

# PAIGE A. NEWHOUSE

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## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D., University of Michigan History Department, May 2026 (Expected)

Dissertation: *Revisiting the Right to Stay: Vietnamese Migrants in Postwar Germany, 1978-2000*

Committee: Rita Chin, Geoff Eley, Christopher Molnar, Melissa Borja, Deirdre de la Cruz

### M.A., University of Michigan History Department, 2021

Examination Fields: Race and Migration, Modern Germany, Modern Southeast Asia

Candidacy with Distinction (April 2021)

### A.B., Duke University, 2017

Graduated with Highest Distinction in History, Secondary Major in German

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Managing Vietnamese Motherhood: Race, Gender, and Labor in East Germany,” in Lauren Stokes and Michelle Kahn (eds), *Racism and Antiracism in a Divided Germany*, Cornell University Press, Scheduled for publication in 2026, Peer-Reviewed

“We Want Work: Vietnamese Asylum Seekers in Post-Unity Germany,” in “Negotiating Marginalisation and Belonging—Petitions and Minorities in Central and Eastern Europe from the 1900s to the 1990s,” Special Issue, *Contemporary European History*, forthcoming

### Reviews

“Migration and the Construction of German Identities, 1949-2004. By Bethany Erin Hicks. Berlin, Boston: Walter de Gruyter GmbH, 2023. Pp. vi + 162. Hardcover \$121.99. ISBN 978-3-11-071612-2.” *Central European History*, 2025, 1–3

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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### External

2025	<i>Central European History Society</i> , Research Grant, Berlin
2021	<i>Fulbright Study/Research Grant</i> , Department of Diversity and Social Conflict, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, German Adviser: Gökçe Yurdakul
2021	<i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)</i> , Long-Term Research Grant (declined)
2019; 2021	<i>US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship</i> , Vietnamese, SEASSI/University of Wisconsin, Madison

### University of Michigan

2025	<i>Rackham Doctoral Intern Fellowship</i> , Rackham Graduate School/National Center for Institutional Diversity, Ann Arbor
2025	<i>Research/Study/Travel Grant</i> , History Department, Berlin
2024	<i>Graduate Student Fellow</i> , The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Ann Arbor
2023	<i>Gerald Saxon Brown Digital Skills Fellowship</i> , The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Ann Arbor
2023	<i>Orla B. Taylor Scholarship (Research/Study/Travel Grant)</i> , History Department, Berlin
2023	<i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant</i> , Rackham Graduate School, Berlin
2022	<i>Rackham Humanities Candidacy Fellowship</i> , Rackham Graduate School, Ann Arbor
2022	<i>Rackham International Research Award</i> , Rackham Graduate School, Berlin
2022	<i>William R. and Flora Hewlett Foundation Award</i> , Conference Travel Grant, Paris
2020	<i>Rackham Language Training Award</i> , Vietnamese, SEASSI/University of Wisconsin, Madison

2019      *Center for European Studies Summer Research Grant*, Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia/International Institute, Berlin

*Duke University*

2017-18      *Hart Fellowship*, Sanford School of Public Policy, Friedland, Lower Saxony

2017      *Highest Distinction for Honors Thesis* titled “The Challenges of Knowledge Transfer during the Cold War: Exchange between East Germany and North Vietnam, 1953-1968”

2017      *William T. Laprade Prize*, Most outstanding thesis in the History Department

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## CONFERENCES

*Panels Organized*

“Cracking the Code: Migrants’ Legal Claims for Inclusion in Twentieth-Century Central Europe,” *American Historical Association*, New Orleans, January 2027

“Nationalism on the Ground: Migration, Inclusion, and Exclusion in Postwar Europe,” *Social Science History Association*, Toronto, 2 November 2024

“Affects, Families, Trauma: Postwar Immigration and Migrant Well-Being,” *Social Science History Association*, Washington, DC, 18 November 2023

*Presentations*

“Revisiting the Right to Humanitarian Protection: Vietnamese Citizens, Asylum, and Post-Unity Germany,” *American Historical Association*, New Orleans, January 2027

“Consuming at the *Kaufhalle*: Migrant Laborers, Food, and the Creation of Home in East Germany,” Food, Migration, and Belonging in 20<sup>th</sup> Century European History, *German Historical Institute*, Berkeley, 29-30 September 2025

“Revisiting the Right to Stay: Vietnamese Migrants in Postwar Germany, 1978-2000,” Food for Thought, *German Studies Association*, Washington, DC, 26 September 2025

“The *Wende* and the End of Socialist Labor: Vietnamese Workers in East Germany, March-August 1990,” 30<sup>th</sup> Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century German History, *German Historical Institute and BMW Center for German and European Studies*, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 3-6 June 2025

“From (Re)unification to Forced Repatriation: German Strategies for Returning Foreign Employees Home,” *Social Science History Association*, Toronto, 2 November 2024

“An Unexpected ‘German Problem’: Vietnamese Workers Turned Asylum Seekers,” *German Studies Association*, Atlanta, 27 September 2024

“An Unexpected German-German Problem: Vietnamese Workers turn into Asylum Seekers,” *Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies*, Ann Arbor, 2 February 2024

