

Curriculum Vitae

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Comparative History of Ideas
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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., History, 2012

Dissertation: "The Actuality of Critical Theory in the Netherlands, 1931-1994"
Committee: Martin Jay (Chair), John Connelly, Jeroen Dewulf, David W. Bates

M.A., History, 2006

University of Washington

B.A. cum laude, History, 2004

B.A. cum laude, with distinction, Comparative History of Ideas, 2004

EMPLOYMENT

University of Washington

Comparative History of Ideas Program/Department of History, Part-Time Lecturer, 2013-present

Pacific Lutheran University

First-Year Experience Program, Writing Instructor, 2011-2012

History Department, Lecturer, 2010-2011

PUBLICATIONS

Translation

Dibi, Tofik. *Djinn*. Translated and with an introduction by Nicolaas P. Barr. Queer Politics and Culture. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020 (under contract).

Journal Articles

“Adorno, Celan, and the Dictum against Poetry after Auschwitz.” *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly* 62, no. 1 (Winter 2015): 8-22.

“Hent de Vries and the Other of Reason.” *The European Legacy* 15, no. 5 (2010): 549-63.

Book Reviews

“We Democrats.” Roundtable review of Greenberg, Udi, *The Weimar Century: German Émigrés and the Ideological Foundations of the Cold War*. With introduction by Samuel Moyn and reply by Udi Greenberg. *H-Diplo Roundtable Reviews*, XVII, no. 2 (2015), 16-20.

“The Gentle Professor.” Review of Bevc, Tobias, *Kulturgenese als Dialektik von Mythos und Vernunft. Ernst Cassirer und die Kritische Theorie* and Skidelsky, Edward, *Ernst Cassirer: The Last Philosopher of Culture*. *H-German, H-Net Reviews*. March, 2010.

“Portrait of a Damaged Life.” Review of Claussen, Detlev, *Theodor W. Adorno: One Last Genius*. *H-German, H-Net Reviews*. May, 2009.

Public Scholarship

Panelist, “Burn it Down: A Beginner’s Guide to Populism.” Think & Drink, Humanities Washington, May 17, 2017.

“White Innocence and the Dutch Elections.” Review of Gloria Wekker, *White Innocence: Paradoxes of Colonialism and Race*. Online at *The Nation*, March 14, 2017.

“Freud, Said, and the Question of Jewish Identity After the Holocaust.” Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington, May 4, 2016.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Commentor, “The Legacy of Weimar’s ‘Conservative Revolution,’” German Studies Association Annual Conference, October 2019.

“Reading the Canon Contrapuntally with Said”
Beyond the Dialectical Imagination, UC Berkeley, October 2016

Moderator, “Imagining the Future of Undergraduate Education in the Liberal Arts: Is the CHID Model Still Viable?” University of Washington, April 2016.

“Andries Sternheim and the Question of the Intellectual in Early Critical Theory”
Conference on Public Intellectuals, Harvard University, April 2013

“Lolle Nauta and the Deprovincialization of Dutch Philosophy”
Conference on Public Intellectuals, Harvard University, April 2012

“The dreadful ferocity of *homo sapiens*’: Adorno’s Animals and the Political”
Pacific Association for the Continental Tradition, Seattle University, October 2011

“Adorno, Celan, and the Dictum against Poetry after Auschwitz” (invited speaker)
Powell and Heller Holocaust Conference, Pacific Lutheran University, March 2011

“Adorno on Progress: Between Material Relief and Utopian Resistance”
George Mason University, September 2010

“The Frankfurt School and Student Politics in the Netherlands”
University of Texas, Austin, October 2008

“Historicizing *Parrhesia*: Foucault and the Ethics of Critique”
Cornell University, April 2006

“On the Morality of Thinking: The Moments of Asceticism in the Frankfurt School”
University of California, Berkeley, May 2005

HONORS AND AWARDS

Pacific Lutheran University

Office of the Provost’s Innovative Teaching Grant, “Music in the *Polis*,” 2012
Office of the Provost’s Innovative Teaching Grant, “Poetry After Auschwitz?” 2010

University of California, Berkeley

Department of History (A. Richard Diebold) Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010
Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, 2008-2009
Department of History Travel Fellowship, 2007-2008
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2006-2007
Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, 2006
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Dutch, 2005-2006
Department of History Fellowship, 2004-2005

University of Washington

Thomas Power Prize (Outstanding Essay in History), 2004
Phi Beta Kappa, 2003
Department of History Elizabeth and Jonathan Roberts Scholarship, 2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington

Senior Thesis Seminar
Introduction to Intellectual History: Modern Thought in Dark Times
Tolerance, Identity, and Difference (Amsterdam study abroad program)
Neither Here Nor There: Narrating Your Experience Abroad
Introduction to Intellectual History: The Idea of Community
Freud and the Psychoanalytical Revolution in Historical Perspective
Marx and the Marxist Tradition

Pacific Lutheran University

Freshman Writing Seminar: Music in the *Polis* (Spring 2012)
The Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews (Fall 2010)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University of Washington

Comparative History of Ideas

Director of Study Abroad
Undergraduate Scholarship Committee
Editorial Supervisor, *Neither Here Nor There* (undergraduate journal)

Stroum Center for Jewish Studies

SCJS-Holocaust Center for Humanity Excellence in Scholarship Prize Committee

Pacific Lutheran University

Writing 101 Annual Assessment Committee, First-Year Experience Program, June 2012
Campus Symposium Co-Organizer, "Poetry After Auschwitz," December 2010

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

List Editor and Reviews Editor, *H-Low Countries* (2014-present)
Reviews Editor, *H-Ideas* (2017-2019)

NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE

Historical Consultant, "I Missed My Train," dir. Elke Hautala (documentary film about Dutch Holocaust child-rescuee Ernst van Gelderen, under production)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association
Koninklijk Nederlands Historisch Genootschap
German Studies Association

REFERENCES

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