

Curriculum Vitae (2023)
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EDUCATION

1998-2005	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.	Ph.D. History
1996-1998	University of Georgia, Athens, GA.	M.A. History
1992-1996	Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.	B.A. History

Major Field: Modern Central European History
Minor Field: Global and Comparative History

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2014-present	Associate Professor of History, James Madison University
2010-2014	Assistant Professor of History, James Madison University
2007-2010	Visiting Assistant Professor of History, College of Charleston
2004-2007	Assistant Professor of History, Salem College (NC)
1999-2004	Adjunct Instructor and Teaching Assistant, History Department, Rutgers University

AREAS OF INTEREST FOR RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Modern Europe, Modern Germany and Austria, European Colonialism, Colonial Africa, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Habsburg Europe, Atlantic World, Women's History and Gender Studies, Antisemitism and Racism, Global and World History

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Colonialism, Antisemitism, and Germans of Jewish Descent in Imperial Germany. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2012.

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Hugo Bettauer, Feminism, and the Non-White World in Interwar Vienna.” *Journal of Austrian Studies* (forthcoming 2023).

“Colonial Revisionism and the Emin Pasha Legend in Weimar and Nazi Germany.” In *Colonialism and the Jews in German History*, edited by Stefan Vogt. London: Bloomsbury Press, 2022.

“The Rhetoric of Colonialism and Antisemitism in Imperial Germany.” In *Modern Antisemitisms in the Peripheries: Europe and its Colonies 1880-1945*, edited by Raul Cârstocea and Éva Kovács, 53-66. Vienna: New Academic Press, 2019.

“Colonialism and the Antisemitic Movement in Imperial Germany.” In *German Colonialism in a Global Age, 1884-1945*, edited by Geoff Eley and Bradley D. Naranch, 228-45. Durham: Duke University Press, 2014.

“Colonialism and Antisemitism during the *Kaiserreich*: Bernhard Dernburg and the Antisemites.” *Year Book of the Leo Baeck Institute* 53 (2008): 31-56.

“‘Coddling’ Africans Abroad: Colonial Director Paul Kayser and the Education of Africans in Germany, 1891-96.” *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 9, no. 1 (2008).

Book Reviews:

Review of *Globalizing Race: Antisemitism and Empire in French and European Culture*, by Dorian Bell. *American Historical Review* 125 (December 2020): 1955-1956.

Review of *A Deadly Legacy: German Jews and the Great War*, by Tim Grady. *The English Historical Review* 134 (August 2019): 1041-1043.

Review of *Subalterne Positionierungen: Der deutsche Zionismus im Feld des Nationalismus in Deutschland, 1890-1933*, by Stefan Vogt. *American Historical Review* 123 (December 2018): 1771-1772.

Review of *Sites of European Antisemitism in the Age of Mass Politics, 1880-1918*, by Robert Nemes and Daniel Unowsky (eds). *Central European History* 48 (December 2015): 578-580.

Review of *Jewish Pasts, German Fictions: History, Memory, and Minority Culture in Germany, 1824-1955*, by Jonathan Skolnik. *Central European History* 48, no 2 (June 2015): 268-269.

Review of *Hegel and the Third World*, by Teshale Tibebu. *Northeast African Studies* 13 (Spring 2013): 227-231.

Review of *Liberal Imperialism in Germany: Expansionism and Nationalism, 1848-1884*, by Matthew P. Fitzpatrick. *German History* 28 (December 2010): 587-588.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

“Colonialism and Jewish Defense in Germany and Austria.” German Studies Association Conference, Houston, TX, September 2022.

“Hugo Bettauer and the Cultural Politics of Discourses about Non-Whites during Austria’s First Republic.” German Studies Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN, October 2021.

“The Intersections of Colonialism and Antisemitism in Modern German History.” Looking Outward: Reframing Jewish Studies. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 2017.

“Antisemitism and Colonialism in Germany after 1918.” German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2016.

“The Rhetoric of Colonialism and Antisemitism.” Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies Annual Conference: Modern Antisemitism in Europe’s Peripheries and its Colonies 1880-1945, Vienna, Austria Dec 2016.

