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EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D., History, Duke University
2008 M.A., History, Duke University
2006 M.A., History, Certificate in Historical Agencies and Administration,
 Northeastern University
2004 B.A., History, New York University

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021-present Associate Professor of History, Loyola University Maryland
2015-2021 Assistant Professor of History, Loyola University Maryland
2014-2015 Lecturer, History and Literature Program, Harvard University
2012-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Oglethorpe University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Empire in the Heimat: Colonialism and Public Culture in the Third Reich (Oxford University Press, 2018)

Articles

“Ties that Bind: The Bitterfeld Retraining Workshop for Settlers and Emigrants, Affective Connections, and Germans in Interwar Tanganyika,” *German Studies Review*, forthcoming.

“‘The War was a great link’: German First World War Commemorations in Interwar Tanganyika,” *First World War Studies* (July 2025): 1–18.
doi:10.1080/19475020.2025.2539340.

“A Foot in the Door: The Colonial Section of the German Foreign Office and the Settlement of Germans in Interwar Tanganyika,” *Contemporary European History* (2024): 1-16.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0960777324000067>.

“In der Zwickmühle: Die kolonialistische Bewegung im Nationalsozialismus,” *Historische Urteilskraft. Magazin des Deutschen Historischen Museums*, translated by Sven Scheer, vol. 5 (June 2023): 44-49.

“Colonial Education in the Third Reich: The Witzenhausen Colonial School and the Rendsburg Colonial School for Women,” *Central European History* 49, no. 2 (June 2016): 181-207.

“*Deutsche Heimat in Afrika*: Colonial Revisionism and the Construction of Germanness Through Photography.” *Journal of Women’s History* 25, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 37-61.

— with Tiffany Trimmer and Brendan Wilson. “The Quantity and Quality of World History We Expect Students to Learn in Fourteen Weeks: A Thematic Approach Incorporating *The Earth and Its Peoples* and *Global Passages*.” *World History Connected: The E-Journal of Teaching and Learning*. 3:2 (February 2006).

Book Chapters

“‘Here too lies our *Lebensraum*’: Colonial Space as German Space.” In *Heimat, Region, and Empire: Spatial Identities under National Socialism*, edited by Chris Szejnmann and Maiken Umbach, 148-165. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, 2012.

Book Reviews

Matthew Unangst, *Colonial Geography: Race and Space in German East Africa, 1884-1905* in *University of Toronto Quarterly*, vol. 93, no. 3 (August 2024): 425-426.

Sara Pugach, David Pizzo and Adam A. Blackler, eds., *After the Imperialist Imagination: Two Decades of Research on Global Germany and Its Legacies* (Oxford: Peter Lang, 2020) in *German History*, 39, no. 4 (December 2021): 657–659.

Susanne Heyn, *Kolonial bewegte Jugend: Beziehungsgeschichten zwischen Deutschland und Südwestafrika zur Zeit der Weimarer Republik* (Bielefeld: transcript Verlag, 2018) in *German History* 37, no. 4 (December 2019): 589–590.

Lara Day and Oliver Haag, eds., *The Persistence of Race: Continuity and Change in Germany from the Wilhelmine Empire to National Socialism* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2017) in *German History*, 36 no. 4 (December 2018): 654-656.

Dina Gusejnova, *European Elites and Ideas of Empire, 1917-1957* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016) in *German Studies Review*, 41, no. 1 (February 2018): 180-182.

Guenter Lewy, *Harmful and Undesirable: Book Censorship in Nazi Germany* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) in *History: Reviews of New Books* 45, no. 4 (July 2017): 100-101.

Florian Krobb and Elaine Martin, eds. *Weimar Colonialism: Discourses of Post-Imperialism in Germany after 1918* (Bielefeld: Aisthesis Verlag. 2014) in *German History* 33, no. 1 (2015): 149-150.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	Dean’s Supplemental Fund, Loyola University Maryland
2023	Dean’s Supplemental Fund, Loyola University Maryland
2019	Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History, American Historical Association
2018	NEH Summer Stipend
2018	Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland

- 2017 Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Research Expense Funds, Loyola University Maryland
- 2016 Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland
- 2016 Dean's Supplemental Fund, Loyola University Maryland
- 2015 Postdoctoral Fellowship, German Historical Institute, Washington D.C.
- 2011 Dr. Richard M. Hunt Fellowship for the Study of German History, Politics, Society, and Culture, American Council on Germany
- 2011 Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History, American Historical Association
- 2011-2012 Special Collections Library Internship, Duke University
- 2010 Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University
- 2009 Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University
- 2007 Duke University History Department Summer Research Funding
- 2007 Anne Firor Scott Award
- 2007 DAAD Intensive Language Course Grant

