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Education

- 08/2019 – **Doctorate (Ph.D.) in History**
History Department, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
INTENDED FOCUS: 20th century transatlantic history; History of capitalism; History of science and technology; Intellectual history
ADVISORS: Geoff Eley (1st Advisor); Howard Brick (2nd Advisor)
- 10/2012 - 11/2016 **Master of Arts (M.A.) in American studies**
Institute for American Studies Leipzig (ASL), Leipzig University, Leipzig, Germany
DEGREE: M.A. American studies – GPA: 4.0
M.A. THESIS: “The City of Hope: Grace Lee Boggs’s Detroit as Topos of Thinking”
Advisors: Crister S. Garrett (Leipzig University) and Ronald Aronson (Wayne State University)
FOCUS: Urban studies; Intellectual history; Global studies
• 20th century history of Detroit Metropolitan Region, especially deindustrialization, housing, and community relations around 1967 Detroit Riot
• Political activism in Detroit, especially work and ideas of James and Grace Lee Boggs
• Global history and historiography, focusing on cultures of capitalism and postindustrialism
- 01/2011 – 06/2011 **BA American Studies with Transatlantic Capstone Program Fellow (BA Plus)**
Global Leadership Center (GLC), Ohio University (OU), Athens, OH
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – GPA: 4.0
FOCUS: US intellectual history; Ohio history; International relations
• Researched and devised Bachelor’s thesis with Kevin Mattson (OU)
• Compiled and presented reports about healthcare conditions in Latin America and green campus initiatives at OU and Leipzig University to GLC partners
- 10/2007 – 08/2012 **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in American studies**
Institute for American Studies Leipzig (ASL), Leipzig University, Leipzig, Germany
DEGREE: B.A. American studies – GPA: 3.68
B.A. THESIS: “Kultur and Its Discontents: John Dewey’s German Philosophy and Politics and the Discourse on German Culture in the Context of World War I” Advisors: Crister S. Garrett (Leipzig University) and Sebastian M. Herrmann (Leipzig University)
FOCUS: US cultural history and literature; Intellectual history; Transatlantic relations
• 20th century transatlantic relations, especially German-US American relations
MINORS: European history; Museum studies; Philosophy; Creative writing

Publications

- 2019 With Lilli Helmbold et. al. “‘Rassismus in der Fabrik, Rassismus auf der Straße:’ René Lichtman und Darnell Stephen Summers im Gespräch über die League of Revolutionary Black Workers.” (‘Racism in the Factory, Racism on the Street:’ René Lichtman and Darnell Stephen Summers talk about the League of Revolutionary Black Workers.) *Jungle World* 11, March 14.
“Der Brotaufstand ist zurück.” *Der Freitag* 5/2019, Jan. 30: 3. Print. (German translation of Clover, Joshua. 2018. “The Roundabout Riots” *versobooks.com*, Dec. 9. Online)

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- 2018 “Eine materialistische Theorie des Riots: Joshua Clover und die Wiederkehr des Riots in der Gegenwart.” (A Materialist Theory of Riot: Joshua Clover and the Return of the Riot) *Non.copyright.com*, Oct. 23. Online.
“The Hope We Create – An Activist's Perspective” (Review of Ronald Aronson. 2017. *We: Reviewing Social Hope*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press). *Tikkun*, April. 11, 2018. Online.
- 2017 “Automation and the End of Wage Labor: Job’s News or Boggs’s News?” *Living for Change News*, Oct. 24. Online.
- 2013 With Florian Bast et al. “Memories in American Studies.” *aspeers: emerging voices in american studies* 6 (2013): vii-xxi. Print.