“Colonial Revisionism and the Emin Pasha Myth in Weimar and Nazi Germany.” German Studies Association Conference, Denver, CO, October 2013.

Discussant, “Thinking Outside the State: Dimensions of German Public Life in the First Global Age.” German Studies Association, Denver, CO, October 2013.

“Ivory and Antisemitism: Emin Pasha as Hero and Villain in the Pro-Colonial German Press.” German Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2009.

“Africa as a New Moral Universe in the Rhetoric of Antisemitic German Colonizers during the *Kaiserreich*.” Millersville University Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide, Millersville, PA, April 2009.

Discussant, “Visuality and Colonial Empire: From Wilhelmine to Weimar Germany.” German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2007.

“Justifying Colonial Violence during the German *Kaiserreich*: From Colonial Explorer Carl Peters to State Secretary Bernhard Dernburg.” European Studies Conference, Omaha, NE, October 2006.

“Jews, Germans of Jewish Descent, and German Colonialism, 1884-1910.” German Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 2005.

“Growing Up Black in Imperial Germany: From Colonial Cameroon to the Reich and Back Again, 1889-1896.” African Studies Association and Canadian Association of African Studies Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 2004.

“Antisemitism and Colonial Violence: Carl Peters and the Society for German Colonization.” Warren I. Susman Memorial History Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2004.

“Coddling’ Africans Abroad: Colonial Director Paul Kayser’s Experimental Program of Educating Africans in Germany, 1891-1896.” Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference, Boulder, CO, September 2003.

“‘A Jew with German Spirit?’ Perceptions of State Secretary Bernhard Dernburg in Germany’s Antisemitic Press, 1906-1912.” W. E. B. Du Bois Graduate Society Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 2002.

“Summer Teaching at Rutgers: Experiences and Challenges.” Warren I. Susman Memorial History Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2002.

“Colonialism and Antisemitism in Imperial Germany: Points of Convergence in the Movements and Discourses.” Graduate History Forum, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, March 2002.

“Perjury and Fantasies of Subjugation: Discussions of *Meineid* in Germany’s Antisemitic and Colonial Presses.” German Historical Institute, Washington, D. C., November 2001.

“Where Africans and Jews Meet in the German Imagination.” Warren I. Susman Memorial History Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2000.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, AND PAPERS RELATED TO TEACHING AND RESEARCH

“German Africa: The Little-Known History of Germany’s Colonial Empire.” Presented at Rosewood Village retirement community, October 2019.

“Podcast interview on German colonialism with TREYF hosts David Zinman and Sam Bick,” March 2019 (airing TBA).

“The Irish Potato Famine.” Presented at Rosewood Village retirement community, March 2019.

“Is America Today like Germany in 1933?” Democracy in Peril lecture series, James Madison University, January 2017.

Radio interview on German colonialism with the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities program “With Good Reason,” aired 2012 December 1.

“Perspectives on Emin Pasha in the German Press.” Presented at a Brown Bag History Department presentation, James Madison University, January 2011.

“The Idea of Race in History.” Presented while a guest lecturer in a German and Slavic Studies course titled “The African Diaspora in German-Speaking Europe,” College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, October 2008.

“Emin Pasha and the German Pro-Colonial Movement.” Presented at a Brown Bag History Department lunch presentation, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, October 2007.

“The Politics of Memory in the New Germany.” Presented at a meeting of the Salem German Club, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, April 2007.

“A History of Southern Lynching.” Presented in a panel in association with the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, February 2007.

“Are there Justifications for Limitations on the Freedom of Speech? Free Speech in Germany and the United States: A Comparison.” Presented as part of a Constitution Day Panel, Salem College, Winston-Salem, September 2006.

“Natural Disasters and Human Failings: Cholera Epidemics in Nineteenth-Century British India and the Great Influenza Epidemic of 1918-1919.” Presented while a guest lecturer in a January term course on epidemics and natural disasters, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, January 2006.

“From German Southwest Africa to Rwanda: The Twentieth Century as the Century of Genocide.” Presented as part of a panel discussion on genocide, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, March 2006.

