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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: A Quarter Century of Research on Global Germany and Its Legacies* (Oxford: Peter Lang Press), edited and introduced with Sara Pugach and David Pizzo [Expected Spring 2019]

### Book Chapters

“Consequences of Genocide,” *A Cultural History of Genocide: The Long Nineteenth Century*, Bloomsbury Press [Expected Fall 2019]

“Language, Empire, and Nation: Aspiring Settler-Colonists and the *Heimat* Ideal,” *A Quarter Century of Research on Global Germany and Its Legacies* (Oxford: Peter Lang Press) [Expected Spring 2019]

“Introduction to ‘After the Imperialist Imagination,’” *A Quarter Century of Research on Global Germany and Its Legacies* (Oxford: Peter Lang Press), co-authored with Sara Pugach and David Pizzo [Expected Spring 2019]

### 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 [Expected Summer 2018]

### Book Reviews

Review of Susanne Kuss, *German Colonial Wars and the Context of Military Violence*, in *German Studies Review* [Forthcoming]

Review of Nina Berman, *Germans on the Kenyan Coast*, for *German Studies Review*

Review of Panteleymon Anastasakis, *The Church of Greece Under Axis Rule*, for *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* [Forthcoming]

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 Tournlain, *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*

*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

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  
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

- "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 Transnational Kaiserreich: The Historiographical Shift Toward a Global Germany," 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2018 [Forthcoming]
- "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," 132<sup>nd</sup> 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," 41<sup>st</sup> 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," 40<sup>th</sup> 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," 40<sup>th</sup> 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?" 39<sup>th</sup> 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," 37<sup>th</sup> 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,” 36<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Center for German and European Studies, University of Minnesota, October 2011
- “The Rhenish Mission Society and the ‘Civilizing Mission’ in Southwestern Africa,” 35<sup>th</sup> 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,” 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual German Studies Association Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2018

#### Moderator

- “‘Modeling Socialism’? Bottom-Up Perspectives on East German History and Memory, 1949-2000,” 41<sup>st</sup> 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)

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

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### Committees

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  
Center for Austrian Studies Undergraduate Advisory Committee, Director, Center for  
Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota, 2016  
Graduate Student Committee Representative, Department of History, University of  
Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2010-2012

### 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