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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***

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

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

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

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

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

**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* (Berghahn Books).  
Forthcoming.

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

"Local Loss, National Sacrifice: Commemoration of the First World War in Alsace, 1918-1939," Article to be included in a collected volume, *Spaces of War: France and the Francophone World*. Forthcoming.

"The Trophy of Titans: Alsace-Lorraine, 1870-1950." *Borders and Nations: Confrontations and (Re)Conciliation*, Frank Hadler and Tibor Frank (eds.), European Science Foundation Series "Writing the Nation" Volume 5 (Palgrave Press). Forthcoming.

"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): 223-231.

#### *Book Reviews*

Pieter M. Judson and Marsha L. Rosenblit, eds, *Constructing Nationalities in East Central Europe*. 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) for *H-France Review* Vol. 8 (February 2008), No. 29.

Michael E. Nolan, *The Inverted Mirror: Mythologizing the Enemy in France and Germany, 1898-1914*. (New York: Berghahn Books, 2005) in *H-France Review* Vol. 6 (February 2006), No. 14. <http://h-france.net/vol6reviews/fischer.html>

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

#### ***Conferences/Talks***

"Enemies or Friends? Alsatians as a Security Problem in the First World War." Paper presented at the German Studies Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Oct. 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, Minnesota (October 2006).

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

"'Occupied' Alsace, 1914-1918," Paper presented at the German Studies Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (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 Alsatians? Visions and Divisions of Alsatian Regionalism, 1890-1940," 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, Michigan (October 2004).

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

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

"War Weariness or National Reunion? Alsatian Wartime Attitudes, 1914-1918." Paper presented at the Western Society for French History, Indianapolis, Indiana (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, Illinois (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 presentations***

War and Film Series, Cunningham Library (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 (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 (September 2005).

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

### ***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** (1995).

**Francis O'Brien Award** for best essay by a senior history major, University of Notre Dame (May 1995).

## ***Teaching***

**The General Education Program** (ISU Center for Instruction, Research, and Technology), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (July 2008).

Discussed the details and more complicated aspects of the University's General Education Program.

**Strategies for Dealing with Underprepared Students** (ISU Center for Instruction, Research, and Technology), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (July 2008).

Discussed strategies and challenges of educating students who come to ISU with deficient preparation for university level courses.

**Instructional Technologies Series** (ISU Center for Instruction, Research, and Technology), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (September 2007).

Learned how to utilize Respondus and Respondus LockDown through Blackboard.

**Institute for Transforming Teacher Education** (ISU Center for Teaching and Learning), Participant, Terre Haute, IN (August 2005).

Participated in seminar to improve use of both problem-based learning and case studies in the classroom.

**Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Summer Seminar** (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum), Participant, Washington, D.C. (Summer 2004).

Selected to participate in a two-week interdisciplinary seminar entitled "Using Primary Sources to Teach the Holocaust" sponsored by the USHMM-CAHS.

**Future Faculty Program** (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Participant, Chapel Hill, NC (August 2002).

Selected to join other doctoral candidates to explore issues of teaching at the collegiate level.

**Course Design Workshop** (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Participant, Department of History, Chapel Hill, NC. (Spring 2001).

Participated in semester-long departmental workshop devoted to discussing educational theory, classroom practice, and course goals with the aim of creating a complete syllabus.

### **Courses Taught:**

*20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe* (Indiana State University).

*Modern France* (Indiana State University).

*Modern Germany, 1870-Present* (Indiana State University, Loyola College).

*Nazi Germany and the Holocaust* (Indiana State University, Loyola College).

*Western Civilization since 1500* (Loyola College).

*Western Civilization to 1650* (UNC-Chapel Hill).

*World History since 1500* (Indiana State University).

*World War I* (Indiana State University, Loyola College).

*World War II* (Indiana State University)

## ***Professional Service***

**Co-Editor, H-German Electronic Discussion Group** (2003 – Present) <http://www.h-net.org/~german/>  
Manage and moderate interdisciplinary discussion network with over 2,500 subscribers worldwide.

*Indiana State University*

**Social Studies Education Advisor, Department of History** (September 2006 – Present).

Advise approximately two dozen Social Science Education majors.

**Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of History** (August 2008 –Present).

**Curriculum Committee, Department of History** (September 2005 – Present).

Work with fellow faculty in the Department of History to update, revise, and develop the curriculum for the Department.

**Allied Faculty, International Studies** (March 2007 – Present).

**"War and Film" Series, Organizer** (August 2007 – Present).

Worked with staff at Cunningham Library to plan a series of films and speakers on war, its (re)presentation, and its impact.

**Grievance Committee, Department of History** (September 2007 – August 2008).

**President's Scholars, Interviewer** (2007, 2008).

Interviewed candidates for Indiana State's President's Scholars scholarship program.

**Chair, Budget Committee, Department of History** (September 2006 – August 2007).

Work with fellow faculty members to apportion travel and other funding for the academic year.

**Faculty Teleconference Campaign** (April 2007).

Telephoned prospective History majors to help answer questions about the program and encourage attendance at ISU.

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

**Reviewer, Prentice Hall** (January-February 2008).

Served as a reviewer of Michael Lyons *World War II: A Short History* in preparation for the book's fifth edition.

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

Served as a outside evaluator for summer grant applications.

### ***Professional Societies***

German Studies Association

H-France

H-Soz-Kult

H-Nationalism

H-War

H-German

International Society for First World War Studies

Society for French Historical Studies

H-World