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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of History, University of Alabama in Huntsville (August 2009 -)

Director of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Alabama in Huntsville (August 2010-2018)

Assistant Professor of History, University of Alabama in Huntsville (August 2003 – August 2009)

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois <i>Fields:</i> Modern European History, Russian History, Comparative Women's History	May 2003
M.A.	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois <i>Field:</i> Modern European History	October 1997
B.A.	Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio <i>Majors:</i> History and German	June 1995

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

- "The Legacies of 1936: Hitler's Olympic Grounds and Berlin's Bid to Host the 2000 Olympic Games." *German History*, accepted, forthcoming 2022.
- "Mega-Events, Urban Space, and Social Protest: The Olympia 2000 Bid in Reunified Berlin, 1990-1993." *Central European History* 52, no. 4 (December 2019): 689-712.
- *Training Socialist Citizens: Sports and the State in East Germany*. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2008.
- "The *Friedensfahrt*: International Sports and East German Socialism in the 1950s," *International History Review* XXIX, vol. 1 (March 2007): 57-82.

NON-PEER-REVIEWED

- “Brot und Spiele: Die DDR-Turn- und Sportfeste in den 50er Jahren: Massenvergnügen oder Systemstabilisierung?” (“Bread and Circuses: East Germany’s Gymnastics and Sports Festivals in the 1950s: Mass Amusement or System Stabilization?”) in *Sport-Schau: Deutsche Turnfeste 1860 bis 2002 (Sport Show: German Gymnastics Festivals from 1860 to 2002)*. Leipzig: Stadtgeschichtliches Museum Leipzig/Abt. Sportmuseum Leipzig, 2002, 107-110.

PUBLIC HISTORY AND DIGITAL PROJECTS

- Co-Organizer, “Dora and the V-2: Slave Labor in the Space Age,” an exhibition incorporating photographs and artwork from La Coupole History and Remembrance Center in Saint-Omer, France, and historical posters and artifacts from the Mittelbau-Dora Concentration Camp Memorial in Nordhausen, Germany. UAH Salmon Library, February-April 2010.
- Co-Author of www.dora.uah.edu, a website to support the “Dora and the V-2” Exhibit (completed and published February 2010).

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Hope Harrison, *After the Berlin Wall: Memory and the Making of the New Germany, 1989 to the Present* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), in *Central European History* 54:1 (March 2021): 244-246.
- Review of Alan McDougall, *The People’s Game: Football, State and Society in East Germany* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), in *German Studies Review* 40: 1 (February 2017): 236-238.
- Review of Scott Moranda, *The People’s Own Landscape: Nature, Tourism, and Dictatorship in East Germany* (Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2014), in *Slavic Review* 75:2 (Summer 2016): 481-482.
- Review of Thomas Schaufuss, *Die politische Rolle des FDGB-Ferienstes in der DDR: Sozialtourismus im SED-Staat* (Berlin: Duncker and Humblot, 2011), in *The English Historical Review* 130: 542 (February 2015): 256-258.
- Review of Susan Grant, *Physical Culture and Sport in Soviet Society: Propaganda, Acculturation, and Transformation in the 1920s and 1930s* (London: Routledge, 2013), in *Slavic Review* 73, no. 4 (Winter 2014): 958-960.

- Review of Malte Rolf, *Das sowjetische Massenfest* (Hamburger Edition, 2006), in *Slavic Review* 67, no. 2 (Summer 2008): 504-05.
- Review of Barbara J. Keys, *Globalizing Sport: National Rivalry and International Community in the 1930s* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006), in *International History Review* xxx, no. 1 (March 2008): 167-69.
- Review of Katarina Witt, *Only With Passion: Figure Skating's Most Winning Champion on Competition and Life*. With E.M. Swift (New York: Public Affairs, 2005), H-German Reviews, June 2007.
- Review of Ben Shephard, *After Daybreak: The Liberation of Bergen Belsen, 1945* (New York: Schocken Books, 2005), in *Oral History Review* 34 (Winter/Spring 2007): 165-67.
- Review of Elizabeth Harvey, *Women and the Nazi East: Agents and Witnesses of Germanization* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), in *Women's History Magazine* 48 (Autumn 2004).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Civic Identity, Athletic Mega Events, and Post-Socialism: Leipzig's 2012 Olympic Bid" (article under development).
- "Berlin's Autonomist Movement, the Fight for Free Spaces, and State Responses in the Late 1980s and early 1990s" (series of articles under development).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Faculty Visit Grant for Research in Germany, Summer 2008.
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC) / Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, Dissertation Research Fellowship, Berlin, Germany, 1999-2000.
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Dissertation Research Fellowship, Berlin, Germany, 1998-1999.

- Council for European Studies, Columbia University, Predissertation Research Fellowship, Summer 1997.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

- UAH Humanities Center Faculty Research Grants, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2019.
- UAH Global Studies Travel Grants, 2005, 2007.
- UAH Research Mini-Grants for Travel to Germany, 2004, 2005.
- UAH Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grants: European Women's History, German History, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, World History, East / Central Europe and Soviet Union, French Revolution and its Legacies, Russian Empire, Gender and Sexuality in Modern Europe, and Women's and Gender Studies, 2003-2018.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

- University Fellowship, Department of History, Spring 2001/Fall 2001.
- Nelle Signor International Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship, Fall 1998.
- Predissertation Research Fellowship, Department of History, Summer 1997.
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Russian Language, Summer 1996.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- UAH Distinguished Teaching Award, April 2021.
- UAH Women's and Gender Studies Program, Rose Norman Scholarship in Action Award, 2019.
- Outstanding Faculty Member for the College of Liberal Arts, chosen by UAH Student Government Association, March 2008.
- UAH Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, awarded April 2007.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Wittenberg University, 1994.
- Phi Alpha Theta, Wittenberg University, 1994.

