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Degrees:

Ph.D. Cornell University, 1993

M.A. Cornell University, 1990

B.A. New York University, magna cum laude with departmental honors in history, 1987

Employment in Higher Education:

Samuel G. McCann Professor of History, Rice University, 2010-present

Professor, Department of History, Rice University, 2003-2010

Professor, Department of German Studies, 2003-2006

Associate Professor, Department of History, Rice University, 1999-2003; Department of German Studies, 2000-2003

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Rice University, 1994-1999

Visiting Lecturer, Department of History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1993-1994

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards:

Humanities Research Center Teaching Release, 2016-17.

George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, 2016.

Alexander von Humboldt Short Visit Grant, summer 2012.

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Grant, 2001.

Faculty Teaching and Mentoring Award of the Graduate Student Association, 2001.

Charles Duncan Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, 2001.

Center for the Study of Cultures Research Leave, Fall, 1998, Rice University.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Summer Research Fellowship, May-August, 1997, under invitation of the Department of History, Humboldt University, Berlin.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (1995-96).

Mellon Completion Candidate Fellowship, 1992-1993.

Gilmore Fellowship, Cornell University, Spring 1992.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) doctoral fellowship, Oct. 1990-Jan. 1991.

Conferences organized

"Workshop on Textbooks in the Humanities," Rice University, April 8-9, 2016.

"Revolution and Representation: Germany 1917-1923," Rice University, Nov. 11-12, 2011.

"German Unification: Expectations and Outcomes," James A. Baker, III, Institute for Public Policy, Houston, TX, Oct. 31, 2009.

"The Other Road to Plandom: Non-Socialist and Pre-Socialist Economic Planning in Europe and Republican China, 1935-1950," miniconference at Rice University, January 30, 1999.

Books:

Germany since 1945, coauthored with Karrin Hanshew, under contract with Bloomsbury Press.

German Unification: Expectations and Outcomes, ed. with Robert Shandley. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2011

Love, Death, and Revolution in Central Europe: Ludwig Feuerbach, Moses Hess, Louise Dittmar, Richard Wagner. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan. 2009.

Dictatorship, State Planning, and Social Theory in the German Democratic Republic. New York:

Cambridge University Press, 2003.

From Liberal Democracy to Fascism: Political and Legal Thought in the Weimar Republic, ed. with William Scheuerman. Boston: Humanities Press, 2000. "Introduction" coauthored with William Scheuerman.

Popular Sovereignty and the Crisis of German Constitutional Law: The Theory and Practice of Weimar Constitutionalism. Durham: Duke University Press, 1997.

Articles:

"The Life of the Dead: Karl Marx in Context," review essay of Gareth Stedman Jones, Karl Marx: Greatness and Illusion (Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 2016), forthcoming in Journal of Interdisciplinary History.

"The Collapse of the Weimar Republic, German Émigrés and the American Cold War," review essay of Udi Greenberg, The Weimar Century: German Émigrés and the Ideological Foundations of the Cold War (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2014), forthcoming in Perspectives on Politics.

"Ernst Forsthoff in Frankfurt: Political Mobilization and the Abandonment of Scholarly Responsibility," in "Politisierung der Wissenschaft": Jüdische Wissenschaftler und ihre Gegner an der Universität Frankfurt am Main vor und nach 1933 (Frankfurt am Main: Wallstein Verlag, 2016).

"Hugo Preuss's Concept of the Volk: Critical Confusion or Sophisticated Conception?" University of Toronto Law Journal 63 (2013), 347-84.

"On Narrating a System," in Francis Spufford, Red Plenty: A Crooked Timber Book Event, 2012, pp. 47-51, <http://crookedtimber.org/category/red-plenty-seminar/>, accessed on Dec. 7, 2012.

"Sovereignty, Constitutionalism, and the Myth of the State: Reflections on Article 4 of the Weimar Constitution," in The Weimar Moment: Liberalism, Political Theology, and Law ed., Leonard V. Kaplan and Rudy Koshar (Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2012), 345-70.

"German History Beyond National Socialism: German History Forum," coauthored, in German History 29 (2011), 470-84.

