlesien bei Bonn, Germany, May 12/13, 2022
- “The Other Lives of Stasi Spies: Decrypting Informants at the Biographical Level,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), New Orleans, Nov. 2021
- “Bach’s Grave as Communist Legacy,” International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), Montreal, Canada (virtual), August 2021
- “Legacies of the Lost German East,” IC: Remembrance and Future Forum, Zajezdnia History Center, Wrocław, Poland, July 29-31, 2021 (*cancelled due to pandemic*)
- “Urban Ingenuity in Leipzig on the Eve of 1989,” Urban History Group Conference, Warwick, UK (virtual), June 9-10, 2021
- Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), University of Waterloo, ON, Nov. 7, 2022
- Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Aquinas College, April 17, 2021
- Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), GDR Radio, February 12, 2021
- Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Goethe Institut Toronto, January 2021
- Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Technische Universität Berlin, 12/15/20
- Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Georgetown University, 11/11/20
- “Building the Cathedral of Democracy: Frankfurt’s Paulskirche in Hitler’s Shadow,” German Studies Association (GSA), Washington, DC, 10/3/20 (*online meeting due to COVID 19*)
- “Urban Ingenuity at the End of East Germany: Local Initiative and Despair in Leipzig on the Eve of 1989,” invited talk for 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1989, University of Vermont, 11/14/19
- “Architecture Beyond Ideology: The Politics of Forgotten Landmarks in Communist East Germany,” ASEEES, Boston, 12/8/18
- “Sprengrung einer Volksdemokratie: Baudiktatur und Empörung im Fall der Leipziger Universitätskirche,” Invited Keynote for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University Church Demolition, University of Leipzig, 5/30/18
- “Germans expelled from Poland after World War II: Sources and Methods,” (IC): “Sanctuary and Belonging: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Flight, Refuge and Community,” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 4/13/18
- “Leipzig in 1968: East Germany’s Forgotten Protest,” IC: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1968, Georgetown University, 3/24/18
- “Leipzig’s Marx Monument and the Dustbin of History,” IC: Smithsonian Symposium, “Mascots, Myths, Monuments, & Memory,” 3/3/18
- “Demolition on Karl Marx Square: Cultural Barbarism and the People’s State in 1968,” invited talk, Woodrow Wilson Center, 2/12/18
- “Urban Planning ‘Miracles’ in Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław, 1949-1956,” ASEEES, Chicago, 11/9/17
- “Can Leipzig still be Saved? A Decade of Urban Planning Dreams before the 1989 Revolution,” GSA, Atlanta, 10/6/17
- “1968 in Leipzig and the Demolition of Belief in Communism,” IC, Clifford Symposium “The Soviet Century: 100 Years of the Russian Revolution,” Middlebury College, 9/23/17
- “A Polish Solution for Postwar German Planning Disasters? Brutalist Old Towns and the Search for Rootedness in Frankfurt and Leipzig,” invited conference “War and the Urban Context,” CUNY, 5/19/17
- “Demolition on Karl Marx Square: Cultural Barbarism and the People’s State in 1968,” AU History Department Annual Brandenburg Lecture, 3/22/17
- “Preservationism, Postmodernism, and the Public across the Iron Curtain in Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main, 1968-1988,” ASEEES, Washington, D.C., 11/17/16