“Family and Foreign Workers’ Well-being in East Germany,” *Social Science History Association*, Washington, DC, 18 November 2023

“Disrupting Production: Vietnamese Workers, Protests, and Participation in State Socialism,” *German Studies Association*, Asian-German Studies, Montréal, 7 October 2023

“[Contract]ing Socialist Solidarity: Vietnamese Labor in the German Democratic Republic, 1980-1989,” *Social Science History Association*, Chicago, 20 November 2022

“Migrant, Woman, Vietnamese: The Politics of Care behind Vietnamese Labor in East Germany,” *German Studies Association, Asian-German Studies*, Houston, 17 October 2022

“Returning to Reunification: Vietnamese Workers and Their Struggle to Stay in Germany,” *The European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS)*, Paris, 1 July 2022

“West German State Agency and the Acceptance of Vietnamese Refugees,” *Alamanya Transnational German Studies Workshop, University of Michigan*, Virtual Conference, 5 May 2021

“Behavior Issues: Vietnamese Students in East Germany and Moments of Protest,” *German Studies Association*, Virtual Conference, 4 October 2020

“The Decline of Asylum Rights in West Germany in the late 1970s,” *Representations of Race and Ethnicity in German Modernity, Cornell University*, Ithaca, 7 March 2020

“Real People: The Limits of Student Exchange between East Germany and North Vietnam, 1963-1968,” *Socialist Educational Cooperation with the Global South*, University of Gießen, Germany, 12 May 2018

## **INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### *Instructor of Record*

HIST 195: Sex, Drugs & Communism: Writing Cold War Berlin, Winter Semester 2026

### *Graduate Student Instructor*

HIST 322: Origins of Nazism, Professors Kira Thurman and Scott Spector, Winter Semester 2021

HIST 312: History of European Integration, Professor Dario Gaggio, Fall Semester 2020

HIST 341: Nations and Nationalism, Professor Ronald Suny, Winter Semester 2020

HIST 318: Europe: Era of War, Professor Joshua Cole, Fall Semester 2019

### *Guest Lectures*

“Vietnamese Migrants across different Germanies and political systems,” University of Michigan, BA course titled *Communism and Capitalism in Eastern Europe*, Instructed by Kriszti Fehervary, 23 March 2023

“Transnational workers, regimes of labor and inclusion/exclusion in the nation-state,” Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, MA Colloquium titled *Citizenship and Immigration*, Instructed by Gökçe Yurdakul, 15 June 2022

“West Germany and the Non-European Asylum Seeker,” The Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research at the Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, 8 November 2021

“The Migration Crisis (2011-2020)”, University of Michigan, BA course titled *History of European Integration*, Instructed by Dario Gaggio, 9 November 2020

“Citizenship in Germany,” University of Michigan, BA course titled *Nations and Nationalism*, Instructed by Ronald Suny, 19 February 2020

## **PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS**

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### *Producer, Lead Writer & Host*

2023-24      *Reverb Effect Podcast*, The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies at the University of Michigan

### Research Assistant

2024	<i>1817 Project</i> , Jay Cook, Inclusive History Project at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor/Detroit
2023	Upcoming Project, Rita Chin, The Federal Archives of Germany, Koblenz and Ann Arbor
2020-21	<i>The Cambridge History of Europe Vol 5: The Twentieth Century</i> , upcoming volume written by Geoff Eley
2019	Experiencing History: Holocaust Sources in Context as a Pedagogical Tool, Online collection at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum/HistoryLab at the University of Michigan

### Service

2024-25	<i>Graduate Student Liaison</i> , Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan
2024-25	<i>Duke Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee</i> , Interviewer
2023-25	<i>Fulbright US Student Program</i> , Campus Interview Committee
2023-24	<i>Public Engagement &amp; Career Diversity (PECD) Team</i> , University of Michigan History Department
2023-24	<i>European History Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop</i> , Co-coordinator
2023	<i>Recruitment Weekend for the UMICH Doctoral Program in History</i> , Graduate Student Liaison
2022-25	<i>Social Sciences History Association (SSHA)</i> , Migration/Immigration Network Representative
2022-23	<i>Reverb Effect Podcast Editorial Board</i> , the University of Michigan History Department
2019-21	<i>Migration &amp; Displacement Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop</i> , Co-coordinator

### Internships

2025	<i>Inclusive History Project</i> , National Center for Institutional Diversity, Ann Arbor
2017-18	<i>Caritas/Diakonie im Grenzdurchgangslager Friedland, e.V.</i> , Women's Center, Friedland, Lower Saxony
2016	<i>Berlin Policy Journal at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)</i> , Berlin
2014-17	<i>Museum of Durham History</i> , Weekend Manager and Social Media Coordinator, Durham

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Historical Association  
Association for Asian Studies  
Central European History Society  
German Studies Association  
Social Science History Association

## LANGUAGES

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German	Advanced Proficiency
Vietnamese	Working Proficiency
French	Elementary Proficiency

## REFERENCES

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Rita Chin (rchin@umich.edu)	Joshua Cole (joshcole@umich.edu)
Geoff Eley (ghe@umich.edu)	Michelle Kahn (mkahn@richmond.edu)
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