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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2012-present Associate Professor of Modern European History, Emory University, Department of History, Atlanta, GA

Winship Distinguished Research Professor, 2015-2018

Courtesy appointments at the Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies and the German Studies Department

2006-2012 Assistant Professor of Modern European History, Emory University, Department of History, Atlanta, GA

Fall 2002 –

Fall 2005 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Free University of Berlin

M.A. European History, Free University Berlin

M.A. American History, University of Michigan

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

West Germany and the Iron Curtain. Environment, Economy & Culture in the Borderlands, under contract with Oxford University Press; currently under completion review.

2012 *Fight for the Files. The Western Allies and the Return of Captured German Archives* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012; pbk. Feb. 2014).

✦ Winner of the [Waldo Gifford Leland Award](#) of the Society of American Archivists, honoring “writing of superior excellence and usefulness in the field of archival history, theory, or practice”

2004 *Kampf um die Akten. Die Westalliierten und die Rückgabe von deutschem Archivgut nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg* (Stuttgart: Steiner, 2004).

✦ Winner of the Hedwig Hintze Prize of the German Historical Association, awarded every two years for the best dissertation in history (entries from all fields, one award);
✦ Friedrich Meinecke Prize for best dissertation in the History Department of the Free University of Berlin (all *summa cum laude* dissertations in any given year, one award);
✦ Honorable Mention at H-Soz-u-Kult book award “History Books 2004” -- category ‘[Award of the H-Soz-u-Kult Audience](#)’

- 1999 *Feindbilder im Wandel. Ein Vergleich des Deutschland- und des Japanbildes in den USA 1945 und 1946* (Münster: Lit, 1999). [Images of the Enemy: American Perceptions of Germany and Japan at the End of World War II]

Edited Collections

- 2019 *Central European History*, special issue “New Narratives for the History of the Federal Republic,” co-edited with Frank Biess (UC San Diego) – in preparation.
- 2017 *Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte/Economic History Yearbook* 58:1 (2017), special issue “Industrial Policy in Western Europe since the 1960s,” co-edited with Ralf Ahrens.
- 2007 *Institutions of Public Memory: The Legacies of German and American Politicians* (Washington, D. C.: German Historical Institute/Sheridan Press, 2007).
- 2006 *Das Deutsche Archivwesen und der Nationalsozialismus* [The German Archival Profession and National Socialism], ed. for the German Archival Association by Robert Kretzschmar in cooperation with Astrid M. Eckert, Heiner Schmitt, Dieter Speck, Klaus Wisotzky (Essen: Klartext Verlag, 2006).
- 2004 *Der Holocaust und die westdeutschen Historiker. Eine Debatte* [The Holocaust and West German historians: a debate], eds., Astrid M. Eckert & Vera Ziegeldorf (Berlin: Clio-online, 2004).

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- 2019 “Why Do We Need New Narratives for the History of the Federal Republic?” co-authored with Frank Biess (UC San Diego), 30pp.-introduction for special issue “New Narratives for the History of the Federal Republic,” *Central European History* – accepted.
- 2014 “Geteilt, aber nicht unverbunden. Grenzgewässer als deutsch-deutsches Umweltproblem,” [Transboundary River Pollution as Environmental Problem between East and West Germany] *Vierteljahrshefte für Zeitgeschichte* 62:1 (2014), 321-351.
- 2011 “‘Greetings From the Zonal Border’. Tourism to the Iron Curtain in West Germany,” [Zeithistorische Forschung/Studies in Contemporary History](#) 8:1 (2011), 9-36.
- 2007 “Managing Their Own Past. German Archivists between National Socialism and Democracy,” *Archival Science* [Springer Publ.] 7:3 (2007): 223-244.
- “The Transnational Beginnings of West German *Zeitgeschichte* in the 1950s,” *Central European History* 40:2 (March 2007): 63-87.
- 2005 “‘...[a]nd grant German and foreign scholars access at all times’: Archival Access in West Germany during the Cold War,” in Michael Cook, Margaret Procter, and Caroline Williams,

eds., *Political Pressure and the Archival Record* (Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2005), 75-91.