- “Rebuilding after the Reich: Urban Reconstruction as Politics, Protest, and Memory in Frankfurt/Main, Leipzig, and Wrocław, 1945-2015,” invited talk, German Historical Institute (GHI), Washington, D.C., 10/5/16
- “1968 in Leipzig: The Demolition of the University Church and Fall of Public Belief,” GSA, San Diego, 10/2/16
- “Ein Mausoleum für Bach? Wiederaufbau in Leipzig und die Suche nach einer verwertbaren Geschichte mit vergleichbaren Beispielen aus Frankfurt/Main und Wrocław,” invited talk, GWZO, Leipzig, 11/18/15
- “Opposition to ‘Baudiktatur’ across the German-German border in Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main, 1968-1988,” IC: Re-Framing Identities: Architecture’s Turn to History, 1970-90, Zürich, 9/12/15
- “Reconstructed Cities: Building from the Ruins of the *Reich* in Frankfurt/Main, Leipzig, and Wrocław,” invited talk at the University of Halle, 6/24/15; University of Wrocław Kolokwium Instytut Historii Sztuki, 10/6/15; University of Amsterdam, 10/15/15; University of Bremen, 11/17/15
- “Wiederaufbau nach dem Reich: Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław,” Humboldt Conference, Würzburg, 11/27/14
- “Von J.S. Bach bis Karl Marx: Wiederaufbau in Leipzig und die Suche nach einer verwertbaren Geschichte, 1945-1968,” IC: Architecture and City Planning in the DDR, Berlin, 11/7/14
- “Post-Nazi Cities in Three Cold War States: Finding a Usable Past in Frankfurt/Main, Leipzig, and Wrocław,” ASEES, Boston, 11/23/13
- “Constructing Cold War Cities on the Ruins of the *Reich*,” GSA, Denver, 10/5/13
- “The Dresden–Wrocław *Partnerschaft*: Transborder Contact in the Cold War,” ASEES, New Orleans, 11/17/12
- “Memories of 1921 after 1945: Upper Silesian Expellees in West Germany and the Changing Trope of Victimhood,” European History Section, Southern Historical Assoc. (SHA), Mobile, 11/3/12
- “Godfather Cities: West German *Patenschaften* and the Lost German East,” GSA, Milwaukee, 10/6/12
- “The Voice of the Lost German East: Heimat Bells as Soundscapes of Memory,” IC, Federal Inst. for the Culture & History of Germans in East Europe, Oldenburg, Germany, June 15-17, 2012
- “The Lost German East: Silesian Expellees in West Germany and the Idea of *Heimkehr*, 1945-1970,” invited talk, GHI, 2/29/12
- “1970 and the Expellee Contribution to *Ostpolitik*,” ASEES, Washington, D.C., 11/20/11
- “Pamięć 1921 r. po roku 1945,” IC, Gliwice, Poland, Oct. 20-21, 2011
- “What was the *Recht auf die Heimat*? Expellees in West Germany and the Many Meanings of *Heimkehr*,” invited talk at Miami U./Ohio, 9/26/11, also presented at GSA, Louisville, 9/24/11
- “Memories of the lost East. West German exiles from Silesia and the idealized past,” ASEES, LA, 11/19/10
- “Germans in Polish Silesia and the Desire for Expulsion,” GSA, Oakland, 10/10/10
- “The Displacement of the German Population from Silesia after World War II,” IC, University of Chicago/UIUC, 1/29/10
- “Besuch im Land der Erinnerung: Westdeutsche Reiseerlebnisse im polnischen Schlesien,” IC, Silesian Museum in Görlitz, 11/28/09
- “Private commemoration of the Lost German East among Silesian expellees, 1945-70,” GSA, Arlington, 10/10/09



- “Residing in Memory: Silesian Expellees & the Lost German East,” invited talk in the UIUC Program for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, 9/29/09
- “Silesian Expellees in Postwar Europe: Modes of Analysis,” Transatlantic Summer Institute, Kraków, Poland, 5/25/09
- “Reinscribing Schlesien as Śląsk: Memory and Mythology in Postwar Polish Silesia,” IC, Chicago, 1/9/09
- “Silesian Expellees and the loss of Heimat in the early postwar years, 1945-49,” GSA, St. Paul, 10/4/08
- “‘Wenn Ihr wiederkommt, die Berge sind dann bestimmt noch da!’ Die Verarbeitung des Heimatverlustes durch Vertriebene aus Schlesien in den frühen Nachkriegsjahren, 1945-1949,” IC, Marburg, Germany, 1/28/08
- “‘Traurig geht man zurück:’ Jewish travelers in Polish Silesia and the foreignness of Heimat, 1945-1970,” UIUC Jewish Studies, Oct. 5, 2006; Dubnow Institute, Leipzig, Germany, 6/19/06
- “Citizens in name only: the national status of ethnic German refugees, 1945-1953,” ASN, Columbia University, 3/24/06

### **Language Preparation:**

German: fluent (Goethe Institute C-2 Certificate, highest qualification)  
 Polish: reading ability; intermediate speaking abilities  
 French: reading ability

### **Professional Affiliations:**

Lifetime Member, German Studies Association (GSA), 2008-  
 Lifetime Member, Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), 2009-  
 Lifetime Member, Canadian Association of Slavists (CAS), 2016-

### **Service (To the Profession):**

Regular book reviewer and review essayist for numerous scholarly journals  
 External reader of manuscripts on regular basis for leading academic journals (including *German History*, *Contemporary European History*, *Slavic Review*, *History & Memory*, *Ab Imperio*, *European History Quarterly*, and *Central European History*, *The Polish Review*, *The Historical Journal*, *the International Journal of Heritage Studies*) and publishers (including Cornell UP, Oxford UP, Toronto UP, Palgrave, Bloomsbury)  
 Regular participation at domestic and international conferences as (1) presenter, (2) panel commentator, (3) panel moderator, and (4) panel organizer  
 External evaluator of fellowship applications, most recently with the Polish National Science Foundation and FRIAS (Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies)  
 External PhD committee member for Liesel Hamilton (George Mason University) and Jennifer Redler (U of Waterloo, Ontario)  
 Numerous online articles and blogs including for *Notes from Poland* (2021); Oxford University Press Blog, 9/14/17, <https://blog.oup.com/2017/09/leipzig-marx-monument/>; interview for my Humboldt project at U of Leipzig Mephisto Radio (Sept. 29, 2014); interviews for my first three books at [www.newbooksinhistory.com](http://www.newbooksinhistory.com) (2014-2020)  
 Reader of colleagues’ work at AU and across my scholarly field

