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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wyoming

Assistant Professor of History (tenure-track), 2018—Present

Black Hills State University

Assistant Professor of History (tenure-track), 2016—2018

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Ph.D., History, 2017, Modern European History

Graduate study at Freie-Universität, Berlin, with Prof. Dr. Sebastian Conrad, 2012-2013

Dissertation: “Heathens, ‘Hottentots,’ and Heimat: Colonial Encounters and German Identity in Southwest Africa, 1842-1915”

University of Wyoming, M.A., History, 2009, Modern European History

M.A. Thesis: “Destruction of ‘Life Unworthy of Life’: Rassenhygiene, Aktion T4, and the Transfer of the Final Solution to Occupied Poland, 1939-1943”

Carroll College, B.A., 2006, History and Political Science, (Honors)

B.A. Thesis: “The ‘Beast’ in Belsen: Josef Kramer and the ‘Final Solution’ in Bergen-Belsen, 1942-1945”

PUBLICATIONS

Referred Journal Articles

“From Boondoggle to Settlement Colony: Hendrik Witbooi and the Evolution of Germany’s Imperial Project in Southwest Africa, 1884-1894” *Central European History* 50, No. 4 (December 2017), pp. 449-470

Volume Editor

After the Imperialist Imagination: Two Decades of Research on Global Germany and its Legacies (Oxford: Peter Lang Press), edited and introduced with Sara Pugach and David Pizzo [Expected Summer 2020]

Book Chapters

- Adam A. Blackler, "Consequences of Genocide in the Long Nineteenth Century," *A Cultural History of Genocide: The Long Nineteenth Century*, Refereed, Book volume under contract with Bloomsbury Press, [Expected Fall 2020]
- "The Language of Empire: Aspiring Colonists and the *Heimat* Ideal in Imperial Germany," *After the Imperialist Imagination: Two Decades of Research on Global Germany and its Legacies* (Oxford: Peter Lang Press) [Expected Summer 2020]
- "The *Imperialist Imagination* 20 years on: The Historiographical Shift Toward a Global Germany," *A Quarter Century of Research on Global Germany and Its Legacies* (Oxford: Peter Lang Press), co-authored with Sara Pugach and David Pizzo [Expected Summer 2020]

Conference Proceedings

- "A Past that Must Not Go Away: The Legacy of the Herero-Namaqua Genocide in Germany and Namibia," *Botho University International Research Conference*, Fifth Annual Botho University International Research Conference, November 2017, co-authored with Kelsey Loftus

Book Reviews

- Review of Susanne Kuss, *German Colonial Wars and the Context of Military Violence*, in *German Studies Review* 42, No. 1 (February 2019): 147-149.
- Review of Nina Berman, *Germans on the Kenyan Coast*, for *German Studies Review* 42, No. 1 (February 2019): 149-151.
- Review of Panteleymon Anastasakis, *The Church of Greece Under Axis Rule*, for *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*
- Review of Michael North, *Zwischen Hafen und Horizont. Weltgeschichte der Meere*, in *Journal of World History* [Forthcoming]
- Review of Timothy Snyder, *Black Earth: The Holocaust as History and Warning*, in *Austrian Studies Newsletter*, Center for Austrian Studies, Spring 2016
- Review of John C. G. Röhl and Sheila De Bellaige, *Kaiser Wilhelm II, 1859-1941: a concise life*, for the WAR list/H-NET
- Review of Guy Tourlamain, *Völkisch Writers and National Socialism: A Study of Right-wing Political Culture in Germany 1890-1960*, for GERMAN list/H-NET

Online Articles

- "From 'Erotic Fantasies' to Colonial Genocide: The Evolution of German Imperial Policy in Southwest Africa after 1884," Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, 21 May 2018
- "'A Character Who Makes History': Hendrik Witbooi and the Evolution of German Imperial Policy in Colonial Namibia," *Cambridge Core Blog*, Cambridge University Press

