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Education

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

New York, NY

PH.D. HISTORY

2018

M.PHIL. HISTORY

2016

M.A. HISTORY

2014

Vassar College

Poughkeepsie, NY

B.A. HISTORY AND GERMAN STUDIES

2012

Appointments

Since 2023 **Assistant Professor**, History Department, Purdue University

2018-2023 **Assistant Professor**, History Department, Virginia Commonwealth University

2017-2018 **Writing Fellow**, Guttman Community College

2016-2017 **Visiting Research Fellow in the History of Race and Ethnicity**, German Historical Institute, Washington DC

2013-2016 **Graduate Teaching Fellow**, History Department, Queens College, CUNY

Publications

BOOKS

The Color of Desire: The Queer Politics of Race in the Federal Republic of Germany after 1970, Cornell University Press, 2023.

Co-edited with Sébastien Tremblay: *Reading Queer History in the German Speaking World: New Approaches to Print Sources*, under contract with Palgrave Macmillan Press.

ARTICLES

“Defining Sex Tourism: International Politics, German Law, and Gay Activism at the End of the Twentieth Century.” *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 32 no. 1 (2023): 27-55.

“Highly Affected Groups: Gay Men and Racial Others in West Germany’s AIDS Epidemic, 1981-1992.” *Sexualities* 23 (2020): 201-223.

“‘Toward a Better World for Gays’: Race, Tourism, and the Internationalization of the West German Gay Rights Movement, 1969-1983.” *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 61 (2017): 109-134.

“‘Color him Black’: Erotic Representations and the Politics of Race in West German Homosexual Magazines, 1949-1974.” *Sexuality & Culture* 21 (2017): 382-403.

COLLABORATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

“Whiteness on Tour: Racial Belonging and Gay Identity in the 1970s and 1980s,” in *Männlichkeit, Sexualität und Orientalismus / Masculinity, Sexuality and Orientalism*, ed. Hannes Sulzenbacher and Christopher Treiblmayr (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag), accepted for publication.

“Sexotic: The Interplay between Sexualization and Exoticization,” with Ulrike Schaper, Magdalena Beljan, Pascal Eitler, and Benno Gammerl. *Sexualities* 23 (2020): 114-126.

Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) History. Edited by Howard Chiang. Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2019.

“Act Up in Europe (Sidebar).”

“Anti-Racist Activism in Europe.”
“Archives in Europe.”
“Attacks on Pride Demonstrations in Moscow (Sidebar).”
“Von Mahlsdorf, Charlotte.”
“Pride Demonstrations in Europe.”

“Nachwort.” *Nicht schwul. Die homosexuelle Zutat zur Erschaffung des <normalen> Mannes.* Jane Ward. Translated by Joachim Bartholomae. Hamburg: Männerschwarm Verlag, 2018.

PUBLIC HISTORY

“Forty Years of Moral Panics Help Explain Gov. Youngkin,” *The Washington Post*, February 1, 2022.

Co-authored with Sébastien Tremblay “Zündstoffe,” *Siegessäule*, October 2019.

“Sex Tourism and Legal Change,” *History | Sexuality | Law: Verschränkungen von Recht und Sexualität im historischen Kontext*, October 13, 2019.

Historical Consultant on “Queer as German Volk/Love at First Fight” exhibition the Gay Museum Berlin and Goethe Institute New York

Interview conducted with Dr. Birgit Bosold, Curator of the Schwules Museum Berlin, “Queer as German Folk: Exhibition at the Gay Museum Berlin,” *History Workshop Online*, August 7, 2019.

Interview by Brian McNeill, “International Sex Tourism Is a Booming Industry: It’s Also Been Happening since the 18th Century,” *VCU News*, February 12, 2019.

Interview by Emily Furlich “Researching the History of HIV/AIDS: An Interview with Christopher Ewing,” *VCU Scholar’s Compass*, October 2018.

REVIEWS

W. Jake Newsome, *Pink Triangle Legacies: Coming Out in the Shadow of the Holocaust*, *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* (2024).

Jennifer V. Evans, *The Queer Art of History: Queer Kinship after Fascism*, *Journal of Family History* 49 no. 1 (2024), 111-114.

Samuel Clowes Huneke, *States of Liberation: Gay Men Between Dictatorship and Democracy*, *Journal of Social History*, 56 no. 4 (2023), 910-912.

Craig Griffiths, *The Ambivalence of Gay Liberation: Male Homosexual Politics in 1970s West Germany*, *Central European History*, 55 no. 2 (2022), 331-333.

Alana Harris (ed.), *The Schism of ’68: Catholic Contraception and ‘Humanae Vitae’ in Europe, 1945-1975*, *Cultural History*, 11 no. 1 (2022), 110-112.

Javier Samper Vendrell, *The Seduction of Youth: Print Culture and Homosexual Rights in the Weimar Republic*. H-German, H-Net Reviews. August, 2021.

Jürgen Martschukat and Olaf Stieglitz, *race & sex: Eine Geschichte der Neuzeit*. *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 26 (2017): 552-554.

Jennifer Evans (ed.) *Queering German History*. *German History* 34 (2016): *Jahrbuch Sexualitäten 2017*. Edited by Maria Borowski, Jan Feddersen, Benno Gammerl, Rainer Nicolaysen and Christian Schmelzer. Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2017.

