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### ***Education***

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Ph.D. in Modern European History (May 2003).

Dissertation: "Alsace to the Alsatians? Visions and Divisions of Alsatian Regionalism, 1890-1930."

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

M.A. in Modern European History (May 1998).

Thesis: "Between Heimat and Nation: Constructions of Alsatianness, 1890-1929."

#### **University of Notre Dame**

B.A. in History and German (May 1995).

### ***Academic Positions***

**Associate Professor**, Indiana State University (August 2011-Present).

**Assistant Professor**, Indiana State University (August 2005-Present).

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Loyola College, Maryland (July 2003-July 2005).

**Teaching Fellow**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Spring 2003).

**Teaching Assistant**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Fall 1996-Fall 2002).

### ***Grants/Fellowships***

**University Research Committee Grant (Indiana State)** to underwrite summer research (Summer 2009).

**Summer Study Grant (Loyola College)** to underwrite summer research (Summer 2004).

**Mowry Fellowship** to help underwrite research and travel costs of doctoral research (Spring 2002).

**Lurcy Grant** to pursue doctoral research in Strasbourg, France (2001-2002).

**Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD) Grant** to undertake doctoral research in Freiburg, Germany (1999-2000).

**Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship** to support doctoral research in Freiburg, Germany (1999-2000).

**Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship** to study French in Paris, France (Summer 1997).

**Fulbright Grant** to study history at the University of Innsbruck, Austria (1995-96).

**National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholars Grant** to conduct summer research on the South Tyrol Question in South Bend, Indiana (Summer 1994).

### ***Publications***

#### ***Books***

*Alsace to the Alsatians? Visions and Divisions of Alsatian Regionalism, 1870-1939* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2010).

#### ***Articles/Book Chapters***

"The Trophy of Titans: Alsace-Lorraine, 1870-1950." *Disputed Territories and Shared Pasts: Overlapping National Histories in Modern Europe*, edited by Frank Hadler and Tibor Frank, European Science Foundation Series "Writing the Nation" Volume 5 (London: Palgrave Press, 2011).

"Local Loss, National Sacrifice: Commemoration of the First World War in Alsace, 1918-1939," *France and its Spaces of War: Experience, Memory, Images*, edited by Patricia Lorcin and Daniel Brewer (New York: Palgrave, 2009), 133-148.

"Alsace to the Alsatians?", *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 36 (Spring 2005): 55-62.

"War Weariness or National Reunion? Alsace, 1914-1918," *Proceedings of the Western Society for French History*, v. 29 (Boulder: University of Colorado Press, 2003): 223-31.

### *Book Reviews*

Peter Thaler, *Of Mind and Matter: The Duality of National Identity in the German-Danish Borderlands*. Central European Studies, eds. Charles W. Ingrao and Gary B. Cohen. West Lafayette, Indiana: Purdue University Press, 2009. Reviewed in *German Studies Review* 34/3 (October 2011): 665.

Samuel Mitcham, Jr. *Defenders of Fortress Europe: The Untold Story of German officers during the Allied Invasion*. Washington, D.C.: Potomac, 2009. Reviewed in *German Studies Review* Vol. 33, n. 3 (October 2010): 692-693.

Peter Fritzsche, *Life and Death in the Third Reich*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008. Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of History/ Annales Canadiennes d'Histoire* vol. 44 (Winter 2009): 541-3.

Henrice Altink and Sharif Gemie, eds., *At the Border: Margins and Peripheries in Modern France*. French and Francophone Studies, Series editors Hanna Diamond and Claire Gorrara. Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2008. *H-France Review* Vol. 9 (November 2009), No. 121.  
<http://www.h-france.net/vol9reviews/vol9no121fischer.pdf>.

Timothy C. Dowling, *The Brusilov Offensive*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008. Reviewed in *German Studies Review* Vol. 32, n. 3 (October 2009): 662-663.