“Interactive Approaches to Teaching Twentieth-Century German History,” *AHA Today*, American Historical Society, 20 November 2017

“White Supremacy on Campus: An Ahistorical Campaign of Racial Prejudice,” Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, 13 March 2017

“Genocide in German Southwest Africa: German Leaders Agree with the Historians—Finally,” Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, September 2016

Introductions for documents in the online collection *German History in Documents and Images: Weimar Republic (1918/19-1933)*, Eric D. Weitz and Eric S. Roubinek, eds., German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

Works in Progress

Heathens, ‘Hottentots’, and Heimat: The Boundaries of German Identity in Southwest Africa, 1842-1915, [Book Manuscript]

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Referred Books

Peter Lang Press

Refereed Journals

German Studies Review

Central European History

Journal of World History

Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture

Past Tense: Graduate Review of History

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External Funding Grants

Holocaust Educational Foundation Teaching Grant, Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University, 2016

Zentren für Deutschland- und Europastudien Conference Award, Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst, “Wende-Punkte 1914-2014: Internationale Perspektiven auf Deutschland und Europa,” Berlin, Germany, 2014

Research Fellowship, Central European History Society, Columbia University, 2012

Intensive Language Fellowship, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, 2010

Most Outstanding Conference Paper Award, Fifth Annual James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, 2010

Dorot Foundation Summer Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2008

Internal Funding Grants

University of Wyoming

International Research Award, Center for Global Studies, 2018

Deans Travel Support Award, College of Arts and Sciences, 2018

Black Hills State University

Provost's Travel Award, 2018

University Enrichment Grant, 2017

History Chair's Academic Fund Award, 2017

Provost's Conference Travel Award, 2017

Provost's University Grant Research Program, 2016

Provost's Conference Travel Award, 2016

University of Minnesota

Bernard & Fern Badzin Research Fellowship for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Center for
Holocaust and Genocide Studies, 2013

Audrey Christensen Library Acquisition Award, College of Liberal Arts, 2012

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, 2011

Bernard & Fern Badzin Graduate Fellowship for Holocaust & Genocide Studies Center for
Holocaust and Genocide Studies, 2009

Outstanding Departmental Service Award, College of Arts and Sciences, 2009

Dr. Scholl Honors Research Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, 2008

Graduate Summer Independent Study Award, College of Arts and Sciences, 2008

Larson-McGee Summer Research Award, Department of History, 2008

Long-Findeisen History Honors Scholarship, Department of History, 2008

William R. Steckel History Honors Award, Department of History, 2007

Paul Stock Foundation Award, College of Arts and Sciences, 2007

Teaching Awards

Black Hills State University

Faculty Appreciation and Excellence Recognition, Women's Softball Team, Spring 2017

Faculty Appreciation and Excellence Recognition, Men's Basketball Team, Fall 2016

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES

Invited Lectures, Keynote Presentations, and Interviews

"My Nearly-White Wife': Colonial Citizenship and the Racial Boundaries of Germanness,
1904-1914," Koebner-Minerva Center for German History and the Forum for the
Study of Genocide, Holocaust and Mass Violence, Hebrew University, Jerusalem,
Israel, 12 June 2018