"Sozialistische Wirtschaftslehre: Zur Planung und Kontrolle einer Disziplin," in Macht und Geist im Kalten Krieg, ed. Bernd Greiner, Tim B. Müller, and Claudia Weber (Hamburg: Hamburger Edition, 2011), 136-57.

- "When the Complexity of Lived Experience Finds Itself Before a Court of Law," comment in Law and History Review (2011)29:2, 567-572.
- "Plan als Legitimationsmittel, Planung als Problem: Die DDR als Beispiel staatssozialistischer Modernität," Geschichte und Gesellschaft 34 (2008), 360-74.
- "Ludwig Feuerbach and German Radicalism," commissioned review essay for German History 26 (2008), 115-28.
- "Foreword," Raphael Gross, Carl Schmitt and the Jews: The "Jewish Question," the Holocaust, and German Legal Theory (Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin Press, 2007), ix-xv.
- "The Citizen and the Republic in Germany, 1918-1935," in Citizenship and National Identity in Germany, ed. Geoff Eley and Jan Palmowski (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008), 40-56.
- "Controversies over Carl Schmitt: A Review of Recent Literature," commissioned review essay for Journal of Modern History 77 (2005), 357-87.
- "Revisionism and Orthodoxy: Stalinism and Political Thought in the GDR's Founding Decade," in Confronting Mass Technology and Mass Democracy: Essays on Twentieth Century German Political and Social Theory, ed. John McCormick. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2001, 195-220.
- "Productivity, Value, and Plan: Fritz Behrens and the Economics of Revisionism in the German Democratic Republic," History of Political Economy 32 (2000), 103-37.
- "The Reich as a Democracy," by Richard Thoma, translated and with an introduction, in Weimar: A Jurisprudence of Crisis, ed., Arthur Jacobson and Bernhard Schlink. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000.
- "Is a Social Rechtsstaat possible? The Weimar Roots of a Bonn Controversy," in From Liberal Democracy to Fascism: Political and Legal Thought in the Weimar Republic, ed. with William Scheuerman, 136-53. Boston: Humanities Press, 2000.
- "The Crucifix and German Constitutional Culture," Cultural Anthropology 11 (1996), 259-273.
- "Institutionen und Ereignis: Perspektiven auf historische Praktiken und Vorstellungen gesellschaftlichen Ordens. An International Conference Sponsored by the Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte, Göttingen, 8-10 December, 1994," with Craig Koslofsky, German History 13 (1995), 209-218.
- "Ernst Forsthoff and the Legacy of Radical Conservative State Theory in the Federal Republic of Germany," History of Political Thought 15 (Winter, 1994), 615-641.

"Legal Positivism and Weimar Democracy," American Journal of Jurisprudence 39 (1994), 273-301.

"National Socialism and Constitutional Law: Carl Schmitt, Otto Koellreutter, and the Debate over the Nature of the Nazi State, 1933-1937," Cardozo Law Review 16:2 (December, 1994), 399-427.

Book Reviews:

Gerald Stourzh, Die moderne Isonomie (Vienna: Böhlau, 2015), forthcoming in Journal of Modern History.

Tilmann Siebeneichner, Proletarischer Mythos und realer Sozialismus: Die Kampfgruppen der Arbeiterklasse der DDR (Cologne: Böhlau, 2014), Slavic Review 75 (2016), 756-58.

Roland Jahn, Wir Angepassten, in Jahrbuch Extremismus und Demokratie 27 (2015), 338-40.

Raymond G. Stokes, Roman Köster, and Stephen C. Sambrook, The Business of Waste: Great Britain and Germany, 1945 to the Present (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), Central European History 48 (2015), 587-89.

American Foundations and the European Welfare States, ed., Klaus Petersen, John Stewart, and Michael Kuur Sørensen (Odense: University Press of Southern Denmark, 2013), forthcoming in International Journal of Sociology.

Jo Eric Khushal Murkens, From Empire to Union: Conceptions of German Constitutional Law since 1871 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), Central European History 47 (2014), 658-60.

Anke John, Der Weimarer Bundesstaat: Perspektiven einer föderalen Ordnung (1918-1933) (Cologne: Böhlau Verlag, 2012), German History 31 (2013), 129-30.