Lectures, Presentations, and Invited Talks

- 2019 Public talk, “Erinnerungskultur in Leipzig: Too Much or Not Enough?” with Terron Ferguson, Jonas Kühne, and Hagar Lev. English Lounge, Leipzig, Feb. 13.
Moderation, “‘Our Things is DRUM’ - History and Legacy of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers. Film Screening and Discussion with Rene Lichtman and Darnell Stephen Summers.” Pöge-Haus, Leipzig, Feb. 10.
Guest session, “Deviance and Difference in American Culture.” (Graduate level), Institute for American Studies, Leipzig University, “Reading the Riot: The 1967 Detroit Riot and the Racialization of the Rioter” Jan. 8.
- 2018 Public talk, “Zur Theorie des Riots: Anmerkungen zur Staatsfaschisierung” (Theorizing the Riot: Notes on State Fascization), with Achim Szepanski, Conne Island, Leipzig, Oct. 16.
Paper presentation, Sixth American Studies Leipzig MA-Level Graduate Student Conference, *Leipzig University*, “Riot or Rebellion? The 1967 Detroit Riot, Race and the Delegitimization of the Riot as a Political Act of Dissent,” April 28.
- 2017 Guest session, “Deviance and Difference in American Culture.” (Graduate level), Institute for American Studies, Leipzig University, “A Time of Tragedy and Violence: The Kerner Commission Report and the Detroit Riot of 1967,” Dec. 13.
Presentation, “iTASK (international, interdisciplinary, integrated: Technical, Academic, Soft, and Career Skills)” (Undergraduate level), Leipzig University, “American Studies Hands-On: Some Impressions from a Service for Peace Fellowship in Detroit and its Repercussions,” Nov. 28.
Invited talk, Graduate Student Research Group on the Future of Work, John F. Kennedy Institute, Graduate School for North American Studies, Free University of Berlin, “James Boggs’s The American Revolution, Automation, and the Future of Work,” June 1.
- 2016 Paper presentation, Ninth International Graduate Conference, John F. Kennedy Institute, Graduate School for North American Studies, Free University of Berlin, “The City of Hope - Grace Lee Boggs’s Detroit as a Topos of Thinking,” June 2.
- 2015 Presentation, “iTASK (international, interdisciplinary, integrated: Technical, Academic, Soft, and Career Skills)” (Undergraduate Level), Leipzig University, “American Studies Hands-On: Some Impressions from a Service for Peace Fellowship in Detroit and its Repercussions,” Nov. 30.
Guest session, “Deviance and Difference in American Culture.” (Graduate level), Institute for American Studies, Leipzig University, “A Time of Tragedy and Violence: The Kerner Commission Report and the Detroit Riot of 1967,” Jan. 6.

Teaching Experience

- 2019 Workshop co-instructor, “Class Relations Today: A Reading Seminar and Discussion Round Accompanying the Exhibit ‘Vulnerable Subjects.’” 4-part seminar focusing on the impact of recent transformations of capitalism for labor and class relations, Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig , April 27 – May 3, 2019.
- Course instructor, “As Detroit Goes, So Goes the Nation: The Shifting Fortunes of the Motor City and the Recent Transformations of Transatlantic Capitalism ” (undergraduate level), Leipzig University, Summer 2019.
- Course instructor, “American Cultures and Society” (undergraduate level), Leipzig University, Summer 2019.
- 2018 Workshop instructor, “Teaching America: Literature, Media, and Culture” (undergraduate level), Workshop series focusing on academic research methods and research project development for English teacher trainees, Leipzig University, Winter 2018.
- Course instructor, “The North American Rust Belt: Deindustrialization and its Consequences in the Detroit-Windsor Region” (undergraduate level), Leipzig University, Summer 2018.
- 2017 Course instructor, “The North Atlantic Rust Belt: Deindustrialization and its Consequences in the Detroit-Windsor and Manchester-Liverpool Region” (undergraduate level), Leipzig University, Summer 2017.

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- 09/2018 **Fulbright American Studies Institute Fellow 2018**
 Issued by the German-American Fulbright Commission
- Participated in two-week seminar “Love and Rage: The 1960s and Contemporary US Culture and Politics” for German doctoral and post-doctoral students at San Francisco State University
- 06/2015 – 08/2015 **PROMOS Travel Grant Holder**
 Issued by Leipzig University and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Conducted research at Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor & Urban Affairs for Master’s thesis
- 09/2013 – 08/2014 **Service for Peace Fellow**
 Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus (HMC) and Jewish Senior Life of Metropolitan Detroit (JSL), Farmington Hills, MI
 Awarded by: Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ARSP)
- Assisted HMC staff with research, programming, visitor support, and secretarial tasks
 - Educated student groups about Holocaust education in Germany and personal family history
 - Took care of participants of JSL’s “Cafè Europa” get-together for Holocaust survivors
- 01/2011 – 06/2011 **BA American Studies with Transatlantic Capstone Program (BA Plus) Fellow 2010/11**
 Issued by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD); Institute for American Studies Leipzig, Leipzig University; and Global Leadership Center, Ohio University
- Founding recipient of BA Plus travel stipend; tuition coverage; living expenses allowance
- 08/2009 – 09/2009 **Terezín Memorial International Alternative Summer Break Program Fellow**
 Awarded by: Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ARSP)
- Assisted memorial staff with clean-up work on the premise
 - Researched history of Theresienstadt Ghetto and Terezin Memorial with other participants