- “Vectors of Violence: Persecution and Complacency in Nazi Germany and the Great Plains,” Robert and Myra Kraft Family Foundation, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Omaha, NE, March 2018
- “Berlin *Now*: A Portrait of a City after the Wall,” The University Honors Program, Black Hills State University, 01 February 2018
- “Berlin after the *Wende*: From Checkpoint Charlie to the Berghain,” Jacket Forum, Black Hills State University, 31 January 2018
- “‘The Calamity of the Rightless’: Humanity’s Pursuit of Justice since 1945,” Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid, City, South Dakota, 11 January 2018.
- “The Politics of Memory: Holocaust Remembrance since 1945,” Holocaust Remembrance Week, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota, 27 April 2017
- “Promise and Tragedy: Weimar Germany and the LGBTQ Community,” Awareness Week, Black Hills State University, 20 March 2017
- “History in the Media Today,” Black Hills State University, 22 February 2017
- “The Holocaust and Memory after 1945,” *In the Moment*, South Dakota Public Broadcasting, National Public Radio, 27 January 2017
- “*Stunde Null*: The Holocaust and Memory after 1945,” The University Honors Program, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, South Dakota, January 2017
- “Genocide in German Southwest Africa: German Political Leaders Agree with the Historians—Finally,” *The Academic Minute*, Association of American Colleges and Universities, 15 December 2016
- “Reflections on the Age of Reason, Revolution, and Genocide,” History Honors Colloquium, Black Hills State University, December 2016
- Four-week lecture series on the History of the Holocaust, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies/Sabes Jewish Center, St. Paul, Minnesota, Spring 2016
- “*Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Führer*: Nazi Germany and the Start of the Second World War,” Messiah College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Spring 2016
- “‘Ordinary Men’ or ‘Willing Executioners’,” Normandale Community College, Psychology of the Holocaust, Spring 2016
- “War as Calculus for Extermination,” Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, Spring 2016
- “Race and Annihilation in Europe’s Colonial Empires,” Seminar on Global World War II, University of Minnesota, Spring 2016
- “European Nationalism and the Domestic ‘Other’ in the Nineteenth Century,” Seminar on Global World War II, University of Minnesota, Spring 2016
- “Genocide in Deutsch Südwestafrika,” Children of Holocaust Survivors in Minnesota, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, St. Paul, Minnesota, December 2015

- “The Abstract Nakedness of Being Human’: Nazi Germany and the Holocaust,” Summer Institute for Educators: “Holocaust Education in a Global Context,” Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, June 2015
- “The First World War in the Colonies,” Panel: “WWI at Home and Abroad,” Center for Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota, April 2015
- “The Nazi Racial State,” Seminar of Nazi German and the History of the Holocaust, University of Minnesota, Summer 2013
- “Nazi Germany’s Other ‘Others’,” Kaiser to Kanzlerin: Creating German Unity from 1848 to the Present,” Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, Spring 2012

Conferences and Workshops

- Roundtable: “Toward a Global Perspective in German History,” 43rd Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Portland, OR, October 2019 [Forthcoming]
- “Disability, Eugenics, and Genocide: Nazi Germany, Its Antecedents and Legacy,” Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., 7-11 January 2019
- “A Global ‘Heimat Ideal’ in an Age of Racial Exclusion,” *A Double Colonialism: New Directions in the History and Culture of Namibia and South West Africa*, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 3-4 December 2018 [Forthcoming]
- “The Racial Boundaries of German Citizenship, 1904-1915,” Western Institute for Humanities Research Annual Meeting, American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming, 19 October 2018
- “The Transnational Kaiserreich: The Historiographical Shift Toward a Global Germany,” 42nd Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2018
- “Vectors of Violence: Persecutions and Complacency in Nazi Germany and the Great Plains,” Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, 26-28 March 2018
- “Interactive Approaches to Teaching Twentieth-Century German History,” 132nd Annual American Historical Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2018
- “A Past that Must Not Go Away: The Legacy of the Herero-Namaqua Genocide in Germany and Namibia,” Botho University International Research Conference, Gaborone, Botswana, November 2017
- “Colony as Metropole: The Emergence of a Global ‘Heimat Ideal’ in Southwest Africa,” Panel: “Race, Culture, and Colonial Space in German Ethnography and Empire,” 41st Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 2017
- “‘The Diplomatically Cunning Fox’: Hendrik Witbooi and German Perceptions of Colonial Rule and Identity in Southwest Africa, 1884-1905,” Panel: “Making Germany in Africa: Mobility, Technology, and Identity,” 40th Annual German Studies Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, October 2016