Florian Meinel, Der Jurist in der industriellen Gesellschaft: Ernst Forsthoff und seine Zeit (Berlin: Akademie, 2011), Central European History 46 (2013), 208-10.

Edith Sheffer, Burned Bridge: How East and West Germans Made the Iron Curtain (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), Central European History 45 (2012), 810-12

Andreas Glaeser, Political Epistemics: The Secret Police, the Opposition, and the End of East German Socialism (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011). Slavic Review 71 (2012), 428-29.

- Andre Steiner, The Plans that Failed: An Economic History of the GDR (New York: Berghahn, 2010). Business History Review 86 (2012), 198-99.
- Roger D. Congleton, Perfecting Parliament: Constitutional Reform, Liberalism, and the Rise of Western Democracy (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011). Journal of Modern History 84 (2012), 150-51.
- Inga Markovits, Justice in Lüritz: Experiencing Socialist Law in East Germany (New York: Princeton University Press, 2010), German History 29 (2011), 341-43.
- George Last, After the "Socialist Spring": Collectivization and Economic Transformation in the GDR (New York: Berghahn, 2009), in Agricultural History 85 (2011), 294-95.
- Jan Palmowski, Inventing a Socialist Nation: Heimat and the Politics of Everyday Life in the GDR, 1945-9. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), on H-German, 2010.
- Peter Beilharz, Socialism and Modernity (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2009), on H-German, 2013.
- Benjamin Robinson. The Skin of the System: On Germany's Socialist Modernity (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2009), on H-German, 2013.
- George E. McCarthy, Dreams in Exile: Rediscovering Science and Ethics in Nineteenth-Century Social Theory (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2009), on H-German, 2009.
- Wilhelm Hennis, Politics as a Practical Science, tr., Keith Tribe (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), in German History 28 (2010), 120-21.
- Robert J. Richards, The Tragic Sense of Life: Ernst Haeckel and the Struggle over Evolutionary Thought (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008), in German History 27 (2009), 443-45.
- Sander Giliboff, H. G. Bronn, Ernst Haeckel, and the Origins of German Darwinism: A Study in Translation and Transformation (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2008), in German History 27 (2009), 443-45.
- Hubert Kiesewetter, Julius Wolf 1862-1937—zwischen Judentum und Nationalsozialismus. Eine wissenschaftliche Biographie (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2008), in Central European History 42 (2009), 551-53.
- Rüdiger Graf, Die Zukunft der Weimarer Republik. Krisen und Zukunftsaneignungen in Deutschland 1918-1933. (Munich: Oldenbourg, 2008), in H-German, November 2008.
- Hugo Preuss, Politik und Gesellschaft im Kaiserreich, ed., Lothar Albertin, Gesammelte

- Schriften vol. 1 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007), in H-German, April 2008.
- Kerry Kathleen Riley, Everyday Subversion. From Joking to Revolting in the German Democratic Republic (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2008), in Slavic Review 67 (2008), 990.
- Jonathan Zatin, The Currency of Socialism: Money and Political Culture in East Germany (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007), in German History 26 (2008), 594-95.
- Andrew Port, Conflict and Stability in the German Democratic Republic (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), in Slavic Review 67 (2008), 451.
- Nelson Arvid, Cold War Ecology: Forests, Farms, & People in the East German Landscape, 1945-1989 (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005). Submitted to Journal of Cold War Studies but never published.
- Cindy Skach, Borrowing Constitutional Designs, Constitutional Law in Weimar Germany and the French Fifth Republic (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006), in European History Quarterly 38 (2008), 665-67.
- Stefan Arvidsson, Aryan Idols: Indo-European Mythology as Ideology and Science, tr. Sonia Wichmann (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2006), German History 25:3 (2007), 441-43.
- Mark Landsman, Dictatorship and Demand: The Politics of Consumerism in East Germany (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2005), in Journal of Cold War Studies IX (2007), 147-48.
- Yuichi Shionoya, The Soul of the German Historical School : Methodological Essays on Schmoller, Weber and Schumpeter, The European Heritage in Economics and the Social Sciences (Berlin: Springer, 2005), and Max Weber's Economy And Society: A Critical Companion. Edited by Charles Camic, Philip S. Gorski, and David M. Trubek (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2005), for H-German, 2006.
- Pamela E. Swett, Neighbors and Enemies: The Culture of Radicalism in Berlin, 1929-1933 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), in Journal of Interdisciplinary History 37 (2007), 628-29.
- Ellen Kennedy, Constitutional Failure: Carl Schmitt in Weimar (Durham: Duke University Press), in Central European History 28 (2005), 498-500.
- Andreas Gawatz, Wahlkämpfe in Württemberg. Landtags- und Reichstagswahlen beim Übergang zum politischen Massenmarkt (1889-1912), Beiträge zur Geschichte des Parlamentarismus und der politischen Parteien, vol. CXXVIII (Droste Verlag, 2001), in

