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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, Institute for English- and 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 Program

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

Current Research Projects

The Daughters of the American Revolution and Patriotic Memory in the Twentieth Century

Everyday Heroism in the Progressive Era

Marginalized Masculinities and the American Nation: African American and Native American Military Heroism, 1941-1978 (funded by the DFG, 2013-2016)

Professional Activities

Official reader for *Amerikastudien* (2011-2016)

Member of the International Editorial Board of *Men & Masculinities*

Fellowships and Awards

2012-2013	Writing Fellowship (<i>Foerderstipendium</i>), Historisches Kolleg Muenchen
2009	German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C. – Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
2008	Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University Schlesinger Library Research Support Grant 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 Leucorea Foundation Research Fellowship
2003-04	Foundation for the Support of Scholarship and Culture, City of Hamburg – Dissertation Fellowship
2001-03	State of Berlin – Support of Junior Scholars Program (Nafog) – Dissertation Fellowship
2002	German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) Dissertation-Research Fellowship German Academic Exchange Service Travel-Research Grant “Memphis State Eight” Paper Prize
2001	Nafog Travel-Research Grant
1998-99	University of Wisconsin WARF Fellowship German Academic Exchange Service Fellowship

Memberships

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien

Publications

Books

The Spirit and the Shotgun: Armed Resistance and the Struggle for Civil Rights. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2007.

Ed. with Brian D. Behnken. *Crossing Boundaries: Ethnicity, Race, and National Belonging in a Transnational World.* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013.

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.

Ed. with Michael Butter and Patrick Keller. *Arnold Schwarzenegger: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Body and Image.* Heidelberg: Winter, 2011.

Journal Articles

"Defenders of Patriotism or Mothers of Fascism? The Daughters of the American Revolution, Antiradicalism, and Un-Americanism in the Interwar Period." *Journal of American Studies* 47, no. 4 (November 2013): 943-969.

"Transnational Perspectives on the History of Race and Racism in North America." *Amerikastudien* 54, no. 3 (2009): 473-498.

"Protection or Path toward Revolution? Black Power and Self-Defense." *Souls* 9, no. 4 (October-December 2007): 320-332.

"'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): 543-564.

"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): 261-286.

"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 (selected)

"Nationalist Middle-Class Women, Memory, and Conservative Family Values, 1890-1945." In *Gender Roles and the Family: Changing Values and Norms in 20th-Century United States*, ed. 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*, eds. Michael Butter, Patrick Keller, and Simon Wendt, 25-48. Heidelberg: Winter, 2011.

“Transnationalizing American Studies: Historians’ Perspectives,” (with Heike Bungert). In *American Studies/Shifting Gears*, eds. 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*, ed. Peniel Joseph, 131-147. New York: Palgrave, 2010.

“Massenmedien und die Bedeutung von Helden und Stars in den USA (1890-1929).” In *Medien und Imagepolitik im 20. Jahrhundert: Deutschland, Europa, USA*, eds. Daniela Munkel and Lu Seegers, 187-205. Frankfurt: Campus, 2008.

“Martin Luther Kings Philosophie der Gewaltfreiheit – Prinzip oder Methode? Pazifismus, gewaltloser Protest und bewaffneter Widerstand in der afroamerikanischen Bürgerrechtsbewegung.” In *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Leben, Werk und Vermächtnis*, eds. Michael Haspel and Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson, 35-54. Weimar: Wartburg Verlag, 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*, eds. Cord Arendes and Jörg Peltzer, 115-132. Heidelberg: Winter, 2007.

“Gewalt und Männlichkeit in der Black Power Bewegung.” In *Väter, Soldaten, Liebhaber: Männer und Männlichkeiten in der Geschichte Nordamerikas*, eds. Jürgen Martschukat and Olaf Stieglitz, 355-369. 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*, eds. 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*, ed. Peniel E. Joseph, 145-165. New York: Routledge, 2006.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Daughters of the American Revolution.” In *Encyclopedia of American Social History*, ed. Lynn Dumenil. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

“Black Self-Defense;” “Deacons for Defense and Justice;” “Williams, Robert F.” In *Encyclopedia of African American History*, eds. Leslie Alexander and Walter Rucker, 665-667, 732-733, 1104-1105. 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*, ed. Immanuel Ness, 16-19, 19-21, 88-90. New York: Blackwell, 2009.

“Civil Rights Movement.” In *Encyclopedia of African American History, 1896-Present*, ed. Paul Finkelman, 411-419. 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*, ed. James Ciment, 183-184, 256-257. 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*, eds. Spencer C. Tucker and Andrew McCormick, 214-215, 486-487, 711-712, 720-722, 832-833, 1417-1418. 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*, ed. James Ciment, 987-989, 1103-1105, 1153-1155. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2006.

“Parks, Rosa Louise.” In *Encyclopedia of American Lives*, eds. Arnold Markoe, Karen Markoe, and Kenneth T. Jackson. Vol. 7, 413-415. 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*, ed. Immanuel Ness. Vol. 1, 202-207; 208-211; 222-226. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2004.

“Sullivan, Leon Howard;” “Williams, Hosea Lorenzo.” In *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*, ed. Kenneth T. Jackson. Vol. 6, 500-502, 569-571. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004.

“Cold War (1945-1950), The Start of the Atomic Age.” In *Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence, and Security*, eds. K. Lee Lerner and Brenda Wilmoth Lerner. Vol. 1, 230-233. New York: Gale, 2004.

“Malcolm X (Malik El-Shabazz).” In *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: The 1960s*, ed. William L. O’Neill. Vol. 2, 37-40. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003.

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. *Journal of African American History* 91, no. 2 (Spring 2006): 228-230.