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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Modern European History, Dissertation, "Shattered Communities: Soldiers, Rabbis, and the Ostjuden under Occupation, 1915-1918," University of Tennessee (August 2010)

Master of Art, German History, Texas A&M University (August 2007)

Master of Science, Historical Geography, Thesis titled, "Karl Haushofer and His Impact on the German-Japanese Alliance, 1900-1936," Texas A&M University (August 2004)

Certification in International Affairs, George Bush School of Public Service, Texas A&M University (May 2004)

Bachelor of Science, Geography with Honors, Texas A&M University (December 2002)

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Texas A&M University (1984 - 1989)

Publications

Beyond inclusion and exclusion: Jewish experiences of the First World War in Central Europe, First World War Studies, 10:2-3, 280-281, DOI: 10.1080/19475020.2020.1774129 (2020)

For the Honor of the Fatherland: German Jews on the Eastern Front During the Great War, published by Lexington Books (Fall 2017)

Soldiers, Rabbis, and Ostjuden under Occupation, in Legacies of the Holocaust, published by Jagiellonian Press (Summer 2009)

Germans Jews in the Forgotten War: Occupation of the Eastern Front in the Great War, Russia's Great War and Revolution (www.russiasgreatwar.org) (Winter 2015)

Scholarly Presentations

- "Not So Quiet on the Eastern Front: New Directions in World War I Studies," German Studies Association Conference, (October 2013)
- "Shattered Tablets: Germans and Jews in the Occupation of the Eastern Front in the Great War," Center of Military History, (March 2013)
- "The Academic Leadership of Transnational Fascism: Karl Haushofer and the German-Japanese Alliance," Southern Historical Association (November 2012)

- "Shattered Communities: Soldiers, Rabbis, and the Ostjuden, 1915-1918," Institute für Osteuropäische Geschichte und Landeskunde, University of Tübingen, (Fall 2010)
- "Shattered Communities: German Army Jewish Relief Agencies on the Eastern Front, 1914-1918," Legacy of the Holocaust Conference, Krakow, Poland, (Summer 2009)
- Legacy of the Holocaust Conference, Krakow, Poland, "Soldiers, Rabbis, and the Ostjuden under Occupation, 1915-1918" (Summer 2007)
- Glasscock Colloquium, Texas A&M University paper given titled, "Strangers amongst Us: German, Jewish, and Polish Relations during German Occupation, 1915 -1918" (Spring 2007)
- Schiller University Colloquium, Jena, Germany, paper given titled, "Strangers amongst Us: German, Jewish, and Polish Relations during German Occupation, 1915 -1918" (Summer 2006)

Awards and Honors

- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Fellowship - 2018 Curt C. and Else Silberman Faculty Seminar, Racial Practice: Theory, Policy, and Execution in Nazi Germany and Jim Crow South (2018)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Fellowship - 2013 Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar, Teaching about the Holocaust: History, Memory, and Memorialization. (2013)
- DAAD Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (University of Tübingen, 2011-12) (declined to accept tenure-track position)
- U. S. Fulbright Research Fellowship, Krakow, Poland (academic year 2008-09), first University of Tennessee graduate student ever to earn such a fellowship
- Holocaust Education Foundation Fellowship Twelfth Annual Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization at Northwestern University (Summer 2007)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Fellowship Indiana University (Summer 2006)
- Glasscock Humanities Travel Grant, Legacy of the Holocaust Conference, Krakow (2007)
- L.T. Jordan International Fellowship, Fellowship awarded based on Thesis research in Munich, Germany (Summer 2003)

Professional Language Training

Viva Lingua, German Proficiency Course, Tübingen, Fall 2010

United States Holocaust Museum, Reading Yiddish for Holocaust Research (Summer 2006)

Goethe Institute, Dresden, German Language Proficiency Course and Exam (Summer 2004)

German Language Proficiency Course, Bonn, Germany (Summer 2003)

Professional Memberships

Conference Group for Central European History (CGCEH) (2010 – present)

German Studies Association (GSA) (2008 – present)

Association of American Geographers (AAG) (2009 – Present)

Phi Beta Delta – International Scholars Honor Society (2004 - present)

Gamma Theta Upsilon- Geography Honor Society (2000 - present)

Courses Taught

Political Geography

Cultural Geography

Geography of Genocide

Geography of Human Rights: Africa and the Americas

Geography of Human Rights: Europe and Asia Pacific

Geography of Europe

Special Topics Geography courses on: Europe, Asia, Africa and Russia

World History

Western Civilization – 1498 – present

Military History

Employment History

Lecturer of Geography, University of Tennessee 2016 – present

Assistant Professor of History and Geography, Alabama A&M University 2011-2013

Visiting instructor, University of Tübingen, Germany 2010-2011

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee 2007-2008, 2009-2010

Fulbright Fellow, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland 2008-2009

Instructor, Blinn Community College 2005-2007

Study Abroad, Teacher-group Leader, Texas A&M University at Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland (Summers 2004, 2005)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, Texas A&M University 2002-2004

Research Assistant, Department of Geography, Urban Geography, Texas A&M University 2003-2004

Manufacturing Engineer, APPLIED MATERIALS, Austin, Texas (1995-2002). Managed a team of engineers and technologists in building and installing semi-conductor fabrication plants for making computer chips at major semiconductors manufacturers, including Intel, Motorola, and Samsung in Tokyo.

Manufacturing Test Engineer, ADVANCED ENERGY, Ft. Collins, Colorado (1992-1994).

Advanced Energy produces power supplies for leading companies such as Applied Materials and AMD. Worked with the Final Test group to bring the On Time Delivery status to 100%. Conducted burnout tests, troubleshooting, and repairing products in order to provide an on-time and high-quality product to the customer.