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (SINCE 2011)

- Paper, "Weimar- and Nazi-Era Germany in Contemporary Discussions of Gender and Sexuality," Southern History Association Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, November 2019.
- Commentator for Panel, "Cultural Diplomacy, Commerce, and Censorship in the GDR," German Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2017.
- Commentator for Panel, "Nations, Nationalism, and Immigration," Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, November 2017.
- Roundtable Participant, "Gender Still Matters: A Roundtable on Teaching European Women's and Gender History in the Decade following *Gender Matters: Patriarchy and the Challenge of Feminism* (Judith M. Bennett)," Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, November 2017.
- Paper, "Spatial Justice: Perspectives on Urban Activism in Reunified Berlin, presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at College of Charleston, March 2017.
- Paper, "Vergangenheitsbewältigung and the 1936 'Nazi Olympics': Memory Politics and Berlin's Contested Olympia 2000 Bid," presented at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Arlington, VA, October 2015.
- Panel Chair, "Germany and the Faces of Fascism in Modern European Public Discourse," at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Arlington, VA, October 2015.
- Paper: "From Death Strip to Petting Zoos: The Complexities of Converting East Berlin's Former Borderlands into Recreational Spaces," presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at Davidson College, March 2014.
- Paper: "Between Objectification and Self-Empowerment: Representations and Self-Representations of Figure Skater Katarina Witt's Performing Body," presented at the National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH, November 2013.
- Paper: "Für eine lebenswerte Umwelt: Opposition to Olympia 2000 in Berlin," presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, March 2013.

- Paper: “Violence in the Protests Against the Olympia 2000 Campaign in Berlin,” presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, March 2012.
- Paper, ““NOlympic City”: Protests and Demonstration against the Olympia 2000 Campaign in Berlin,” presented at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, September 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, 2003-.

Courses Taught:

- World History to 1500 (introductory survey)
- World History Since 1500 (introductory survey; QEPO certified)
- The Craft of History (methods course for majors and minors)
- Europe Since 1815 (upper-division undergraduate)
- Gender and Sexuality in Modern European History (upper-division undergraduate)
- Munich, Nuremberg, Berlin: Legacies of the Third Reich (study abroad course taught in Huntsville and in Germany).
- Nazi Germany and the Holocaust (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- Europe During the Cold War (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- French Revolution and its Legacies (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- Empires and Nations: Russia (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- Research Seminar in History (capstone research course for majors)
- Recent Interpretations of Modern History (graduate seminar)
- Studies in Modern Europe (graduate seminar)
- Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (introductory course for the Women’s and Gender Studies Program)

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Wittenberg University, Department of History, Springfield, Ohio, Fall 2002.
- Instructor, Lexia International, Berlin, Germany, May 2000-July 2001.
- Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, Fall 1996-Summer 1998.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- Program Committee, European History Section of the Southern Historical Association, 2019-2022.
- Reader for *Journal of Social History*, *Sport in History*, Bloomsbury Academic Press, American Academy in Berlin, *Oral History Review* and *Diplomatic History*.
- Steering Committee Member, "Southeast German Studies Consortium," Fall 2006-Spring 2009 (together with colleagues from universities in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama).
- Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Southeast World History Association Conference, October 22-23, 2004 (co-hosted by UAH and Alabama A&M University).

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

- Chair, Department Advising Committee, 2015-2018.
- Member, Comparative Conflicts and Cultures Certificate Committee, 2016-.
- Coordinator, UAH History Forum, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary, Spring 2007-Spring 2009.
- Faculty Advisor, UAH History Club, Spring 2004-Spring 2007.
- UAH Faculty Appeals Committee, Fall 2020-.
- Director, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Fall 2010-Summer 2018.
- Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee (PTAC), College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 2014, 2015, 2018.
- Online Instructional Designer Search Committee, Summer-Fall 2017.
- Dean Search Committee, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Spring-Fall 2015.
- University Representative to AAUW (American Association of University Women), July 2013-July 2017.

- SACS-COC Student Services Committee, August 2014-May 2015.
- Faculty Senate, History Department Representative, 2007- 2010, 2012.
- UAH “RELACS” (College of Liberal Arts Research Colloquia) Planning Committee, Spring 2008-Fall 2010.
- Member, UAH Women’s Studies Program Advisory Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2009, 2018-present.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Department Liaison for National History Day activities in North Alabama, 2016-2021.
 - o Helped facilitate NHD Teacher Workshops at UAH: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021.
 - o Judge at Hampton Cove Middle School: 2017-2021.
- Department Liaison to Birmingham Holocaust Education Center
 - o Helped facilitate Continuing Education Workshops for North Alabama Teachers at UAH, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Marketing Director and Steering Committee Member, “Tech Trek” STEM Camp for Girls (co-sponsored by AAUW and UAH), October 2013-2016.
- Chair, Alabama Women Student Leaders Conference, Spring 2014 (co-sponsored by UAH Women’s and Gender Studies, UAH Office of Diversity, AAUW-Huntsville).
- Chair, University Relations, AAUW-Huntsville Branch, July 2013-June 2014.
- Talks at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Magnolia Trace Senior Living Community, Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 2003-present.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Central European History Society of the American Historical Association

German Studies Association

European History Section of the Southern Historical Association

North American Society for Sport History