Pieter M. Judson and Marsha L. Rosenblit, eds, *Constructing Nationalities in East Central Europe*. Reviewed for H-Nationalism, H-Net Reviews (September 2007).  
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=13587>

Anna-Monika Lauter, *Sicherheit und Reparationen: Die französische Öffentlichkeit, der Rhein und die Ruhr (1919-1923)*. Essen: Klartext, 2006. Review in *H-France Review* Vol. 8, n. 29 (February 2008).  
<http://www.h-france.net/vol8reviews/vol8no29fischer.pdf>

Michael E. Nolan, *The Inverted Mirror: Mythologizing the Enemy in France and Germany, 1898-1914*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2005. Reviewed in *H-France Review* Vol. 6 (February 2006), n. 14.  
<http://www.h-france.net/vol6reviews/Vol6no14fischer.pdf>

Jacobs and Peter Scholliers, eds., *Eating Out in Europe: Picnics, Gourmet Dining and Snacks since the Late Eighteenth Century*. New York: Berg, 2003. Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of History/Annales Canadiennes d'Histoire* vol. 40, n. 1 (April 2005).

### *Conferences/Talks*

"Lost Province or German Territory: Alsace, History, and Propaganda in World War I," Paper presented at the American Historical Association, San Diego, CA (January 2010).

"The Boundaries of Alsatian History: Scholarship, Popular History, and Monuments, 1870-1914," Paper presented at the German Studies Association, Washington, DC (October 2009).

"Enemies or Friends? Alsations as a Security Problem in the First World War," Paper presented at the German Studies Association, Minneapolis, MN (October 2008).

"Regional Spaces, National Places: The Politics of Memory in Alsace, 1900-1930," Talk delivered at Purdue University as part of the European Studies Center's "France, Germany, and Europe Series," West Lafayette, IN (November 2007).

"Stuck in the Middle Again: Alsace and the First World War," Paper presented at the International Society for First World War Studies, Washington, D.C. (October 2007).

"Local Loss, National Sacrifice: Commemoration of the First World War in Alsace, 1918-1939," Paper presented at *Spaces of War: France and the Francophone World* sponsored by the European Studies Consortium, Minneapolis, MN (October 2006).

"Neither French nor German: Alsatian Regionalism, 1870-1918," Paper presented at the Society for French Historical Studies, Urbana-Champaign, IL (April 2006).

"'Occupied' Alsace, 1914-1918," Paper presented at the German Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI (October 2005).

"Imposing the Nation, Preserving the Region: Alsace between France and Germany, 1870-1945," Paper presented at "Crossing Borders: Histories, Theories, Identities," Center for Border Studies, University of Glamorgan, Wales (December 2004).

"Alsace to the Alsations? Visions and Divisions of Alsatian Regionalism, 1890-1930," Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute as part of the Fritz Stern Prize, Washington D.C. (November 2004).

"Regional Cultures, Transnational Histories: The Case of Alsace, 1870-1940," Paper presented at the Great Lakes Conference, Grand Rapids, MI (October 2004).

"National Commemorations, Regional Celebrations: Alsace, 1918-1940," Paper presented at the Western Society for French History, Newport Beach, CA (October 2003).

"Wilsonian Idealism, European Peace, and Regionalism: The Case of Alsace, 1918-1930." Paper presented at the Society for French Historical Studies, Milwaukee, WI (April 2003).

"War Weariness or National Reunion? Alsatian Wartime Attitudes, 1914-1918." Paper presented at the Western Society for French History, Indianapolis, IN (November 2001).

"Monuments, Museums, and Memory: The Alsatian Museum, Hohkönigsburg, and the Uses of History in Alsace, 1899-1914." Paper presented at "History at the Grassroots Level," Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL (October 2000).

"Regionalisierter Nationalismus oder Entnationalisierter Regionalismus? Hansi, Gustav Stoskopf, und zwei Visionen elsässischer Regionalismus." Paper presented at the Forschungskolloquium zur neueren Geschichte und Zeitgeschichte, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam, Germany (June 2000).

### ***Other Conference Participation***

Chair and Moderator, Session entitled "Questioning Sacred Narratives: New Perspectives on the Teaching of History," American Historical Association, Boston, MA (January 2011).

Commentator, Session entitled "World War I and Visions of Empire," German Studies Association, Washington, DC (October 2009).

Commentator, Session entitled "French Border Cities," Society for French Historical Studies, St. Louis, MO (March 2009).

### ***Other presentations***

War and Film Series, Cunningham Library, Indiana State University (November 2007).