- Parliaments, Estates, and Representation 2005, 239-40.
- Jeannette Z. Madarász, Conflict and Compromise in East Germany, 1971-1989 (Houndmills: Palgrave MacMillan, 2003), in German Politics and Society 22:3 (2004), 128-33.
- Victor Klemperer, The Lesser Evil: The Diaries of Victor Klemperer 1945-1959, Victor Klemperer, trans. and abridged, Martin Chalmers (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 2003), European History Quarterly 35 (2005), 368-70.
- Frank Lechler, Parlamentsherrschaft und Regierungsstabilität. Die Entstehung staatsorganisatorischer Vorschriften in den Verfassungen von Baden, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Oldenburg, Sachsen und Württemberg 1918-1920 (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2002), in Parliaments, Estates, and Representation 2005.
- Geoff Eley, Forging Democracy: The History of the Left in Europe, 1850-2000 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), in Constellations 12:1 (2005), 147-49.
- Sean Dobson, Authority and Upheaval in Leipzig, 1910-1920: The Story of a Relationship (New York: Columbia University Press), in German Quarterly 76 (2003), 99-100.
- Wilhelm Brauner and Elisabeth Berger, ed. Repräsentation in Föderalismus und Korporativismus, Rechts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Reihe v. 21 (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 1998), in Parliaments, Estates, and Representation 22 (2002), 247-48.
- Dieter Gosewinkel, Einbürgern und Ausschliessen. Die Nationalisierung der Staatsangehörigkeit von Deutschen Bund bis zur Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, 2001), in Journal of Modern History 75 (2003), 452-54.
- Feivel Kupferberg, The Break-Up of Communism in East Germany and Eastern Europe (Houndmills: Macmillan, 1999), in Journal of Cold War Studies 4 (2002).
- Jonathan Grix, The Role of the Masses in the Collapse of the GDR (Houndmills: Macmillan, 2000), in Journal of Cold War Studies 5 (2003).
- Richard F. Wetzell, Inventing the Criminal: A History of German Criminology, 1880-1945 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000), in Journal of Modern History 74 (2002), 682-83.
- Michael Stolleis, Geschichte des öffentlichen Rechts in Deutschland, Band 3: 1914-1945, in Journal of Modern History 72 (2000), 1056-57.
- Michael Stolleis, The Law under the Swastika: Studies in Legal History in Nazi Germany, t., Thomas Dunlap (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998), in Holocaust and Genocide Studies 14:1 (2000), 126-28.

Different Restorations: Reconstruction and "Wiederaufbau" in Germany and the United States: 1865, 1945, and 1989. Edited by Norbert Finzsch and Jürgen Martschukat. Germany and the United States of America: The Krefeld Historical Symposia, Vol. 3. (Providence and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 1996, Journal of Southern History 65:3 (1999), 678-79.

Kenneth F. Ledford, From General Estate to Special Interest: German Lawyers 1878-1933 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996), Law and History Review 16 (1998), 603-5.

Gregory Baum, The Church for Others: Protestant Theology in Communist East Germany (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996), The Historian (1999), 455-56.

William E. Scheuerman, Between the Norm and the Exception: The Frankfurt School and the Rule of Law (Cambridge: MIT, 1994), Constellations 2 (1996), 445-447.

