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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA **2004-2010**

Ph.D. in Modern European History

Preparation fields: Germany Since 1786, Eastern Europe since 1700, Intellectual History of Western and Central Europe 1500-1800, Modern South Asian and Indian Ocean History since 1700

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA **1998-2002**

B.A. with Highest Honors in History, Minor in Art History

PUBLICATIONS

Nationalism on the Margins: Silesians Between Germany and Poland, 1848-1960. Planned publication in 2015.

“Polish Nationalism and National Ambiguity in Weimar Upper Silesia.” In Kamusella, et. al. *Creating Nationality in Central Europe, 1880-1950: Modernity, Violence and (Be)Longing in Upper Silesia.* Under contract at Palgrave Press.

“A Jewish ‘Nature Preserve’: League of Nations Minority Protections in Nazi Upper Silesia, 1933-1937.” *Central European History* 46:1, March 2013.

“Democracy, Nationalism, and Self-Determination in Central Europe.” Review article for *Contemporary European History* 21:4, November 2012.

“Nationalism on the Margins.” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 50, Spring 2012.

“New Theories of Nationalism and the History of Opole” in: Bernard Linek, Krzysztof Tarka (eds.), *Opole na przestrzeni wieków. Historiografia wobec nowych metod badania dziejów miasta [Opole Through the Centuries. Historiography in light of new research methods in urban studies]*, Opole 2008.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Germans to Poles: Communism, Nationalism and Ethnic Cleansing after the Second World War* by Hugo Service. *German History*, forthcoming

Review of *The German Minority in Interwar Poland* by Winson Chu. *European History Quarterly*, forthcoming.

“Looking to Europe: Identities in Urbanizing Cracow.” Review of *Becoming Metropolitan: Urban Selfhood and the Making of Modern Cracow* by Nathaniel Wood. H-Net, March 2011.

“Rewriting Jews into German History.” Review of *Jews and Other Germans: Civil Society, Religious Diversity, and Urban Politics in Breslau, 1860-1925* by Till van Rahden. H-Net, July 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Committee on Social Studies, Harvard University 2011-present

Lecturer in Social Studies and Freshman Seminar Program

- Design and teach interdisciplinary junior tutorial *Nation, Race, and Migration in Modern Europe* and freshman seminar *Fascism from Mussolini to Today*
- Teach sophomore tutorial on social theory; advise upperclassmen and senior thesis writers

History Department, Harvard University 2010-2011

College Fellow and Lecturer on History

- Design and teach upper-level lecture surveys *Modern Central Europe* and *Fascist Europe, 1918-45*, and reading seminar *Ethnic Cleansing and the Making of Nation-States*

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University 2006-2009

- Teach introductory surveys on Western Civilization (since 1648) and World War II
- Coordinate course administration and teach upper-level course on postwar Europe

Classroom Teacher, Teach for America 2002-2004

Lead classroom teacher at elementary level in Houston Independent School District. Texas state-certified educator. Completed over 200 hours of pedagogical training and professional development.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Central European History Society Research Grant	2012
Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize (Best Dissertation Nationally in German History)	2011
Harvard Bok Center Certificate for Teaching Excellence	2011
Gross Dissertation Prize (Best Dissertation in History at Harvard)	2010
Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2009-10
Harvard Center for European Studies (CES) Dissertation Completion Grant (declined)	2009-10
Harvard Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Summer Research Grant	2009
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship	2007-08
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Dissertation Research Grant (declined)	2007-08
Fulbright-IIE Research Fellowship for Poland (declined)	2007-08
Harvard CES Graduate Dissertation Research Fellowship	2007
Summer FLAS for third-year intensive Polish, Jagellonian University, Krakow	2007
Graduate Student Resident Fellow, Center for European Studies, Harvard Univ.	2006-10
Summer FLAS for second-year intensive Polish, Jagellonian University, Krakow	2006

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

NYU Kandersteg Seminar, Kandersteg, Switzerland April 2013
 Invited workshop on "Europe on the Brink: 1913"

European University Institute Conference, "From the League of Nations to the United Nations," Florence, Italy March 2013
 "A Jewish 'Nature Preserve': League Minority Protections in Nazi Upper Silesia"

German Studies Association (GSA) Annual Conference, Milwaukee WI “Making Germans in Postwar Poland: The Case of Upper Silesia”	October 2012
GSA Annual Conference, Oakland, CA “A Jewish ‘National Park’? Anti-Semitism and Jewish Protections in Nazi Upper Silesia.”	October 2010
World Convention for the Association of Studies on Nationalities (ASN), New York “Nationalization and Integration in German Upper Silesia, 1921-33.”	April 2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

American Historical Association	2006-present
German Studies Association	2006-present
American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies	2008-present
Steering Committee for the Harvard Center for European Studies	2008-09
President, Henry Adams Graduate Student Society for Harvard History Department	2006-07

LANGUAGES

Fluency in *German*. Reading knowledge of *Polish* and *French*. Basic knowledge of *Spanish* and *Czech*.