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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of History and Affiliated Faculty, Stroum Center for Jewish Studies
University of Washington, Seattle
September 2018 to the present (Assistant Professor of History 2016-2018)

Associate Professor of History
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
May 2016 to August 2016 (Assistant Professor of History 2009-2016)

Senior Visiting Research Associate
Modern European History Research Centre, University of Oxford (UK)
April 2012 to January 2013; April 2013 to June 2013

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto
July 2008 to July 2009

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (October 2008)

B.A., Political Science and History, Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, NY
(May 2000)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Sex and the Weimar Republic: German Homosexual Emancipation and the Rise of the Nazis
(University of Toronto Press, 2015)

*Cruising the Empire: How Colonialism, Racism, and Antisemitism Made the Modern
Homosexual*
(advance contract, University of Toronto Press)

Queer, Transgender, the Nazi State, and the Holocaust: A New History (in progress)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Wurden lesbische Frauen im Nationalsozialismus verfolgt? Mikrogeschichte und der Begriff der ‘Verfolgtengruppe’ *Invertito: Jarbuch für die Geschichte der Homosexualitäten* Rüdiger Lautmann, ed. (forthcoming, 2020)

“Was the Homosexual Made White? Race, Empire, and Analogy in Gay and Trans Thought in Twentieth-Century Germany.” *Gender & History* 31:1 (2019): 1-24.

“Lesbianism, Transvestitism, and the Nazi State: A Microhistory of a Gestapo Investigation, 1939-1943.” *The American Historical Review* 121:4 (2016): 1167-1195.

“‘The book was a revelation, I recognized myself in it’: Lesbian Sexuality, Censorship, and the Queer Press in Weimar-era Germany.” *Journal of Women’s History* 27:2 (2015): 62-86.

“Degeneration, Sexual Freedom, and the Politics of the Weimar Republic, 1918-1933.” *German Studies Review* 34 No. 3 (2011): 529-550.

ACADEMIC ARTICLES & BOOK REVIEWS, NOT PEER-REVIEWED

Edward Ross Dickinson, Jochen Hung, Laurie Marhoefer, Julia Roos, “A Backlash Against Liberalism? What The Weimar Republic Can Teach Us About Today’s Politics,” *International Journal for History, Culture and Modernity* 5(1) (2018), 91-107.

Ralph M. Leck, *Vita Sexualis: Karl Ulrichs and the Origins of Sexual Science* in *German Studies Review* 41:1 (2018), 174-6.

Andrew Wackerfuss, *Stormtrooper Families: Homosexuality and Community in the Early Nazi Movement* in *The American Historical Review* 122:1 (2017): 268.

“Homosexuality and Theories of Culture,” *Was ist Homosexualität? Forschungsgeschichte, gesellschaftliche Entwicklungen und Perspektiven*, edited by Jennifer V. Evans, Florian Mildenerger, Rüdiger Lautmann, Jakob Pastötter. Hamburg: Männerschwarm, 2014: 255-269.

Josie McLellan, *Love in the Time of Communism: Intimacy and Sexuality in the GDR* in *The Journal of Modern History* 85:2 (June 2013): 480-482.

Annette Timm, *The Politics of Fertility in Twentieth-Century Berlin* in *European History Quarterly* 43 No. 1 (2013): 195-197.

Julia Roos, *Weimar Through the Lens of Gender: Prostitution Reform, Woman’s Emancipation, and German Democracy, 1919-1933* in *German Studies Review* 34 No. 4 (2012) 188-190.

Victoria Harris, *Selling Sex in the Reich: Prostitutes in German Society, 1914-1945* in *German Studies Review* 34 No. 1 (2011): 185-186.

MEDIA

Print

“The Freddie Mercury Story that Goes Untold in *Bohemian Rhapsody*” *The Conversation* February 22, 2019.

- Republished in *Newsweek* (Japan) print edition and elsewhere, translated into Japanese and Spanish, over 250,000 reads and 8,000 Facebook shares.

“Why the Myth of the Gay Nazi is Back in Circulation” *Slate* August 24, 2018

“Queer Fascism and the End of Gay History,” *Notches: (Re)marks on the History of Sexuality* (notchesblog.com), June 19, 2018

“How Should We Protest Neo-Nazis? Lessons from German History” *The Conversation* August 21, 2017.

- Republished on *Newsweek.com*, *Salon.com*, and elsewhere. Over 100,000 reads, over 600 tweets, and over 26,000 Facebook shares. It was voted the most influential article of 2017 by readers of *The Conversation*.