Constitution-Making in Eastern Europe, ed., A. E. Dick Howard (Washington: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 1993), Slavic Review (1995), 225- 226.

Papers and Conferences:

"Fear, Hope, and Complexity: An Intellectual History of the Welfare State in the Federal Republic," Rice University HRC fellows' presentation, Dec. 14, 2016

"Right Wing Populism and the Crisis of the Eurozone," The Rise of Populist Nationalism in Europe and the US, Baker Institute, Houston, TX, Nov. 29, 2016, viewable at <http://www.bakerinstitute.org/events/1834/>

"From Solving Problems to Shaping Society: Dread, Social Policy, and the Welfare State," panel on Risk Prevention, Security, and Information Gathering: Society-Shaping Policy in East and West Germany after 1949, Germans Studies Association, San Diego, CA, Sept. 30, 2016

Comment on panel Westernization and Democratization in the Federal Republic, German Studies Association, Oct. 2, 2016

"Vorbote der Zukunft, Quelle wirtschaftlichen Wandels, oder Werkzeug des Krisenmanagements? Der Plan in der DDR." Politische Planung in Deutschland seit den 1960ern Jahren, Institut für Zeitgeschichte/Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur, Nov. 12, 2015, Berlin

"The 'Social Rechtsstaat' in the Basic Law: Reflections on a Dispute from the Founding Years of the Federal Republic of Germany," South Texas College of Law, January 23, 2015

"Contradictory Lessons from World War One," World War One: Causes and Consequences: Can

- the Past Speak to the Present?" Baker Institute, Houston, TX, September 25, 2014
- Comment on "Professor Kelsen's Amazing Disappearing Act," Hans Kelsen in America: An Interdisciplinary Conference," Chicago, June 27-28, 1914.
- Presentation on "The Capital of Accumulation," video installation by the Raqs Collective, Rice University Ethnographic Film Society, April 16, 2014
- "Wagner's Ring and the Revolution," invited presentation to symposium on Richard Wagner at the Houston Grand Opera, March 29, 2014.
- Comment on panel "Daring More Democracy, Building Militant Democracy," German Studies Association Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013.
- Comment on panel "Protest and Opposition in the GDR and West Germany," German Studies Association Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013.
- "The Welfare State as the End of Western Civilization: Conservative Critique in the Early Federal Republic of Germany," invited presentation at the Modern History Colloquium, Louisiana State University, March 1, 2013
- "Ernst Forsthoff in Frankfurt: Political Mobilization and the Abandonment of Scholarly Responsibility." Presentation and predistributed paper for conference "Politische Wissenschaftler in der ersten Hälfte des 20. Jahrhunderts: Jüdische und völkische Wissenschaftler an der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main," Frankfurt, Germany, June 27, 2012.
- "Daydreams and Nightmares of the Welfare State: Germany in the 1970s," brownbag lecture, Rice University Dept. of History, March 26, 2012.
- "Hugo Preuss's Concept of the Volk: Critical Confusion or Sophisticated Conception?" Predistributed paper for conference on "Revolution and Representation: Germany 1917-1923," Rice University, Nov. 10-11, 2011.
- "Dilemmas of the Democratic Volksstaat: Hugo Preuss's Constitutionalism," invited lecture for German Studies, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Nov. 13, 2010.
- "Sovereignty, Constitutionalism, and the Myth of the State: Reflections on Article 4 of the Weimar Constitution," invited lecture at the Dept. Of History, University of Indiana, Bloomington, Nov. 11, 2010.
- "The Weimar Constitution: Counterrevolutionary Tool or Document of Revolution?" German Studies Association, Oakland, CA, Oct. 9, 2010.

"Socialist Economics and Expert Knowledge, or Planning and Governing an Academic Discipline," *Intellectual History of the Cold War*, "Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2010.

"Feuerbach and The German Ideology," German Studies Association, Washington, DC, Oct. 10, 2009.

Comment on panel, "Violence, Terror, and Revolution," German Studies Association, Washington, DC, Oct. 10, 2009.

"Sovereignty, Constitutionalism, and the Myth of the State: Reflections on Article 4 of the Weimar Constitution," *The Weimar Moment: Liberalism, Political Theology, and Law*, Madison, WI, Oct. 24-26, 2008.

