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## CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS

2008-present      Assistant Professor of Modern European History, Department of History,  
University of Southern Mississippi  
2007-2008      Sessional instructor, Department of History, University of Toronto

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., History      University of Toronto, 2008  
Dissertation: "Raising Germans in the Age of Empire: Education  
and the Modern Colonial Imagination in Germany, 1871-1914"  
Advisor: Prof. Modris Eksteins  
Committee Members: Profs. James Retallack, Eric Jennings, John  
Noyes, Helmut Walser Smith  
M.A., History      University of Cincinnati, 1999  
Thesis: "Securing a Colonial *Heimat*: Constructing an Imperial  
German Identity in Southwest Africa, 1904-1907"  
Advisor: Prof. Thomas Sakmyster  
B.A., History      Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, 1995  
Honors project: "Brotherhood and Unity? The Failure of Tito's  
Communist Vision"

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Publications in Progress

Book      *Raising Germans in the Age of Empire: Youth and Colonial Culture, 1871-1914*. Oxford  
Studies in Modern European History. Oxford: Oxford University Press,  
forthcoming 2012.

### Articles

2011      "Classroom Colonialism: Race, Pedagogy, and Patriotism in Imperial Germany."  
In *German Colonialism in a Global Age, 1884-1945*. Eds. Geoff Eley and Bradley D.  
Naranch. Durham, N.c.: Duke University Press, forthcoming 2011. MS 16  
pages.  
2011      "Boy's and Girl's Own Empires: Gender and the Uses of the Colonial World in  
Kaiserreich Youth Magazines." In *German Colonialism and National Identity*. Eds.  
Michael Perraudin and Jürgen Zimmerer. 57-68. New York: Routledge, 2011.

- 2008 "Kolonial-Lehrling wider Willen: Bernhard Epassi in Deutschland 1896-1901." In *Unbekannte Biographien: Afrikaner im deutschsprachigen Raum vom 18. Jahrhundert bis zum Ende des Zweites Weltkrieges*. Ed. Ulrich van der Heyden. 103-117. Berlin: Kai Homilius Verlag, 2008.
- 2008 "Bamberg: Die kolonialen Wurzeln der Pfadfinder." In *Kolonialismus hierzulande: Eine Spurensuche in Deutschland*. Eds. Ulrich van der Heyden and Joachim Zeller. 240-45. Erfurt: Sutton Verlag, 2008.
- 2005 "Neuer Lebensraum in unseren Kolonien: Die Berliner Kolonialausstellung von 1933." In "...Macht und Anteil an der Weltherrschaft". *Berlin und der deutsche Kolonialismus*. Eds. Ulrich van der Heyden and Joachim Zeller. 177-183. Münster: UNRAST-Verlag, 2005.
- 2003 "Loyal Sons of the Church and Fatherland? Center-Polish Relations in Upper-Silesia, 1871-1912." *Canadian Journal of History/Annales canadiennes d'histoire* Vol. 38 (August 2003): 231-57.

Book reviews and conference reports published in *Canadian Journal of History/Annales canadiennes de l'histoire* (2011), *American Journal of Play* (2010), *German History* (2009, 2003), *Jahrbuch für Überseegeschichte* (2008), H-Net Reviews (2006, 2004).

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## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2010 Honorable Mention, H-German Syllabus Contest (for German Lands in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries).
- 2010 Nominee (1 of 2) from the University of Southern Mississippi, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer 2011 Stipend
- 2009 University of Toronto Nominee, Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Humanities/Fine Arts, CGS/UMI (the sole nominee from all dissertations in the humanities completed between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2009)
- 2006 Margaret Higgins Memorial Graduate Fellowship, University of Toronto Humanities Centre
- 2006 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Joint Initiative in German and European Studies, Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto
- 2005-6 Dissertation Completion Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto
- 2005 Georg-Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research Research Scholarship
- 2004, 2005 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Graduate Research Scholarship
- 2004 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2003-5 Special Supplemental Research Grant, Joint Initiative in German and European Studies, Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto
- 2001-2006 University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship
- 2001 Zane L. Miller Graduate Paper Award, University of Cincinnati, First Prize
- 2000 University of Cincinnati Graduate Fellowship
- 1999 Taft Fellowship, University of Cincinnati
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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Lectures

- 2009 "Playing out the Boxer War through Toys and Print Media." *The Boxer War and Its Media: Making a Transnational Historical Event, 1900 to the Present*. Universität Erfurt (Germany).
- 2007 "Performing Race: Germans and Black Entertainers in the Imperial Period." *Racial and Ethnic Identities in Transnational Histories Roundtable*, University of Toronto.
- 2007 "German Youth and Visions of the Colonial World." *Faculty/Graduate Student Colloquium in European Studies*, Joint Initiative in German and European Studies, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto.
- 2007 "Boys' and Girls' Own Empire: Colonial Education and Entertainment in Germany, 1871-1914." *Culture and Empire: A Graduate Colloquium*, McMaster University (Canada).
- 2007 "Grappling with Empire: Colonialism and Modern German History." *University of Toronto Humanities Centre Workshop*, University of Toronto.
- 2006 "Playing with Empire: 'Colonial' Toys and Education in Germany, 1871-1914." *Deconstructing History Colloquium*, University of Toronto.
- 2006 "Classroom Colonialism: Exoticism and Empire in German Education, 1871-1914." *Faculty/Graduate Student Colloquium in European Studies*, Joint Initiative for German and European Studies, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto.