“From Gay Nazis to ‘We’re Here, We’re Queer’ – A Century of Arguing About Gay Pride” *The Conversation* June 22, 2017.

- Republished by *The Washington Post* (online edition), *Salon*, and elsewhere.

Radio

Radio, 2017-8: guest on the nationally syndicated *To the Point* with Warren Olney; three times on *The Record* on Seattle’s KUOW, most recently in July 2018) and in New Zealand (on *Nights* on Radio New Zealand).

Consulting/notable quotes

Pew Research Center survey, December 17-19, 2018 (consulting)

Politifact (Louis Jacobson, “No, the Nazi Platform Did Not Echo the Democratic Platform, as Donald Trump Jr. Said,” August 3, 2018) (quote)

The Washington Post (Michael Miller, “Antifa: Guardians Against Fascism or Lawless Thrill-Seekers?” September 14, 2017) (quote)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTED)

2019-2020 Simpson Center for the Humanities Society of Scholars University of Washington

2018 University of Washington Royalty Research Fund

2015 Meredith Teaching Recognition Award, Syracuse University

April 2012-January 2013; April 2013-June 2013 Senior Visiting Research Associate, Modern European History Research Centre, Oxford University

2012 German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, DAAD) Research Visit Grant for Faculty

2012 Alternate, American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (assistant professor level)

2008-2009 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto

2008-2009 Graduate Fellowship, Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers (declined)

2008-2009 Graduate Fellowship, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis (declined)

2008 Finalist, Sarah Pettit Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University

2007-2008 Graduate Fellow, Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University

2003-2004, 2006-2007 Excellency Fellowship Rutgers History Department

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

“Did Sex Bring Down the Weimar Republic?” German Historical Institute, Weimar lecture series 2019, March 28, 2019, Washington, DC.

“*Historikerstreit über homosexuelle Verfolgung*: Revisiting the Nazi State’s Persecution of Gay Men,” Stanford University Department of German, May 8, 2018.

“How Democracies Become Dictatorships: Lessons for Trump’s America from the Weimar Republic,” Columbae, Stanford University, May 6, 2018.

“*Historikerstreit über homosexuelle Verfolgung*: Revisiting the Nazi State’s Persecution of Gay Men,” University of Washington Department of Germanics, April 27, 2018.

“Popular Protest in Nazi Germany: Rethinking the Power of Public Opinion in a Police State”
University of Washington History Lecture Series, UW Alumni Association, January 17, 2018.
(online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPeHMh1dPS8&t=3439s>)

“*The Sound of Music* and Austria’s 1938” Behind the Curtain, Seattle Theater Group (pre-performance lecture on *The Sound of Music*) Paramount Theater, Seattle, WA, September 6, 2017.

Workshop for Graduate Students, Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, University of Vienna, June 22, 2017.

“Homonormativity and Queer History. German Homosexual Emancipation, the Fall of the Weimar Republic, and the Rise of the Nazis” Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, University of Vienna, June 21, 2017.

“The World’s First Gay Rights Movement and the Rise of the Nazis: Sexual Liberation under the Weimar Republic” Grinnell College, March 15, 2017

“The World’s First Gay Rights Movement and the Golden 1920s of the Weimar Republic,”
Utica College Center for Historical Research, October 19, 2015

“Sex and the Politics of the Weimar Republic,” University at Buffalo History Department,
March 4, 2015

“Lesbians and Transvestites in Nazi Germany”
Florida Atlantic University Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education/Compass, Palm Beach County, January 10, 2013

“Women’s and Gender History Methodologies”
Methodologies Seminar, Women’s Studies MA Program, University of Oxford,
October 25, 2012

“What’s Queer About Queer History? Female Prostitution, Male Homosexuality, and the Röhm Scandal, 1927-1932”
St. Hilda’s College, University of Oxford, November 23, 2011

“Illusionary Liberation? German Politics and Sexuality in the Weimar era, 1918-1933”
Joint Initiative in German and European Studies, Munk Centre for International Studies,
University of Toronto, January 30, 2009

PANELIST BY INVITATION

“Responding to Pittsburgh,” Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington,
November 7, 2018.

“Antisemitism and German History in the Age of Trump,” Rethinking Antisemitism Symposium, Swarthmore College, September 16, 2018.

The Stranger Night School “What We Should Do About White Nationalists?” Seattle, April 24, 2018.