"Plan als Legitimationsmittel, Planung als Problem: Die DDR als Beispiel staatssozialistischer Modernität," *Deutscher Historikertag*, Konstanz, Germany, September 21, 2006.

Comment on panel: "Modernity and the Baroque: Where do we go from here?" German Studies Association, Oct. 2, 2005, Milwaukee.

Comment on panel: "Modernity and the Baroque: Carl Schmitt and the Christian- Jewish Tradition," German Studies Association, Sept. 30, 2005, Milwaukee.

"Modernizing Dictatorship, Conscious Social Planning, and the Autonomy of Social Systems: The Wider Significance of the GDR's Demise," *UT-Austin*, April 16, 2005.

"The Citizen and the Republic in Germany," King's College, London, Sept. 10, 2004 (paper submitted, but I couldn't attend)

Invited participant. "Rapporteur: Working Group 4: Migrations Issues." *Alumni Conference on Common Global Responsibility*, Washington, DC, Nov. 6-8, 2003.

"Comment, "Responses to the Third Reich and Its Aftermath." *Southern Historical Association*, Houston, November 9, 2003.

"Ist eine "intellectual history" der DDR möglich?" *Seminar zur Geschichte der Neuzeit*, Universität Trier, Dec. 11, 2001.

"'Socialist Legality' and the Development of Law in the German Democratic Republic," *University of Chicago Legal History Workshop*, Chicago, April 8, 1999.

"Whither the Rule of Law? Social Law in Modern Germany," *Rorschach Lecture*, Rice University, February 25, 1999.

"Antifascism, the Plan, and the German Democratic Republic: The Intellectual Foundations of a Socialist Project," University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, February 18, 1999.

Co-organizer and commentator, "The Other Road to Plandom: Non-Socialist and Pre-Socialist Economic Planning in Europe and Republican China, 1935-1950," miniconference at Rice University, January 30, 1999.

"Comment," panel on "Identifying, Rewarding, and Punishing in German Law," American Society of Legal History, Minneapolis, October 18, 1997.

"Sovereignty, Law, and Power: Hans Kelsen's Critique of German Authoritarianism," at the University of Pittsburgh, Seminar on the Culture of Exile: German Emigres in the United States, April 10, 1997.

"The Paradoxical Foundations of Constitutional Democracy," at the Center for German and European History, February 13, 1996.

"What is a Sozialstaat? The Weimar Roots of a Bonn Controversy," at the American Historical Association annual meeting, Atlanta, January 5, 1996.

"The Will of the State and the Redemption of the German Nation: Legal Positivism and Constitutional Monarchism in the German Empire," at the German History Colloquium, Georgetown University, October 12, 1995.

"The Weimar Legacy in Postwar West Germany: The Politics of Constitutional Interpretation," at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, September 1, 1995.

"Paul Laband's Legal Positivism and the Development of the German State, 1871-1900," at the Conference on European Liberalism, University of Michigan, March 31, 1995.

"National Socialism and Constitutional Law," at the Cardozo Law School Faculty Colloquium, New York City, February 24, 1994.

"Ernst Forsthoff and the Reconstruction of German Conservatism after World War Two," at the Conference on Culture and the Methods of History, Cornell University, April 2-3, 1993.

"Hans Kelsen and the Politics of Formalism," at the Cornell University European History Colloquium, January 28, 1993.

"Legal Positivism and Weimar Democracy," at the Cornell University European History Colloquium, September 25, 1992.

Courses Taught:

Germany since 1990 (communication-intensive seminar)

Germany since 1945 (lecture)

Social and Political Thought in 19th Century Europe (lecture)

The European Welfare State: Origins, Consolidation, Crisis (senior seminar)

Four Modern Revolutions (senior seminar)

Europe, 1789-1989 (lecture)

Politics and Society in Modern Europe, 1890-1945 (lecture)

Modern Germany, 1890-1990 (lecture)

Germany, 1648-1890 (lecture)

Politics and Culture in Interwar Europe, 1920-1940 (seminar)

The Russian Revolution, 1917-1935 (seminar)

The German Democratic Republic, 1945-1990 (seminar)

