

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Simon Wendt

Education

- 2004 Ph.D. in Modern History, Free University of Berlin
2000 M.A. in Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Employment

- 2010-present Assistant Professor ("Juniorprofessor"), University of Frankfurt, Department of American Studies
2008-2010 Research Group Leader, University of Heidelberg, Transcultural Studies Program
2005-2008 Assistant Professor, University of Heidelberg, Department of History
2005 Assistant Professor, University of Bonn, English Department/North American Studies
2004 Associate Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Afro-American Studies
2003-2004 Instructor/Lecturer, Free University of Berlin, John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Department of History

Fellowships and Awards

- 2012-2013 Historisches Kolleg Munich, writing Fellowship (Förderstipendium)
2009 German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C. – Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
2008 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
Schlesinger Library Research Support Grant
2008 Jolanta and Soheyl Ghaemian Travel Grant
2007 John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies Research Fellowship
2006 German Research Council (DFG) Travel Grant
2004 President's Memorial Award of the Louisiana Historical Association
For the best article of the year in *Louisiana History*
2004 Leucorea Foundation Research Fellowship
2003-2004 Foundation for the Support of Scholarship and Culture, City of Hamburg – Dissertation Fellowship
2001-2003 State of Berlin – Support of Junior Scholars Program (Nafog) – Dissertation Fellowship
2002 German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) Dissertation-Research Fellowship
2002 German Academic Exchange Service Travel-Research Grant
"Memphis State Eight" Paper Prize.
2001 Selected as one of the three outstanding papers at the Third Annual Graduate Conference in African American History, Memphis, Tennessee.
2001 Nafog Travel-Research Grant
1998-1999 University of Wisconsin WARF Fellowship
1998-1999 German Academic Exchange Service Fellowship

Research and teaching interests

Modern U.S. History
African American History
Gender History
History and Memory
Nationalism
Heroism and Hero-worship

Current Research Projects

The Daughters of the American Revolution and Historical Memory in the 20th Century
A History of Heroism in America

Publications

Books

- Ed. (with Michael Butter and Patrick Keller). *Arnold Schwarzenegger: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Body and Image*. Heidelberg: Winter, 2011.
- Ed. (with Manfred Berg). *Globalizing Lynching History: Vigilantism and Extralegal Punishment from an International Perspective*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
- Ed. (with Manfred Berg). *Racism in the Modern World: Historical Perspectives on Cultural Transfer and Adaptation*. New York: Berghahn, 2011.
- The Spirit and the Shotgun: Armed Resistance and the Struggle for Civil Rights*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2007.

Journal Articles

- "Transnational Perspectives on the History of Racism in North America." *Amerikastudien/American Studies* 54, no. 3 (2009): 473-98.
- "Protection or Path toward Revolution? Black Power and Self-Defense." *Souls* 9, no. 4 (October-December 2007): 320-32.
- "They Finally Found Out that We Really Are Men': Violence, Non-Violence and Black Manhood in the Civil Rights Era," *Gender & History* 19, no. 3 (November 2007): 543-64.
- "God, Gandhi, and Guns: The African American Freedom Struggle in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1964-1965." *Journal of African American History* 89, no. 1 (Winter 2004): 36-56.
- "Urge People *Not* to Carry Guns': Armed Self-Defense in the Louisiana Civil Rights Movement and the Radicalization of the Congress of Racial Equality." *Louisiana History* 45, no. 3 (Summer 2004): 261-86.
- "Southern Intellectuals and the Defense of Slavery: The Proslavery Thought of George Fitzhugh and Henry Hughes." *Southern Historian* 23 (Spring 2002): 56-70.

Book Chapters

- "Nationalist Middle-Class Women, Memory, and Conservative Family Values, 1890-1945." In *Inventing the Modern American Family: Family Values and Social Change in 20th Century United States*, edited by Isabel Heinemann, 31-58. Frankfurt: Campus, 2012.
- "Bodybuilding, Male Bodies, and Masculinity in 19th and 20th Century America: Eugen Sandow and Arnold Schwarzenegger." In *Arnold Schwarzenegger: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Body and Image*, edited by Michael Butter, Patrick Keller und Simon Wendt, 25-48. Heidelberg: Winter, 2011.
- "Transnationalizing American Studies: Historians' Perspectives," (with Heike Bungert). In *American Studies/Shifting Gears*, edited by Birte Christ, Christian Kloeckner, Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche, and Michael Butter, 89-116. Heidelberg: Winter, 2010.
- "We Were Going to Fight Fire with Fire": Black Power in the South." In *Neighborhood Rebels: Black Power at the Local Level*, edited by Peniel Joseph, 131-47. New York: Palgrave, 2010.
- "Martin Luther Kings Philosophie der Gewaltfreiheit – Prinzip oder Methode? Pazifismus, gewaltloser Protest und bewaffneter Widerstand in der Bürgerrechtsbewegung." In *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Leben, Werk und Vermächtnis*, edited by Michael Haspel and Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson, 35-54. Weimar: Wartburg Verlag, 2008.
- "Massenmedien und die Bedeutung von Helden und Stars in den USA (1890-1929)." In *Medien und Imagepolitik im 20. Jahrhundert: Deutschland, Europa, USA*, edited by Daniela Münkler and Lu Seegers, 187-205. Frankfurt: Campus, 2008.
- "Krieg und Heldentum in den USA: Die Heroisierung amerikanischer Soldaten vom Ende des Bürgerkriegs bis zum spanisch-amerikanischen Krieg." In *Krieg. Vergleichende Perspektiven aus Kunst, Musik und Geschichte*, edited by Cord Arendes and Jörg Peltzer, 115-32. Heidelberg: Winter, 2007.
- "Gewalt und Männlichkeit in der Black Power Bewegung." In *Väter, Soldaten, Liebhaber: Männer und Männlichkeiten in der Geschichte Nordamerikas*, edited by Jürgen Martschukat and Olaf Stieglitz, 355-69. Bielefeld: Transcript, 2007.
- "African Americans and Criminal Justice in the American South: The Convict Lease System, 1868-1928." In *Criminal Justice in Germany and the United States*, edited by Manfred Berg, Stefan Kapsch, and Franz Streng, 19-28. Heidelberg: Winter, 2006.
- "The Roots of Black Power? Armed Resistance and the Radicalization of the Civil Rights Movement." In *The Black Power Movement: Rethinking the Civil Rights-Black Power Era*, edited by Peniel E. Joseph, 145-65. New York: Routledge, 2006.

