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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Michigan History Department, 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), GPA: 4.00/4.00

A.B., Duke University, 2017

Graduated with Highest Distinction in History, Secondary Major in German, GPA: 3.72/4.00

PUBLICATIONS

“Managing Vietnamese Motherhood: Race, Gender, and Labor in East Germany,” included in Lauren Stokes and Michelle Kahn (eds), *Racism and Antiracism in a Divided Germany*, Peer Reviewed and Accepted

Reviews

Bethany Hicks, *Migration and the Construction of German Identities, 1949-2004*, (Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter GmbH, 2023), *Central European History*, Accepted

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

External

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

University of Michigan

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

CONFERENCES

Panels Organized

“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

Papers Presented

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

“The *Wende* and the End of Socialist Labor: Vietnamese Workers in East Germany, March-August 1990,” 30th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in 19th and 20th 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 at 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 at 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

Lead Instructor

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

Producer, Lead Writer & Host

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

Research Assistant

2024 *1817 Project*, 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 *The Cambridge History of Europe Vol 5: The Twentieth Century*, upcoming volume written by Geoff Eley (expected 2024)

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 *Graduate Student Liaison*, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan

2023-24 *Public Engagement & Career Diversity (PECD) Team*, University of Michigan History Department

2023-24 *European History Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop*, Co-coordinator

2023-24 *Fullbright US Student Program*, Campus Interview Committee

2023 *Recruitment Weekend for the UMICH Doctoral Program in History*, Graduate Student Liaison

2022-24 *Social Sciences History Association (SSHA)*, Migration/Immigration Network Representative

2022-23 *Reverb Effect Podcast Editorial Board*, the University of Michigan History Department

2019-21 *Migration & Displacement Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop*, Co-coordinator

Internships

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

LANGUAGES

German Advanced Proficiency
Vietnamese Working Proficiency
French Elementary Proficiency

REFERENCES

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Geoff Eley (ghe@umich.edu) Michelle Kahn (mkahn@richmond.edu)
Christopher Molnar (chrismol@umich.edu)