Offered opening remarks and led discussion with approximately 40 participants about the film *Flags of Our Fathers* as part of the film series.

French Film Series, Cunningham Library, Indiana State University (November 2006).

Offered opening remarks and led discussion with approximately 35 participants about the film *Notre Musique* as part of the film series.

Foreign Film Series, Terre Haute Community Theater (October 2006).

Offered responses to questions about the German film *Sophie Scholl* following its showing.

Holocaust Film Series, Cunningham Library, Indiana State University (September 2005).

Offered opening remarks and led discussion with approximately 25 participants about the film *The Pianist*.

### ***Awards***

#### **Fritz Stern Prize**

Annual award given by the Friends of the German Historical Institute to the two best doctoral dissertations submitted in German history, German-American relations, or the history of Germans in North America (2004).

**Department of History Teaching Award** for Teaching Assistants, nominee (Fall 2001).

**Phi Beta Kappa**, University of Notre Dame (1995).

**Francis O'Brien Award**, University of Notre Dame (May 1995).

### ***Teaching***

#### ***Courses Taught***

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe*

*Communism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe* [Graduate Independent Study]

*Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Austria*

*Modern France*

*Modern Germany, 1870-Present*

*Nazi Germany and the Holocaust*

*Vienna at the Fin de Siècle* [Independent Study]

*Western Civilization since 1500*

*Western Civilization to 1650*

*World Civilization since 1500*

*World War I*  
*World War II*  
*World War II: Experience and Representation*

*Professional development*

Teaching On-line Workshop, (ISU Center for Instruction, Research, and Technology), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (Spring 2011).  
Faculty Learning Community, "Graduate Education," Participant (AY 2008-2009).  
The General Education Program (ISU Center for Instruction, Research, and Technology), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (July 2008).  
Strategies for Dealing with Underprepared Students (ISU Center for Instruction, Research, and Technology), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (July 2008).  
Instructional Technologies Series (ISU Center for Instruction, Research, and Technology), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (September 2007).  
Institute for Transforming Teacher Education (ISU Center for Teaching and Learning), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (August 2005).  
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Summer Seminar (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum), Participant, Washington, D.C. (Summer 2004).

***Service***

*Profession*

H-German, Co-Editor (2003 – Present)  
Supervising Editor (July 2009 – June 2010)

CUNY Faculty Summer Grants, Outside Reader (December 2007).

*Indiana State University*

Faculty Senate (August 2011–Present).  
Foundational Studies Council, Historical Studies Representative (September 2010–Present).  
Chair (September 2011–Present)  
Social Studies Education Advisor (September 2006–Present).  
Graduate Council Assistantships/Fellowships Committee (September 2008–Present).  
Chair (September 2010–April 2011).  
Curriculum Committee, Chair, Department of History (August 2008–Present).  
Curriculum Committee, Department of History (September 2005–Present).  
University Athletics Committee (September 2009–April 2011).  
International Studies, Advisory Board (September 2009–April 2010).  
Allied Faculty, International Studies (March 2007–Present).  
Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee, Secretary (September 2008–May 2010).  
President's Scholars, Interviewer (2007–2011).  
Budget Committee, Department of History (September 2009–May 2010).  
Budget Committee, Chair, Department of History (September 2006–August 2007).  
Dean for College of Arts and Sciences, Search Committee Member (October 2009–March 2010).  
War and Film" Series, Organizer (August 2007–Spring 2009).  
Ad-Hoc Committee on Department By-Laws (September 2008–December 2008).  
Grievance Committee, Department of History (September 2007–May 2008).

### ***Other Professional Activities***

Consultant, Vigo County Schools (October 2009)

Led a workshop on approaches to teaching world history.

Reviewer, CG-Sage (October 2009)

Outside reviewer for a proposal for a world history reader.

Reviewer, Cengage-Wadsworth (August 2009)

Outside reviewer for new World War II textbook proposal.

Reviewer, Prentice Hall (January-February 2008).

Served as a reviewer of Michael Lyons' *World War II: A Short History*.

### ***Professional Societies***

American Historical Association

German Studies Association

International Society for First World War Studies

Society for French Historical Studies

H-War

H-German

H-France

H-Soz-Kult

H-Nationalism

H-World