The German Empire, 1871-1918 (seminar)

Germany from Vormärz to Unification, 1840-1880 (seminar)

The Russian Revolution, 1917-1938 (seminar)

War, Modernization, and Militarism: Japan and Germany (graduate seminar)

From Revolution to Unification: Germany 1840-1880 (seminar)

Weimar Germany: A Culture of Crisis (seminar)

Twentieth Century Marxism (graduate seminar)

Weimar Cinema (college course)

Karl Marx (graduate seminar)

Max Weber (graduate seminar)

The History of Women and Gender in Modern Europe (lecture/seminar)

The History of Women and Gender in Modern Europe (graduate seminar)

After the Deluge: World War One and European History (graduate seminar)

Social and Political Thought in Postwar Germany (graduate seminar)

From Feuerbach to Nietzsche: Ethics and Politics after Religion (graduate seminar)

Introduction to Methods and Historiography (graduate seminar)

Graduate Pedagogy Seminar

University Service:

Speaker of Faculty Senate, 2012-2014

Chair, Dept. of History, Rice University, June 2003-June 2006.

Implemented new pedagogy seminar for advanced graduate students, and connected lower-level, writing-intensive courses taught by graduate students; developed and implemented clear criteria on senior seminars to ensure coherence of major; developed and implemented clear, written criteria on requirements for tenure in History.

Task Force on Governance, Secretary, 2004

Organized and led intensive effort to develop and implement a new system of governance at Rice University, including a new Faculty Senate, reform of Promotion and Tenure Committee, and reexamination of all standing committees' functions and functioning; result was an abandonment of the system of governance Rice had followed since 1970 and its replacement with a new Faculty Senate system in spring 2005.

Director, Goethe Center for Central European Studies, Rice University, Jan. 2000-June 2001.

Developed the operating guidelines for the Center; set up an internal advisory board at Rice as well as an external advisory board including representatives from other universities and from the consular community; applied for and was awarded a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Visiting Professorship in German Studies in the German and Sociology Departments.

Working Group on Policy 201, chair, 2016-17

Working Group on Digital Education, 2016-17

Faculty Review Committee, Doerr Institute, 2016-17

Faculty Advisory Board, Program in Writing and Communication, 2015-2016
Chair, 2016-17

Faculty Advisor, Graduate Students' Association, 2015-17

Working Group on Faculty Ombud, fall 2014

Faculty Senate, elected to a three year term, 2011-2014

Search Committee for Director of Moody Center for the Arts, 2014

Provost Pre-Search Committee, 2014

Search Committee for Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, 2013

Humanities Research Center, member of faculty board, 2011-2014

Instructor, graduate pedagogy seminar in History, 2010-12

Chair, Committee on Examinations and Standing, 2007-11

Chair, Review Committee, Dean of Social Sciences, 2010

Chair, Faculty Handbook Committee, 2004-6

Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of History, 2009-10

Child Care Advisory Committee, 2005-7

Humanities Planning Committee, 2003-6

Governance Subcommittee, Faculty Council, 2003-4

Search committee for Dean of Humanities, 2002-2003

Dean's Ad-Hoc Committee on Restructuring the Graduate Programs
in Foreign Language, Spring, 1998

Salary Committee, Dept. of History, elected to a two-year term, 1996-1998,
2000-2001

Graduate Committee, Dept. of History, 1997-2003

Executive Committee, Dept. of History, 2000-2001, 2002-2003

Steering Committee, Studies of Women and Gender major, 1997-99

Faculty Council/University Council, elected to a four-year term, 1996-2000

-- Policy Subcommittee

-- Athletics Subcommittee

-- Appeals and Grievances (Convenor, 1999-2000)

University Committee on Affirmative Action, 1996-97

Undergraduate Committee, Dept. of History, 1994-95, 1996-97

Education Council, History Advisor (for students seeking certification in history for the Texas educational system), 1994-97

Academic searches: African History, 2016-17; US and the World, Senior Position, Fall 2013; US History, Senior Position, Fall 2007; Early Modern European History 2-yr., Spring 2007; Modern French History, History Dept., Fall 2002 (chair); DAAD-Dozent, German Dept., 2000-2001; Classical German Literature, German Dept., Fall, 2000; U.S. Legal History Search Committee, History Dept., Fall, 2000; U.S. Women's History Search Committee, History Dept., Fall, 1999; Applied Linguistics Search Committee, German Dept., Fall, 1999; Latin American History Search Committee, Dept. of History, 1996-97

Rice AAUP: secretary, 2000-2001; president, 2007-8.