### Selected Conference Experience

- 2010 "Confessing to an Imperial Mission: Religious Youth Periodicals and the Battle for the Future in Turn-of-the-Century Germany." *Politics within Nineteenth Century Missionary Periodicals*, Münster, Germany.
- 2010 "The Civilizing Power of Religion: Empire, Entertainment, and Confession in Turn-of-the-Century German Youth Journals." *German Studies Association Annual Conference*, Oakland, CA.
- 2009 Commentator, "Pedagogical Narratives: The Body and Education around 1900." *German Studies Association Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- 2008 "Reforming Education through Empire." *German Studies Association Annual Conference*, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 2007 "Where Profit Meets Pedagogy." *Germany's Colonialism in International Perspective*, San Francisco State University.
- 2006 "A Colonial Generation: Germans and the Wider World, 1880s-1914." *Midwest German History Workshop*, University of Toronto.
- 2006 "Colonial Playthings: Toys and Games, Education and Empire in Germany, 1880-1914." *German Studies Association Annual Conference*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 2006 "Exotic Education: Writing Empire for Young Germans, 1884-1914." *War, Genocide and Memory: German Colonialism and National Identity*, University of Sheffield (UK).

- 2006 "They Had the Whole World in Their Hands: A Playful Look at Empire." *Second American-Canadian Conference in German and Modern European History*, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York.
- 2006 "Colonized Classrooms: Introducing German Students to the Empire, 1884-1914." *American Historical Association*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2004 "Manipulating the Civilizing Mission in the Metropole: Colonial Performers and the 'First German Colonial Exhibition' of 1896." *Canadian Historical Association*, University of Manitoba.
- 2004 "Bringing the Empire Home: Spectacle, Contact, and Response at the 'First German Colonial Exhibition' of 1896." *Cultural Imperialism and Competition: Travel, World's Fairs and National/Colonial Image*, Nineteenth Century Studies Association, St. Louis, Missouri.

## COURSES TAUGHT/SCHEDULED TO TEACH

### Modern European history

- Black Germany (2012)  
 Nations and Nationalism (grad.) (2011)  
 Modern European Historiography (grad.) (2011)  
 The German Lands in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries (grad. and undergrad.) (2009, 2011)  
 Nazi Germany (grad. and undergrad.) (2009, 2011)  
 Europe in the Nineteenth Century (undergrad.) (2010, 2012)  
 The Divided City: The History of Modern Berlin (undergrad.) (2008, 2010)

### World history

- Senior capstone: Empires in World History (2011) (undergrad.)  
 Imperialism and the Modern World (grad. and undergrad.) (2008, 2012)  
 Honors World Civilizations to 1500: Voyagers in World History (undergrad.) (2010)  
 World Civilizations to 1500 (undergrad.) (2008-2012)

### Methodology

- Doing History (undergrad.) (2009, 2011)  
 Historiography (undergrad.) (2008)

## SERVICE

### Departmental service

- National History Day organizing committee (2008-9, chair 2009-present)  
 Graduate professionalism committee, co-chair (2009, 2009-present)  
 Awards committee, chair (2011-present)  
 Latin America search committee (2011-12)  
 Graduate travel committee (2011-present)  
 Tenure and promotion revisions committee (2010)  
 University priorities committee (2010)  
 General education curriculum committee (2010)  
 World civilizations textbook committee (2009-present)  
 World civilizations faculty mentor (2009)

**Advising**

Doctoral committee, supervisor: Jason Engel (2009-present)  
 Masters committee: Nancy Nichols (2010-2011)  
 Masters committee: Meghan Waldow (2009-10)  
 Masters committee: Jonathan Thomas (2009)  
 Undergraduate honors thesis: Jeffrey Guillot (2009-10)

**University service**

Judge and Commentator, *College of Arts & Letters Undergraduate Conference*, University of Southern Mississippi (2009-2011)  
 Commentator, *Phi Alpha Theta History Undergraduate Conference*, University of Southern Mississippi, 28 March 2009

**Public service and community involvement**

State Coordinator, Mississippi National History Day (2009-present)  
 Administrator, Online Resources, [http://www.usm.edu/history/NHD/Primary\\_sources.html](http://www.usm.edu/history/NHD/Primary_sources.html) (2009-present)  
 Roundtable leader, *Center for the Study of War and Society Community Roundtable*, (2009, 2011) with Dr. Amy Milne-Smith, "Dashiell Hammett in Europe." *The Big Read: Dashiell Hammett*, Hattiesburg, MS, 18 October 2010  
 Guest lecturer, "1848: Springtime of the Peoples." *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute*, University of Southern Mississippi, 29 September 2010  
 Guest commentator, "Why Americans Find It Hard to Discuss Issues of Race." *Talk of the Town*, hosted by Dr. Curtis Austin, Radio program of the Center for Black Studies, University of Southern Mississippi (92.1 WJMG & 93.1 WGDQ), 25 February 2009

**Professional service**

Manuscript reviewer, McGraw-Hill Higher Education Group (2010-2011)  
 Proposal reviewer, SAGE Publications (2011)  
 Advisor, Editorial Board for World History, McGraw-Hill Higher Education Group (2010)  
 Author of "Imperialism" module, McGraw-Hill *Connect* resource (2010)  
 Manuscript reviewer, Oxford University Press (2009)

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
 German Studies Association  
 Gesellschaft für Überseegeschichte  
 World History Association  
 Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, Membership Committee  
 Mississippi Historical Society

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