Robert Beachy, *Gay Berlin: The Birthplace of a Modern Identity*. *Cultural History* 5 (2016): 228-230.

Awards & Fellowships

2024 **Humanities Research Center - Freilich Project for the Study of Bigotry Visiting Fellowship**, The Australian National University

Visegrad Scholarship, Open Society Archives, Central European University

- 2023 **National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends Program**, National Endowment for the Humanities
- Special Collections Research Fellowship**, University of North Texas Libraries
- Schilling Fund Award**, History Department, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2020 **Visiting Scholars Program**, Margherita von Brentano Center for Gender Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2019 **Dahlem Junior Host Program**, with Dr. Ulrike Schaper, Dahlem Humanities Center, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2016-2017 **Fellowship in the History of Race and Ethnicity**, The German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 2015-2016 **Transatlantic Summer Workshop in New York and Bochum**, The Graduate Center, CUNY and Ruhr Universität Bochum
- 2015 **Provost's Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship**, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2014 **Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute Fellowship**, University of Minnesota and Europa Universität Viadrina
- 2012-2018 **Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship for Doctoral Study**, The Graduate Center, CUNY
Mellon Fellowship for the Interdisciplinary Study of Science, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Selected Presentations

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*PANEL ORGANIZER)

- *January 2024. *My Pals in Thailand: The Development of Global Gay Networks in the 1970s*. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- October 2023. *From Gay Crimes to Hate Crimes: Transnational Violence Prevention at the Turn of the 1990s*. German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada.
- *April 2023. *Criminal Travels: German Debates on Sex Tourism at the End of the Twentieth Century*. European Social Science History Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- August 2022. *"Sex Tourism Starts at Home": German law, transnational advocacy, and the AIDS Enquete Commission*. Reactions to HIV/AIDS since the 1980s: Transnational and comparative history perspectives. University of Saint Andrews, Saint Andrews, UK.
- April 2022. *Sex Tourism and Moral Panic: The Trials of John Stamford*. Intimacy on the Move, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- October 2021. *Defining Sex Tourism: International Advocacy, German Law, and Gay Activism*. Seminar: Sexuality and the Law in German-Speaking Europe, German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
- *March 2021. *Sexual Frustrations and Dream Vacations: West German Discourses of Sex Tourism After the Sexual Revolution*. Presented with Dr. Ulrike Schaper. European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- December 2019. *Black Power, Gay Power, and Transatlantic Liberation*. Stonewall 50 Years On, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK.
- *January 2019. *The Pink and the Brown: LGBT Politics and the Radical Right in Germany, 1990-2018*. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- *September 2018. *Lesbian Activism, Gay Rights, and the Politics of Anti-Racism in the Federal Republic of Germany, 1969-1990*. German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA.

- *April 2018. *The Emotions of Anti-Discrimination Activism in the Deutsche AIDS-Hilfe*. European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, UK.
- July 2017. *Gay Activism and the Politics of Race in West Germany and the United States*. Transatlantic Studies Association Annual Meeting, Cork, Ireland.
- June 2016. *"Toward a Better World for Gays": Race, Erotica, and the Politics of Solidarity in West Germany, 1969-1986*. Becoming TransGerman, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- January 2015. *Immer mehr Türken als Sex-Täter": Race, Pornography, and the AIDS Epidemic*. Sexotic: Moral Economies, Body Techniques, Media and the Interplay between Sexuality and Exoticization in Western Europe since the Nineteenth Century, Max Planck Institut für Bildungsforschung, Berlin, Germany.
- April 2014. *Desiring Men: Art, Erotica, and the Making of Homosexual Masculinities in West Germany, 1949-1983*. European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, Austria.

INVITED TALKS

- December 2023 *Hate: A Transatlantic History of Germany's Violent '90s*, University of North Texas Libraries
- October 2023 *The Color of Desire*, The Australian National University, MA
- October 2023 *The Color of Desire*, University of Melbourne
- February 2023 *The Color of Desire*, Busch-Reisinger Museum Conversation Series, Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA
- October 2021. *Rosa von Praunheim and the Erotics of Transatlantic Liberation*. FUORI!: International Relationships, Turin, Italy.
- October 2018. *Queer in Your Career*. Roundtable Organized by the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, VCU
- October 2016. *Highly Affected Groups: Gay Men and Racial Others in the West German AIDS Crisis*. AIDS, Drugs, and the Entangled Histories of European Public Health Policies since the 1960s, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland.

Professional Activities

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

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| November 2023 | Arbeitskreis Geschichte der Race, Geschlecht und Sexualität in der BRD , Co-Organized with Dr. Nikos Papadogiannis, University of Stirling | <i>Virtual Network and Workshop</i> |
| March 2021 | Doing Queer History: Written Media Landscapes in the German Speaking World , Co-Organized with Dr. Sébastien Tremblay, Freie Universität Berlin | <i>Virtual Workshop</i> |
| March 2016 | Graduate Center Student History Conference , Co-Organized with Krystle Farman | <i>The Graduate Center, CUNY</i> |
| March 2015 | Graduate Center Student History Conference , Co-Organized with Lauren Sexton | <i>The Graduate Center, CUNY</i> |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Historical Association
 Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History
 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Netzwerk Queere Zeitgeschichten
 German Studies Association