Professional Activities:

"Holocaust Education in Germany," docent continuing education, Holocaust Museum Houston, January 14 and 19, 2016.

"Bolshevism, National Socialism, and the New Politics of World War One," Houston Philosophical Society, Sept. 17, 2015

"Why the Wall Was Built" and "Why the Wall Came Down," lectures for the Rice Alumni trip to Berlin, October 2014.

"Conditions for the Events of October 9, 1989," at conference on The Miracle of Leipzig, Baker

Institute for Public Policy, Nov. 2, 2014.

"The German Origins of the Holocaust," docent teacher training at the Houston Holocaust Museum, September 23, 2014.

"Crisis of Faith, Origin of New Faiths: The New Politics of World War One and Its Aftermath," talk to the Adult Formation Council, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, Texas, Sept. 7, 2014.

"The Origins of World War One," presentation to students at Rice, Aug. 25, 2014.

"On the Backs of Bigots: Cultural Influences on Adolf Hitler from Vienna to Weimar," docent continuing education, Houston Holocaust Museum, December 10, 2013.

"The German Origins of the Holocaust," docent teacher training at the Houston Holocaust Museum, November 12, 2013.

Chair, Book Prize Committee, German Studies Association 2013.

Revolution, Democracy, and Constitutionalism: The German Weimar Republic (two-week intensive course at Tsinghua University, Beijing, May 2013).

Chair of panel, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Message for Us Today," Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, May 22, 2012.

"The German Origins of the Holocaust," docent teacher training at the Houston Holocaust Museum, August 16, 2011.

"Teaching German History in the United States," for the conference "Share and Teach a Mutual History: The French-German Experience," at Rice University, April 29, 2011.

"What Went Right? German Unification Twenty Years After," Houston-Leipzig Sister City Project, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Houston, TX, Sept. 17, 2009.

"The Origins of the Holocaust," St. Martin's Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX, Aug. 9, 2009

Faculty Presenter, Advanced Topic Academy/Rice University IB Workshop for high school Teacher Professional Development, March 9, 2007: East Germany and the Cold War in Europe.

Faculty Presenter, Advanced Topic Academy/Rice University IB Workshop for high school Teacher Professional Development, March 18, 2006: German History: From Kaiserreich to Holocaust.

Faculty Mentor, Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, Freiburg, Germany, April 26-29, 2006.

Editorial Board, Law and History Review, 2005-2014.

Fulbright Commission, reviewer of German area applications for northeastern and southern U.S., 2004-2006.

"Twentieth Century Germany," lecture series to Women's Institute of Houston, spring 2003.

"Democracy and Dictatorship in Modern German History," lecture to Rice Alumni College, April 6, 2002.

Speech at Baker Institute ceremony, "The German Problem Fifty Years After," November 10, 2000.

Lecture to Houston-Leipzig Sister City Project, "Two Independent Universities in Concert: New Initiatives in the Houston-Leipzig Sister City Relationship," March 2000.

Invited conference participant, "Institution and Event: Perspectives on Historical Practices and Conceptions of Social Order," Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte, Göttingen, December 8-10, 1994.

Faculty Advisor, Workshop on Law and Society in Modern Germany, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March 18-20, 1994.

Reader for Law and Social Inquiry, Leo Baeck Yearbook, German History, Journal of Policy History, Modern Intellectual History, Contemporary European History, Central European History, Comparative Studies in Society and History, History of Political Thought, Cultural Anthropology, Social Science Quarterly, Law and History Review, American Historical Review, European Journal of Political Theory, Theoria, INDES, Pearson-Longman Press, Duke University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge Press, Princeton University Press, University of Michigan Press, Hackett Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave-Macmillan Press, Brill Press, Berghahn Press, Polity Press