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Employment

- Associate Professor of German and History: The Pennsylvania State University (2014 to present).
- Lecturer in History: The Pennsylvania State University (2007 – 2014)

Education

Yale University (September 2000 to May 2007)

- **PhD in History** (May 2007)
- Master of Philosophy (May 2003)
- Master of Arts (December 2001)
- **Dissertation:** “Reading America, Studying Empire: German Perceptions of Indians, Slavery, and the American West, 1789-1900”

Freie Universität Berlin (Fall 1994 - Summer 2000)

- First State Examination in History and English (1. *Staatsexamen*)
- Thesis: “The American Reception of Thomas Paine’s *Age of Reason* as a Reflection of Social and Political Developments in the Early Republic” (2000)

Duke University (1996-1997)

- Undergraduate Fellowship

Publications

Monograph:

- *German Expansionism, Imperial Liberalism, and the United States, 1776-1945* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012).

Articles & Book Chapters:

- “Reform, Revolution, and the ‘Original Catastrophe:’ Political Change in Prussia on the Eve of the First World War,” *Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 91 (2), 2019.
- “Revolutionary Respectability: The SPD and Political Affairs in the German Empire,” *German Studies Review*, Vol. 42 (2), 2019.
- “Workers under the Swastika” in Shelley Baranowski, Armin Nolzen & Claus-Christian Szejnmann (eds.), *A Companion to Nazi Germany* (Hoboken: Wiley & Blackwell, 2018).
- “The SPD Should Return to Its Anticolonial Roots,” *Jacobin Magazine*, Issue 30, 2018.

- “Frontier im Westen – Frontier im Osten? Der Amerikanische Westen und die nationalsozialistische Vision vom *Lebensraum im Osten*” in Ulrike Jureit (ed.), *Umkämpfte Räume: Raumbilder, Ordnungswille und Gewaltmobilisierung* (Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2016).
- “‘Between Us and the French There Are No Profound Differences:’ Colonialism and the Possibilities of a Franco-German Rapprochement after the Franco-Prussian War,” *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques*, Volume 40 (1), 2014.
- “The U.S. Frontier as Rationale for the Nazi East? Settler Colonialism and Genocide in Nazi-Occupied Eastern Europe and the American West,” *Journal of Genocide Research*, Volume 15 (4), 2013.
- “Ein Imperium der Freiheit? Die deutsche Sozialdemokratie, die Vereinigten Staaten und der deutsche Imperialismus vor dem Ersten Weltkrieg” in Werner Kremp & Michael Schneider (eds.), *“Am Sternenbanner das Geschick der Arbeiterklasse” – 150 Jahre Beziehungen zwischen deutscher Sozialdemokratie und den USA* (Trier: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Trier, 2013).
- “The Myth of the Pro-Colonialist SPD: German Social Democracy and Imperialism before the First World War,” *Central European History*, Volume 45 (3), 2012.
- “From the American Frontier to German South-West Africa: German Colonialism, Indians, and American Westward Expansion,” *Modern Intellectual History*, Volume 7 (3), 2010.
- “Native Americans in the Eyes of the German Public, 1750 – 2000,” *Occasional Paper Series*, International and Security Studies at Yale University, 2005.

Work in Progress:

Monograph:

- *Radical Democracy in Germany, 1871 – 1918.*

Articles:

- “Transnational Racism and Pro-Slavery Sentiment in Late Eighteenth-Century Germany,” to be submitted to *History of European Ideas*
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- “East vs. West: Competing Expansionisms in Germany, 1848-1945,” in Janne Lahti (ed.), *Entangled Empires: German and American Colonialism in a Connected World* (New York: Palgrave, forthcoming).
- “Enlightened Racism: The Case of Christoph Meiners.”