- Seminar: "Writing Histories of Germans Abroad: Approaches and Methodologies to German Sources in the Global South," 40th Annual German Studies Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, October 2016
- "*Mein Lieber Theodor*": Hendrik Witbooi and German Perceptions of Colonial Namibia, 1884-1905," International African Studies Conference, "Fault Lines:" Rethinking Disciplinary Traditions in African Studies, University of Minnesota, April 2016.
- "Aspiring '*Auslandsdeutsche*': Colonial Petitions and the Language of Imperialism," Panel: "Germans in the World: Are Transnational Studies Still German Studies?" 39th Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., October 2015
- "*Meiner Frau, die fast weiß ist: Kolonial Verbindungen, Rasse, und national Identität in Deutsch Südwestafrika, 1905-1919*," Interdisziplinäre Konferenz der Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD), Berlin, Germany, December 2014
- "Hottentots,' Herero's, and Heimat: Colonial Encounters and German Identity in Southwest Africa, 1884-1912," Twentieth Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, "Nineteenth-Century German History," German Historical Institute (GHI), Washington, D.C., May 2014
- Seminar: "Global History, Literature, and Culture from a German Base," 37th Annual German Studies Association (GSA) Meeting, Denver, Colorado, October 2013
- "Hottentots' and *Heimat*: Colonial Encounters and Identity in Southwest Africa, 1884-1894," Panel: "Colonial Complications: Empire, War, and Narratives of *Deutschtum* from Germany's African Colonies, 1890-1929," Fourth Annual German History Society Annual Meeting, London, United Kingdom, September 2013
- "*Eine andere Heimat*:' Boer Migration and German Identity in Southwest Africa," Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, July 2013
- "Between *Heimat* and Heathens:' German Missionaries and the Forging of 'Germanness' in Southern Africa, 1842-1884," 36th Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, October 2012
- "Germany Across Boundaries," Rethinking Europe: New Approaches and Methodologies to the Study of Europe in the 21st Century, Center for German and European Studies, University of Minnesota, October 2011
- "The Rhenish Mission Society and the 'Civilizing Mission' in Southwestern Africa," 35th Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, September 2011
- "Scientific Racism and the Evolution of the Final Solution," Fifth Annual James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 2010
- "Mercy Killers': Nazi Doctors in the *Aktion Reinhard* Death Camps," Graduate Symposium, University of Wyoming, April 2009
- "Destruction of 'Life Unworthy of Life:' The Perversion of the Hippocratic Oath Under the Nazis," Colorado Regional Conference, Laramie, Wyoming, March 2009
- "Dorot Fellows Research Presentation," Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., August 2008

“Bergen-Belsen on Trial: From Convalescent to Death Camp,” Graduate Symposium,
University of Wyoming, April 2008

“The Holocaust in Court: The Verdicts of the Belsen Trial,” Missouri Valley History
Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, March 2008

Commentator

“Writing, Rewriting, and Representing the Colonial Past in Germany and Beyond:
Entanglements and Comparisons,” 42nd Annual German Studies Association Meeting,
Pittsburgh, PA, September 2018

Moderator

“Writing, Rewriting, and Representing the Colonial Past in Germany and Beyond:
Entanglements and Comparisons,” 42nd Annual German Studies Association Meeting,
Pittsburgh, PA, September 2018

“‘Modeling Socialism’? Bottom-Up Perspectives on East German History and Memory, 1
1949-2000,” 41st Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October
2017

COURSES TAUGHT: INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

University of Wyoming

Seminars/Electives: Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
World War II in Europe
International Human Rights (Online)
Human Rights and Crimes against Humanity
World History since 1500
Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy
Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa
From Kaiser to Kanzerlin: History of Modern Germany, 1705-Present
History Theory and Methods (Graduate)

Black Hills State University

General Education: Western Civilization I
Western Civilization II
World History (Online)

Seminars/Electives: European History, 1500-1815
European History since 1815
History of the Holocaust
History of Germany

Weimar Germany: Promise and Tragedy
Comparative Fascism in Europe
Human Rights and Crimes against Humanity
Colonial and Post-Colonial Africa
Historiography