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "Patronage as Emotional Bond: The *Reichskolonialbund*, the *Deutscher Schulverband Mbeya*, and the Founding of the Mbeya German School, 1937-1938," German Studies Association, Atlanta Georgia, September 28, 2024.
- 2024 "The War was a great link": Interwar Tanganyika as Transimperial Space," Writing German Colonial History Today: Renewed Issues and Perspectives, German Historical Institute, Paris, France, May 23, 2024.
- 2023 "German Coffee from German Planters: The Illusion of Colonial Value in the Interwar Period," German Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, October 8, 2023.
- 2023 "Navigating Ambivalence: Colonialists in the Third Reich," Colonial and Anti-Colonial Thinking: From the Enlightenment to the 20th Century, German Historical Museum, Berlin, Germany, June 23, 2023.
- 2022 "Germanness Past and Present in Interwar Tanganyika," Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, MD, November 11, 2022.
- 2022 "New Lives after Empire: Germans in Tanganyika," Imperial Afterlives: The End of Empire in Europe, 1878-1923, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK (participated virtually), August 19, 2022.
- 2020 "British-German Cooperation and Competition in Interwar Tanganyika," German Studies Association (virtual), September 30, 2020.
- 2019 "German Settlement in the Southern Highlands of Tanganyika, 1927-1929," German Studies Association, Portland, OR, October 6, 2019.
- 2019 "Colonialism and Public Culture in the Third Reich," American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 5, 2019.
- 2018 "Ties that Bind: Connections between Germany and Tanganyika in the Interwar Period," German Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA, September 28, 2017.
- 2017 "*Volksbewegung* versus *Versammlungsmüdigkeit*: Colonial Lobbying in the Third Reich," German Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, October 6, 2017.

- 2017 “Bridging Germany’s Colonial Past and Future in the Third Reich,” Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies Summer Workshop (“Continuities and Ruptures: Reflections on Crucial Concepts”), Free University, Berlin, Germany, June 28-30, 2017.
- 2016 “British and German Empires in the Illustrated Press, 1933-1945,” German Studies Association, San Diego, CA, September 30, 2016.
- 2015 “Educating Colonizers After Empire: Colonial Schools in the Third Reich,” German Studies Association, Washington, DC, October 2, 2015.
- 2015 “Keeping the Lost Empire Alive in Nazi Germany,” Death of Empires: A Multidisciplinary Conference on World War I, Daemen College, Amherst, New York, September 19, 2015.
- 2013 “*National sein heißt kolonial sein*: Colonialism and Public Culture in the Third Reich,” German Studies Association, Denver, CO, October 4, 2013.
- 2012 “‘Pith helmets do not make colonial pioneers’: Colonial Spectacle and Colonial Kitsch in the Third Reich,” German Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI, October 5, 2012.
- 2011 “Creating Future Colonists: Colonialist Discourse, National Socialism and the Rendsburg Colonial School for Women, 1926-1945,” Social Science History Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 18, 2011.
- 2011 “Race, Anti-Semitism, and the Myth of the Good German Colonizer in the Third Reich,” German Studies Association, Louisville, KY, September 24, 2011.
- 2011 “Colonizers are born, not made”: Creating a Colonial Identity in Nazi Germany,” European History Colloquium, Duke University, May 2, 2011.
- 2010 “‘A Whole Host of Experiences are Offered’: The 1939 Dresden Colonial Exhibition,” German Studies Association, Oakland, CA, October 10, 2010.
- 2010 “‘*Auch hier liegt unser Lebensraum*’: Colonial Space as German Space,” Space, Identity and National Socialism, Loughborough University and University of Leicester, UK, May 11-12, 2010.
- 2009 “German Colonial Women and the Construction of Germanness through Photography,” History in the Age of Photography panel, History Department Colloquium, Duke University, January 26, 2009.
- 2007 “When the ‘Black Horror’ Met Germania: Gender, Race and Colonialism in German Satirical Cartoons of the Rhineland Occupation, 1920-1923,” German Studies Association, San Diego, CA, October 7, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Loyola University Maryland

History Department chair, 2022-2025

Co-Director, German Studies minor, 2022-present

Research and Sabbatical committee, 2023-present

National Fellowships committee, 2025-present

Junior Faculty Symposium on Research in the Humanities, Loyola University Maryland, co-chair, 2019-2021

Internship coordinator, History Department, Loyola University Maryland, 2016-present

Judge, National History Day

State level: North Carolina (2012), Georgia (2013, 2014)
Local level: Maryland (2015, 2016, 2022)
Manuscript and proposal referee
Bloomsbury Academic
Central European History
Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History
Andererseits: Yearbook of Transatlantic German Studies
South African Historical Journal
Diskurs Kindheits- und Jugendforschung/Discourse. Journal of Childhood and Adolescence Research

COURSES TAUGHT

Loyola University Maryland

HS 100 Encountering the Past
HS 101 The Making of the Modern World: Europe
HS 318 Creation of Modern Germany, 1770-1992
HS 319 Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
HS 317D Germans in Africa, Africans in Germany
HS 362 Introduction to Public History
HS 474 Holocaust Memory in Germany and America

Harvard University

Freshman Seminar 41i Everyday Life in Nazi Germany
HL 97 Empire and its Aftermath: Postcolonial Theories and Methods (History and Literature Concentration, Sophomore Tutorial, Postcolonial field)

Oglethorpe University

HIS 102 The West and the Modern World
HIS 219 German History since 1800
HIS 290 Introduction to Public History
HIS 290.01 The Holocaust in American and German Memory and Culture
HIS 314 European Imperialism in the 19th and 20th Centuries
HIS 490 Gender in Modern Europe
CORE 302 Historical Perspectives on the Social Order II

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
German Studies Association
Central European History Society