Professional Association Memberships

German Association for American Studies (DGfA)

German Labour History Association (GLHA)

Academic Positions and Professional Experience

04/2017 – 07/2019 **Adjunct Assistant Lecturer**

Institute for American Studies Leipzig (ASL), Leipzig University, Germany

- Created and taught undergraduate course “The North Atlantic Rust Belt” (2017) and “The North American Rust Belt” (2018) (cf. Teaching Experience)
- Instructed students on preparing research projects and graded their papers
- Reviewed and digitized Master theses submitted to ASL from 1990 to 2009
- Created and teach workshop series “Teaching America: Literature, Media, and Culture” for Leipzig University English teacher trainees (cf. Teaching Experience)

09/2015 – Present **Guide (Freelancer)**

Germany Close Up: American Jews Meet Modern Germany, Berlin, Germany

- Supervise young professionals and student groups during their Germany trip
- Coordinate program procedure with program partners and moderate discussion panels
- Account for expenses during the program such as admissions, travel expenses etc.

06/2015 – 09/2015 **Program Assistant (Graduate Assistant)**

Summer School “Cultures of Security in a Transatlantic and Global Context,” Institute for American Studies Leipzig (ASL), Leipzig University, Germany

- Assisted Program Coordinator with preparing and implementing international summer school
- Organized and coordinated recreational programming for summer school participants

09/2014 – 12/2015 **Program Coordinator (Graduate Assistant)**

09/2012 – 08/2013 BA American Studies with Transatlantic Capstone Program (BA Plus), Institute for American Studies Leipzig (ASL), Leipzig University, Germany

- Oversaw and accounted for program budget; supervised program staffing; coordinated with Ohio University (OU) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Advertised BA Plus program to students; served on program’s selection committee; assisted BA Plus fellows with applying to OU and organizing their stay
- Helped organize “Transatlantic Seminar” for BA Plus fellows and students from OU’s Global Leadership Center in cooperation with US Consulate General Leipzig

09/2011 – 08/2012 **Program Assistant (Student Assistant)**

BA American Studies with Transatlantic Capstone Program (BA Plus), Institute for American Studies Leipzig (ASL), Leipzig University, Germany

- Supported Program Director with accounting for program budget; advertised BA Plus program to students; assisted BA Plus fellows with applying to Ohio University and organizing their stay
- Maintained the program’s website and public relations

09/2011 – 10/2011 **Museum Intern**

Stadtgeschichtliches Museum Leipzig (Leipzig Local History Museum), Leipzig, Germany

- Translated accompanying texts for exhibit “Modern Times” from German to English
- Assisted with acquisition and preservation of artifacts

01/2011 – 06/2011 **Museum Intern**

Athens County Historical Society and Museum, Athens, OH

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- Assisted with acquisition and preservation of artifacts
- Helped set up and maintain exhibit “New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music”

09/2010 – 10/2010

Workshop Co-organizer

The Wende Museum and Archive of the Cold War, Los Angeles, CA

- Helped organize workshop Museums and Material Culture: Exhibiting the GDR in cooperation with Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles and Leipzig University
- Researched and implemented online exhibit “Living in a Socialist City: Urban Strategies in East Germany” (08/2013 – 12/2016) as member of a German-American project team including students, academics, and museum staff from The Wende Museum and The Getty Museum

Service Experience

09/2014 – 09/2018

Project Founder and Coordinator

Growing Together Detroit (GTD) alternative summer break program, Detroit, MI

- Devised program and its educational directives in cooperation with Eden Gardens Block Club (Detroit), Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ARSP), and Repair the World Detroit
- Helped raise program funds from Joachim Herz Foundation, German Consulate General Chicago, and MS Industries for two consecutive project years (2015 and 2016)
- Supervised program budget, online marketing, and fellow recruitment in the US
- Supervised GTD fellows in Detroit during 2015 and 2016 program
- Advised and supported 2017 and 2018 program organizers

09/2014 – 07/2019

Member of Leipzig Chapter of Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ARSP)

- Organized laying of “Stolpersteine” (Stumbling Stones) for Holocaust survivor Edith Maniker and family (May, 2016) together with Leipzig Chapter of ARSP
- Provided recreational programming for refugee children at refugee shelter Leipzig-Grünau

08/2006 – 04/2007

Alternative Civilian Service

HELIOS Krankenhaus Leisnig (Leisnig City Hospital)

- Responsible for patient transport; delivery of medical supplies; distribution of food