Graduate Seminar: History of the Holocaust

Study Abroad: Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
(Berlin/Nuremberg/Oświęcim/Krakow)

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

General Education: History of Europe, 1900-1945 (Online)

Seminars/Electives: Studies in Twentieth Century Europe, 1900-1945
Studies in Twentieth Century Europe, 1945-1991
Germans Abroad: Migration and Nation in the Long 19th Century
History of the Holocaust

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (University of Minnesota – Twin Cities)

Seminars/Electives: The German Colonial Empire, 1942-1919
Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, 1919-1945
From Kaiser to *Kanzlerin*: Forging German Unity, 1805–Present
Human Rights and Crimes against Humanity, 1789-Present

COURSES TAUGHT: TEACHING ASSISTANT

University of Minnesota

Game of Thrones: Emperors, Knights, and Witches in Central Europe
Writing (in) East Asian Cultures: China, Japan, and Korea
Crime Control: Drugs and Society, Department of Sociology
Human Rights and Crimes against Humanity
Theoretical Approaches to Global Studies
Knowledge, Power, and the Politics of Representation in Global Studies
Western Civilizations II, Department of History
Western Civilizations I, Department of History

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant and Digital Analyst, Center for German and European Studies,
University of Minnesota, Spring 2016

Research Assistant for Dr. Katharine Gerbner, Translating and Transcribing Eighteenth Century German Script, Department of History, University of Minnesota, 2014-2016

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

John Mason, TBA

Bianca E. Infante De La Cruz, TBA

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Stuart Cameron, TBA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committees

University of Wyoming

Curriculum Committee, 2018-Present

Events Committee (Chair), 2018-Present

Phi Alpha Theta (Chair), 2018-Present

Graz International Summer School Seggau (Advisory Board), 2018-Present

Black Hills State University

Faculty Senate Appointments Committee, Black Hills State University, 2017-Present

Research Symposium Committee, Chair, College of Liberal Arts, Black Hills State University, 2017-2018

Jonas Academic Remodel Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Black Hills State University, 2017-2018

General Education Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Black Hills State University, 2017-2018

Applied Liberal Arts Major, Black Hills State University, 2016-2018

Professional Development

Student Orientation Coordinator, Black Hills State University, Fall 2017

Faculty Reviewer, Virginia Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference, European History Category, Spring 2017

Organizer, Course Designer Certification Program, Black Hills State University, Spring 2017

Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Blog Sponsor, University of Minnesota, 2016

AP European History Table Leader, Kansas City, Missouri, Summer 2016-Present

AP European History Reader, Kansas City, Missouri, Summer 2012-Present

Deutscheschrift Summer Course, Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, PA, June 2011

Conference Organizer, Colorado Regional Conference, Phi Alpha Theta, Nu Alpha Chapter, Vice President, Department of History, University of Wyoming, Spring 2009

Vice President of Phi Alpha Theta, Nu Alpha Chapter, Department of History, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, 2008-2009

Campus Outreach

“Working and Engaging with International Students,” Office of International Relations and Global Engagement, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, South Dakota, November 2017

Speaker, “Welcome to College,” Freshmen Orientation, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, South Dakota, August 2017

Panelist, “What to Expect as a Faculty Member at BHSU,” Faculty Orientation, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, South Dakota, August 2017

Community Outreach

Research specialist, “Youth Protests against the GDR and the Berlin Wall,” Minnesota History Day, Junior Division, Spring 2017

History Club Co-Director, Black Hills State University, Fall 2016-Present

Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Spring 2016

Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Spring 2014

Advisor, “Leni Riefenstahl: Reforming an Industry and a Nation,” Minnesota History Day, Senior Division, Group Documentary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Spring 2012

LANGUAGES

German (fluent)

Sütterlin German Script (paleography)

French (reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association, 2016-Present

German Studies Association, 2011-Present

Central European History Society, 2012-Present

German Historical Institute, 2014-Present

German Historical Society (London), 2013-2014

History Working Group, 2013-Present