- 2004 "Glasplatten im märkischen Sand: Ein Beitrag zur Überlieferungsgeschichte der Tageseinträge und Diktate von Joseph Goebbels," *Vierteljahrshefte für Zeitgeschichte* 52 (2004): 479-526 (with Stefan Martens). [New sources on the postwar fate of the so-called Goebbels' diaries]

Other Articles and Chapters (2005-2014)

- 2017 "West German Borderland Aid and European State Aid Control," *Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte / Economic History Yearbook* 58:1 (2017): 107-136.
- "Industrial Policy in Western Europe since the 1960s: Historical Varieties and Perspectives," *Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte / Economic History Yearbook* 58:1 (2017), special issue on *Industrial Policy in Western Europe since the 1960s*, eds. Ralf Ahrens, Astrid M. Eckert, 23-33.
- 2016 "In Memoriam Saskia Richter," *German Politics and Society* 33:4 (2016), 1-2.
- 2013 "Der andere Mauerfall. Die Öffnung der innerdeutschen Grenze 1989," [Deutschland Archiv Online](#) – commissioned article [in German], 5,700 words.
Reprinted in *Deutschland Archiv 2013* (Schriftenreihe der bpb Nr. 1387), 168-184.
- 2011 "'Zaun-Gäste.' Die innerdeutsche Grenze als Touristenattraktion." – invited contribution to *Grenzziehungen, Grenzerfahrungen, Grenzüberschreitungen. Die innerdeutsche Grenze 1945-1990* [exhibition catalogue], ed. by Detlef Schmiechen-Ackermann, Carl-Hans Hauptmeyer, Thomas Schwark (Darmstadt: WBG, 2011), 243-251.
- "Archive im Nationalsozialismus. Zum Forschungsstand," in Michael Knoche, Wolfgang Schmitz, eds., *Wissenschaftliche Bibliothekare im Nationalsozialismus* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2011) (Wolfenbütteler Schriften zur Geschichte des Buchwesens), 51-89.
- 2010 Contributions to the work of the Historical Commission on the History of the German Foreign Office on the Ministry Trial at Nuremberg, diplomats in the resistance during the Nazi era, and the Fischer controversy on the origins of World War I, in Eckart Conze, Norbert Frei, Peter Hayes, and Moshe Zimmermann, *Das Amt und die Vergangenheit: Deutsche Diplomaten im Dritten Reich und in der Bundesrepublik* (Munich: Karl Blessing Verlag, 2010), 299f., 375-401, 558-569 and 615-620.
- "Archivar", *Das Werkzeug des Historikers. Stichworte zu Praxis und Theorie der Geschichte*, eds. Anne Kwaschik, Mario Wimmer (Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag, 2010), 21-26.
- 2008 "Notwendige Kooperation: Westdeutsche Zeitgeschichte als transnationales Projekt in den 1950er Jahren" ("Unavoidable Cooperation: West German Contemporary History as a Transnational Project in the 1950s") in *Die Rückkehr der deutschen Geschichtswissenschaft*

in die Ökumene der Historiker nach 1945. Ein wissenschaftsgeschichtlicher Ansatz, ed. Ulrich Pfeil, (Munich: Oldenbourg, 2008), 133-152.

- 2006 “‘Im Fegefeuer der Entbräunung’. Deutsche Archivare auf dem Weg in den Nachkrieg,” in *Das deutsche Archivwesen und der Nationalsozialismus*, ed. by Robert Kretzschmar, Astrid M. Eckert, Heiner Schmitt, Dieter Speck, Klaus Wisotzky (Essen: Klartext Verlag, 2006), 422-444. [‘In the hell of denazification’: German archivists on the path into the postwar era]

“Zur Einführung: Archive und Archivare im Nationalsozialismus,” in *Das deutsche Archivwesen und der Nationalsozialismus*, 9-17. [Introduction: Archives and Archivists during National Socialism, see above]

- 2005 “Bundesdeutsche Souveränität und die Rückgabe der diplomatischen Akten,” *APuZ – Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 17/2005 (25 April 2005): 24-30. [Federal sovereignty and the return of the captured diplomatic files]

Essays

“Zum Glück gibt’s Mississippi. Die Geschichte wegsparen: In Georgia soll das Staatsarchiv geschlossen werden,” *Süddeutsche Zeitung* Nr. 225 (Sept. 28, 2012), 14.

“No Man’s LandScapes,” *Berlin Journal* 20 (Spring 2011), 32-35.

“[The East of the West](#). Studying the Borderlands of the ‘Old’ Federal Republic,” *Tagesspiegel* (Berlin), 10 Sept. 2010.

