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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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 (2011-2014)
College Fellow and Lecturer on History (2010-2011)

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2004-2010
Ph.D. in Modern European History
Dissertation: "Nationalism on the Margins: Silesians between Germany and Poland, 1848-1945"

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, 2018.

"Instrumental Nationalism and Value-Driven Activism in Upper Silesia." In: Van Ginderachter and Fox, *Ignoring the Nation's Call: National Indifference and the History of Nationalism in Modern Europe*. Under contract at Taylor & Francis.

"Plebiscites and Postwar Legitimacy." In: Pergher and Payk, *Beyond Versailles: Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and the Formation of New Politics after the Great War*. Forthcoming Indiana Univ. Press., May 2019

"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 FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

DAAD Faculty Research Travel Grant	2019
Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award	2018
LSU Manship Summer Research Grant	2017
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
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship	2007-08

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Emotions and Everyday Nationhood, Invited Conference, Munich “The Instrumental Nation: German and Polish Loyalties in Upper Silesia”	May 2017
European Cities and Regions in Transition, Univ. of British Columbia, Okanagan “Glimpses of History in Recovered Upper Silesia”	March 2017
Tulane University, Invited Talk, New Orleans “Linked Fates: Poles and Jews in a Nazi Borderland”	November 2016
Beyond Versailles, Invited Workshop, Berlin, Germany “Making and Resisting Borders in Central Europe”	May 2015
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 Nations to the United Nations,” Florence, Italy “A Jewish ‘Nature Preserve’: League Minority Protections in Nazi Upper Silesia”	March 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize Committee Member	2018
LSU Faculty Senator	2016-present
American Historical Association	2006-present
American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies	2008-present
German Studies Association	2006-present

LANGUAGES

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