2017 Anne and Sandy Dolowitz Lecture in Human Rights Panel, University of Utah, “The Global Resurgence of Violent Extremism” November 30, 2017.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Microhistory and Histories of Sexuality and Racism,” The Future(s) of Microhistory: A Symposium, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, November 18, 2017

“‘I am the first German negro citizen’: Racism and Anti-Racism under the Weimar Republic” German Studies Association Forty-First Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 8, 2017

“‘Many went and risked their lives...and should those who come back once again be persecuted?’ The First World War and the Transformation of German Homosexual Emancipation,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 4, 2015, New York City

“The Social Institution of “Alternative Insemination” in Post-War Western Europe and the US, from the Rise of AI to the Lesbian Baby Boom,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, November 15, 2014, San Juan, Puerto Rico

“Homosexual Emancipation’s Claims on Citizenship and the Röhm Scandal of 1932,” German Studies Association Thirty-Eight Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, September 21, 2014

“‘On racial-political grounds, the German regime...is against the immigration of a white woman who is married to a negro’: Black-White Couples, Citizenship, and the Weimar Republic” German Studies Association Thirty-Seventh Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, October 5, 2013

“Making a Sexual Minority: Race and Early Queer Activism, 1890s-1930s” Rethinking Race and Sexuality: Feminist Conversations, Contestations, and Coalitions Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, Montreal, April 18, 2013

“Fomenting Sexual Revolution in Germany, 1916-1921” In Search of Revolution 1916-1923: Germany and Its European Context Fritz Thyssen Stiftung/Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Cologne, 21 March 2013

Magazines and Their “Wizardly Power”: The Politics of Censorship, Queer Desires, and Homosexual Emancipation in 1920s Germany”

Taking Liberties: Sex, Pleasure, Coercion (1748-1928)

Newcastle University, Newcastle, UK, June 15, 2012

“Lesbianism and the Law in Germany, 1918-1933”

Upstate New York Women’s History Association, Binghamton, NY, April 21, 2012

“Reading and Desire in Weimar-era Germany, 1918-1933”

Popular Sex: Mass Media and Sexuality in Germany (SSHRC-funded workshop)

Calgary, Alberta, University of Calgary, January 9, 2011

“Gestapo Denouncers, Suspicion, and Sexuality: A Case Study in Würzburg”

Eleventh Biennial Lessons and Legacies Conference on the Holocaust

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, November 5, 2010

“Female Prostitution, Male Homosexuality, and Eugenics in Weimar-era Legal Reform

Movements” German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA, October 8, 2010

“Queer Imperial Legacies for Twenty-First Century Economies”

Desiring Just Economies/Just Economies of Desire

Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Berlin, 24-26 June 2010

“What Slumbered Within Her? Media, Censorship, and Stories of Lesbian

Sexuality in Weimar-era Germany, 1918-1933”

Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting, Concordia University, Montreal, June 1, 2010

“Queer Empire: Travel in European Empires and German Sexology in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries”

Cultural Studies Association 8th Annual Meeting, University of California, Berkeley, March 20, 2010

“Eugenic Sterilization and Non-normative Sexualities”

Presentation to the Graduate Colloquium on Women and Gender, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, October 2008

“The Politics of Eugenic Sterilization during the Weimar Republic”

German Studies Association Thirty-First Annual Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 2008

“Dancer, Transvestite, Father: The Politics of Maleness in Berlin, 1931”

Midwestern German History Workshop, 2008, University of Toronto, Toronto, September 2008

“Dirty Books and Degenerate Bodies: Lesbian Organizing in Germany, 1918-1933”

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Minneapolis, MN, June 2008

“The Queer Empire: Germans Imagining Same-Sex Sexuality Outside of Europe”

Queer Exoticism: Second Annual LGBT Symposium, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, October 2007

“Researching Queer Berlin”

What’s New in Queer Theory? Norse Gender Institute, University of Lund, Lund, Sweden, May 2007

Organizing Committee Co-Chair, “Intimate Matters, Public Histories: 28th Annual Warren I. Susman Graduate History Conference” Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2006

EXTERNAL REVIEWER

Einstein Foundation, Berlin
Austrian Science Foundation
Mellon Foundation, Social Science Research Council
University of Michigan Press
Bloomsbury Academic Press
American Historical Review
Central European History
Journal of Contemporary History
Journal of the History of Sexuality

PRIZE COMMITTEES

American Historical Association Baxter Adams Prize Committee (2019-2021)

German Studies Review Best Article Prize Committee (2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
German Studies Association
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians

LANGUAGES

English, German, and French