"Eine alliierte Posse um Goebbels’ Nachlass: Die Notate des Reichspropagandaministers – neue Funde," *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, no. 163 (July 16, 2004), 44 (with Stefan Martens). [An Allied farce involving Goebbels’ papers: new findings on the notes of the Reich Propaganda Minister]

"Unbedenklich? 50 Jahre Bundesarchiv: Ein Amt mit Vergangenheit," *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, no. 125 (June 3, 2002), 14. [Unproblematic? The 50th anniversary of the Federal Archives, an institution with a past]

"Was Ernst Jünger dem nationalen Führer kredenzte: Die Library of Congress in Washington listet die Bücher aus dem Besitz Adolf Hitlers samt ergebenen Widmungen auf," *Die Welt* (May 29, 2001), 35. [What Ernst Jünger presented to his national Führer: The Library of Congress in Washington holds the books from Hitler’s library, inscribed with loving dedications]

Book Reviews

Central European History, English Historical Review, German Studies Review, Historisch Politisches Buch, Historische Zeitschrift, Journal of American History, Militärgeschichtliche Zeitschrift

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES (2015-2018)

2018 “Militarizing a Landscape. The Iron Curtain and its Afterlife as the Green Belt Conservation Project.” Selected participant for the symposium *Military Landscapes* at Dumberton Oaks Research Library and Collection, May 4-5, 2018.

“Transboundary Natures: The Consequences of the Iron Curtain for Landscape.” Paper on panel *Novel Ecosystems, Borderlands, and ‘Storied Wilderness,’* American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, April 11, 2018.

“Salts, Sewage, and Sulfurous Air: Transboundary Pollution in the West German Borderlands,” invited seminar discussion of pre-circulated paper at *Der Kreis*, History Department, University of California at Berkeley, March 14, 2018.

“Transboundary Natures: The Consequences of the Iron Curtain for Landscape,” invited lecture, History Department, University of California at Berkeley, March 13, 2018.

“The National Park Program in the late GDR. Nature Conservation in Transformative Times,” invited talk at Georgia State University, Feb. 28 2018.

2017 Commentary on panel “Borderlands and Resources in the Early Twentieth Century,” as well as Roundtable Participant at workshop “Sovereignty, Economy and the Global Histories of Natural Resources,” The Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge, Magdalene College, 18-19 December 2017.

“The National Park Program in the late GDR. Nature Conservation in Transformative Times,” invited talk for *The North Carolina German Studies Workshop*, UNC-Chapel Hill, March 26, 2017.

Commentary on panel at Second Lovis Corinth Colloquium in German Modernism at Emory, March 17-18, 2017.

“Borders. Territory. Space”, pre-circulated position paper for the South East German Studies Workshop (SEGSW), College of Charleston, March 9-10, 2017.

2016 Commentary on panel on “Archives” at workshop *Restricting Knowledge. Channelling Security Information in Recent History*, convened by the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C./ Wilson Center, Dec. 8-9, 2016.

German Studies Roundtable, Emory University. “Schaffen wir das? A Panel Discussion on the Current Refugee Situation in Germany,” Oct. 4, 2016.

“Borders. Territory. Space”, pre-circulated paper for the seminar *New Narratives for the History of the Federal Republic*, co-convened by Frank Biess, Astrid M. Eckert, German Studies Association, San Diego, CA, Sept 29-Oct 2, 2016.

2015 Book Project Presentation at Research Centre for Contemporary History Hamburg, Nov. 2, 2015.

Opening Remarks at Workshop *Geisteswissenschaften international. Strategien und Effekte der Förderung*, hosted by the German Historical Association and the Max-Weber-Foundation at University of Hamburg, July 16, 2015.

“West German Borderland Aid and European Regional Policy,” paper presented at conference *The Practices of Structural Policy in Western Market Economies since the 1960s*. Held at the ZZF Potsdam in cooperation with the German Historical Institute, Washington, D. C. and the Department of History at Emory University, 28-29 May 2015.

“Madgermanes. The Experience of Double Diaspora,” pre-circulated position paper for the South East German Studies Workshop (SEGSW), Davidson College, Davidson, NC, February 26-27, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association

American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)

German Studies Association

Central European History Society (formerly Conference Group on Central European History)

Southern Historical Association – European Section

Verband der Historikerinnen und Historiker Deutschlands [German Historical Association]