Encyclopedia Articles

- "Daughters of the American Revolution." In *Encyclopedia of American Social History*, edited by Lynn Dumenil. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- "Black Armed Resistance." In *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, edited by Amy Wood. Vol. 22, 25-29. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011.
- "Black Self-Defense;" "Deacons for Defense and Justice;" "Williams, Robert F." In *Encyclopedia of African American History*, edited by Leslie Alexander and Walter Rucker, 665-67, 732-33, 1104-05. Santa Barbara: ABL-CLIO, 2010.
- "African American Resistance, Jim Crow Era;" "African American Resistance, Reconstruction Era;" "American Slave Rebellions." In *International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present*, edited by Immanuel Ness, 16-19, 19-21, 88-90. New York: Blackwell, 2009.
- "Civil Rights Movement." In *Encyclopedia of African American History, 1896-Present*, edited by Paul Finkelman, 411-19. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- "Du Bois, W.E.B" and "Garvey, Marcus." In *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age: From the End of World War I to the Great Crash*, edited by James Ciment, 183-84, 256-57. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.
- "Bunche, Ralph (1904-1971);" "Gandhi, Mohandas (1869-1948);" "Kenyatta, Jomo (1897/1898?-1978);" "King, Martin Luther, Jr. (1929-1968);" "Mau Mau;" "Weathermen." In *Encyclopedia of the Cold War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, edited by Spencer C. Tucker and Andrew McCormick, 214-215, 486-87, 711-12, 720-22, 832-33, 1417-18. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2007.
- "Southern Christian Leadership Conference;" "Poor People's Campaign;" "Selma March." In *Postwar America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*, edited by James Ciment, 987-89, 1103-05, 1153-55. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2006.
- "Parks, Rosa Louise." In *Encyclopedia of American Lives*, edited by Arnold Markoe, Karen Markoe, and Kenneth T. Jackson. Vol. 7, 413-15. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2006.
- "Nonviolent Direct Action and the Civil Rights Movement;" "Congress of Racial Equality;" "Racial Violence and the Civil Rights Movement." In *Encyclopedia of American Social Movements*, edited by Immanuel Ness. Vol. 1, 202-07; 208-11; 222-26. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2004.
- "Sullivan, Leon Howard;" "Williams, Hosea Lorenzo." In *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*, edited by Kenneth T. Jackson. Vol. 6, 500-02, 569-71. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2004.
- "Cold War (1945-1950), The Start of the Atomic Age." In *Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence, and Security*, edited by K. Lee Lerner and Brenda Wilmoth Lerner. Vol. 1, 230-33. New York: Gale, 2004.
- "Malcolm X (Malik El-Shabazz)." In *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: The 1960s*, edited by William L. O'Neill. Vol. 2, 37-40. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003.
- "Congress of Racial Equality." In *The Oxford Companion to United States History*, edited by Paul Boyer, et. al., 135. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

Reviews (Selected)

- The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975*. Dir. by Göran Hugo Olsson. Prod. by Annika Rogell, Joslyn Barnes, and Danny Glover. Louverture Films, 2011. *Journal of American History* 99, no. 1 (June 2012): 380-382.
- Paul Alkebulan, *Survival Pending Revolution: The History of the Black Panther Party*. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2007. *Journal of African American History* 94, no. 1 (Winter 2009): 125-127.
- Mark Newman, *The Civil Rights Movement*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2004. *Journal of Southern History* 74, no. 1 (February 2008): 229.
- Christopher B. Strain, *Pure Fire: Self-Defense as Activism in the Civil Rights Era*, Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2005, in: *Journal of African American History* 91, no. 2 (Spring 2006): 228-230.