### **Service (University):**

Service to AU history department: Coordinator for History Forum (spring 2020-present); Faculty

Liaison to Student Historical Society (2017-present); Graduate Committee (2016-present); Personnel Committee (2016-present)  
 CAS Senate Rep, AU Core Curriculum Committee (Fall 2019-Spring 2022)  
 CAS Senate Rep, AU Honors Advisory Committee, Humanities Cluster (Fall 2020-Spring 2022)  
 AU Honors Admissions Selection Committee (Spring 2020; Spring 2022)  
 Organized and chaired emergency AU roundtable and Teach-In “The Crisis in Ukraine” (February 27, 2022); “The War in Ukraine: A Roundtable with Russian Intelligentsia” (March 14, 2022)  
 PhD Advisor to Alexandra Zaremba, “Curating Yugoslavs: Museums, Culture, and Identity in Socialist Yugoslavia” (Fall 2018-present)  
 PhD dissertation committee member for Alexandra Zaremba, Ania Hyman, Nathan Moore, Pawel Styrna, Jay Weixelbaum  
 Graduate comprehensive exams for Erica Devine (Fall 2021), Mark Episkopos and Alexandra Zaremba (Fall 2020), Nathan Moore (Fall 2019); Ania Hyman (Fall 2018); Marga Andersen and Pawel Styrna (Spring 2017)  
 MA Thesis Advisor, Micaela Procopio, “Italian Catholics and the Holocaust” (Fall 2018); Alec Wood, “Austrian Gay Activism during the Cold War” (SIS, Spring 2021)  
 Independent Readings Course, Mark Episkopos (Spring 2020)  
 Honors College Challenge Class on “Defensive Architecture” (Fall 2018)  
 AU scholarly panel “The Monument: Past, Present, Future,” (November 16, 2017)  
 Presented Research at AU History Forum (Nov. 2017, Mar. 2017, Nov. 2021)  
 Annual History Department Brandenburg Lecture (March 22, 2017)  
 Presented on “Contextualizing Democracy and Polarization” in AU Teach-In “Teach, Organize, Engage: A Forum on Contemporary Politics and the Future” (January 18, 2017)  
 Oversaw undergraduate honors theses and independent projects  
 Regular mentoring of history undergrads and grads on their professional development  
 Contributed on UAB History Department Faculty Affairs Committee (2012-2015)  
 Presented talk to UAB Phi Alpha Theta “Post-Nazi Cities: Urban Reconstruction under Three Cold War Regimes in Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław” (Oct. 16, 2013)  
 Conducted Interview of US Army Vet from Germany for UAB Media Studies (Oct. 13, 2013)  
 UAB Department Presentation on Mentors for History Majors (Jan. 18, 2013)  
 UAB Phi Alpha Theta Awards Ceremony Talk “Historians under Hitler” (Apr. 2012)  
 Facilitated visit & well-attended lecture by Dr. Michael Meng, Clemson University (Apr. 2012)

**Service (Broader Community):**

Coordinator for St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Chronicle Publication, Middlebury, VT (2021-2023)  
 Invited talk, “The Expulsion of Leipzig’s Karl Marx Monument: Revising Architectural Redemption after 1989,” St. Stephen’s “Adult Ed” talk/discussion (5/22/22)  
 Commentator, “Willy Brandt: Life of a Statesman,” Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, DC (10/4/17)  
 DC Holocaust Museum Panel, “Putting your PhD to Work” (11/14/16)  
 Taunus Community Center near Frankfurt/Main, Lecture (in German) on my research (3/18/15)  
 Birmingham Holocaust Education Center, Holocaust Film Series Presenter and Co-Coordinator, Emmet O’Neal Library (April 2013; February/March 2014)  
 Birmingham International Center (BIC), Scholarly Liaison, Spotlight on Poland (Spring 2013)  
 BIC, Presenter, “Modern Poland: Partitioned, Displaced, Reinvented” (3/5/13)

**Travel Experience:** Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia,

Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, France, Great Britain, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, Canada, Fatherhood.