“Inspiring Students through Inspirational Teaching.” Presented during the annual Faculty Retreat, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, August 2005.

“The First Amendment.” Presented as part of the Constitution Day Panel, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, September 2005.

“Civil Liberties in the Age of War and Terrorism.” Presented at a History and Political Science Symposium titled “War, Terrorism, and the 9/11 Commission,” Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC, September 2004.

“A Doubtful Celebration: The Viennese Intellectual Reaction to 1914: an Examination of the Writings of Stefan Zweig and Hugo von Hofmannsthal.” A research seminar paper, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, September 2004.

REVIEWS OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THESE INSTITUTIONS

Israel Science Foundation

HONORS, GRANTS, and AWARDS

College of Arts and Letters Mini-Research Grant JMU, 2021
Summer Research Grant, History Department JMU, 2018
Study Abroad General Education Grant, JMU 2013
Summer Research Grant, History Department JMU, 2013
Clark-McClintock-Gershenson Award, History Department Rutgers University, 2011
Summer Research Grant, History Department JMU, 2011
Research and Development Travel Grant, College of Charleston, 2009
Summer Research Grant, College of Charleston, 2008
Summer Sabbatical, Salem College, 2006
American Historical Association Bernadotte Schmitt Research Grant, 2006
Summer Sabbatical, Salem College, 2005
Travel-Conference Grant, Salem College, 2004
Dissertation Fellowship Award, German Historical Institute, 2001
Short-Term Research Grant, German Academic Exchange Service, 2001
Excellence Fellowship for Doctoral Study in History, Rutgers University, 1998-2002
Teaching Assistantship Fellowship, University of Georgia, Athens, 1996-1998
Joel Deans Summer Research Grant, Swarthmore College, 1995

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Level:

Nazi Germany in War and Peace (JMU)
Graduate Seminar in Historical Research Methods (JMU)
Historiography (The College of Charleston and The Citadel's M.A. in History Program)

Undergraduate Level:

Revolution and Radical Change in Modern Europe (JMU)
Modern Dreams, Modern Nightmares: Vienna and Berlin in the 20th Century (JMU)
History Seminar (JMU)
Europe since 1914 (JMU)
Germany since 1871 (JMU)
A History of the Body: From Classical Times to the Present Day (JMU)

World History since 1500 (JMU)
Honors Colloquium in Western Civilization II (Charleston)
Honors Colloquium in Western Civilization I (Charleston)
World History to 1500 (Charleston)
Western Civilization I (Charleston and Salem)
Western Civilization II (Charleston, Salem, and Rutgers)
Postwar Europe: 1945 to the Present (Salem)
Senior Seminar: A Festival of Violence: Pogroms, Lynching, and Race Riots in the
Twentieth Century (Salem)
From Slavery to Decolonization: Africans, Europeans, and Americans in Atlantic History
(Salem)
Modern Britain (Salem)
The French Revolutionary and the Napoleonic Era (Salem)
Vienna, Capital City of Europe: Travel Course (Salem)
Race, Gender, Colonialism, Representation: Imagining the Non-Western “Other” from
the Conquest of the Americas to the Present Day (Salem)
Europe in War and Revolution, 1900-1945 (Salem)
Europe’s Radical Century, 1815-1914 (Salem)
The History of the Holocaust (Rutgers)
World History in 20th Century (Rutgers)
Expository Writing (Rutgers)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

PAC (2020-ongoing)
Ad Hoc History Department Mission Statement (2021)
JMU Cluster Two (JMU) (2020-ongoing)
Democracy in Peril? (JMU) (2017-ongoing)
World History Committee (JMU) (2010-ongoing)
General Education Council (JMU) (2011-2014)
Faculty Research Council (JMU) (2012-2013)
Graduate Program Committee (JMU) (2011-2019)
Departmental Hiring Committee (JMU) (spring 2011)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

German Studies Association
Coalition of Women in German

LANGUAGES AND TRAVEL

German and French Europe (Berlin, Vienna, Prague, Rome, Paris, Lyon,
London), England/Ireland, China