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EMPLOYMENT

- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge** 2014-present
Assistant Professor of History
- Harvard University, Cambridge, MA** 2010-2014
Lecturer in Social Studies and Freshman Seminar Program (2011-2013)
College Fellow and Lecturer on History (2010-2011)
- Classroom Teacher, Teach for America, Houston, TX** 2002-2004

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

Nation and Loyalty in a German-Polish Borderland: Upper Silesia, 1848-1960. Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming 2018.

“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*. Taylor & Francis, 2016

“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.

SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Germans to Poles: Communism, Nationalism and Ethnic Cleansing after the Second World War* by Hugo Service. *German History*, 32:2, June 2014.

Review of *Shatterzone of Empires: Coexistence and Violence in the German, Habsburg, Russian, and Ottoman Borderlands*. *German Studies*, 37:2, May 2014.

Review of *The German Minority in Interwar Poland* by Winson Chu. *European History Quarterly*, 44: 135, January 2014.

“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.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

LSU Council on Research Summer Stipend Program	2015
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

Beyond Versailles, Invited Workshop, Berlin, Germany “Making and Resisting Borders in Central Europe”	May 2015
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, New York “Beyond Indifference? National Loyalties in ‘Ambiguous’ Central European Borderlands”	April 2015
German Studies Association (GSA) Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO “What Max Weber Tells Us About the German-Polish Frontier”	September 2014
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Conference, Boston, MA. “Upper Silesia and the Tensions of German Revisionist Diplomacy”	November 2013
NYU Kandersteg Seminar, Kandersteg, Switzerland Invited workshop on “Europe on the Brink: 1913”	April 2013
European University Institute Conference, “From the League of	March 2013

Nations to the United Nations,” Florence, Italy

“A Jewish ‘Nature Preserve’: League Minority Protections in Nazi Upper Silesia”

GSA Annual Conference, Milwaukee WI

October 2012

“Making Germans in Postwar Poland: The Case of Upper Silesia”

GSA Annual Conference, Oakland, CA

October 2010

“A Jewish ‘National Park’? Anti-Semitism and Jewish Protections in Nazi Upper Silesia.”

ASN World Convention, New York

April 2009

“Nationalization and Integration in German Upper Silesia, 1921-33.”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

LSU Faculty Senator

2016-present

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*.