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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History (May 2019)

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dissertation: "'The Healing Hand Laid on a Great Wound': The Elberfeld System and the Transformation of Poverty in Germany, Britain, and the United States"

Examination Fields: Modern Europe, U.S. History since 1877, Public Health, Early Modern Europe

MA in History (July 2013)

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Thesis: "Perceptions of Poverty: The Evolution of German Attitudes towards Social Welfare from 1830 to World War I"

BA in History and Secondary Education (December 2009)

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Angelo State University

San Angelo, Texas (2019-present)

Courses Taught:

World Civilizations since 1500

History of the United States to 1865

History of the United States, 1865-Present

Absolutism and Enlightenment, 1648-1789

Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1848

Modern Europe, 1848-1914

Dictatorship and Democracy

Capstone: Historical Research and Methods

Lecturer (Instructor of Record), University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas (2014-2019)

Courses Taught:

Europe in the Nineteenth Century

Europe in the Twentieth Century

Honors Institutions and Ideas of World Civilization to 1500

Honors Institutions and Ideas of World Civilization since 1500

Institutions and Ideas of World Civilization to 1500

Institutions and Ideas of World Civilization since 1500 (on-line and conventional versions)

History of the American People since 1877

Instructor, Northwest Arkansas Community College

Rogers, Arkansas (2016-2019)

Courses Taught:

World Civilizations to 1500

World Civilizations since 1500

U.S. History to 1877 (on-line and conventional versions)

U.S. History since 1877 (on-line and conventional versions)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External:

Transatlantic Studies Association Travel Grant, Halle Foundation, 2018

Doctoral Fellowship, German Historical Institute, 2017

Albert Bernardt Faust Research Grant, Society for German-American Studies, 2017

Clarke Chambers Travel Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2017

Central European History Society Travel Grant, Central European History Society, 2016

Internal:

Faculty Research Enhancement Program, Angelo State University, 2021

Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Arkansas, 2018

Willard B. Gatewood History Graduate Fellowship, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, University of Arkansas, 2017, 2018

Doctoral Student Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Arkansas, 2014, 2015, 2017

AWARDS AND HONORS

Ralph V. Turner Endowed Travel Award, University of Arkansas, 2016

Goecke and Kennedy Memorial Travel Award, University of Arkansas, 2016

Jesse Taylor Jr. History Scholarship, University of Arkansas, 2012, 2014

Kappa Delta Pi Outstanding Future Educator Award, Ouachita Baptist University, 2008

History Academic Excellence Scholarship, Ouachita Baptist University, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters:

"Hilfe von Mensch zu Mensch: Social Precarity and the Elberfeld System" in *Representing Social Precarity: Work, Poverty, and Dispossession in German Literature and Culture*. Eds. Sophie Duvernoy, Karsten Olson, Ulrich Plass (under contract, Bloomsbury Press).

"War and Welfare: Separation Allowances in Germany, Great Britain, and the United States" in *Beyond No Man's Land: New Perspectives of the First World War*. Eds. Mandy Link and Matthew Stith. (provisional contract, Palgrave Macmillan).

Articles:

"The Problem of Poverty: The Elberfeld System and Transatlantic Social Reform" in *The Journal of Transatlantic Studies* (Volume 20, March 2022).

Book Reviews:

Grundig, Ronny. *Vermögen Vererben: Politiken und Praktiken in der Bundesrepublik und Großbritannien 1945-1990* (Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2022) in *Central European History* (forthcoming).

Van Molle, Leen, ed. *Charity and Social Welfare. The Dynamics of Religious Reform in Northern Europe, 1780-1920*. V. 4. (Leuven, Belgium: Leuven University Press, 2017) in *Church History* (September, 2018).

Mical Raz, *What's Wrong with the Poor?: Psychiatry, Race, and the War on Poverty* (University of North Carolina Press, 2014) in *International Social Science Review* (Spring 2016).

Reference Works:

"Prairie Creek (Benton County)," in *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture* (May 2006).

INVITED TALKS

Baethge Family Reunion

Fredericksburg, Texas (July 2022)
"German Immigrants in Texas"

University of Minnesota, Social Welfare Archives

Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 2017)
"You Want to Know Them": American Friendly Visitors, Enlightened Charity, and the Elberfeld System

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Transatlantic Studies Association Conference

University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom (July 2022)
Paper Presentation: An Age of Uncertainty: Transatlantic Depression, the Social Question, and Reform

European Association for the History of Medicine and Health

Virtual Conference due to COVID-19 (September 2021)
Paper Presentation: *Bridging the Divide: Church and State Poor Relief in Elberfeld*

German Studies Association

Virtual Conference due to COVID-19 (September/October 2020)
Paper Presentation: *Hilfe von Mensch zu Mensch: Social Precarity and the Elberfeld System*

Britain and the World Conference

Kansas City, Missouri (April 2019)
Paper Presentation: *Civic Responsibility and Poor Relief: British Social Reformers and the Elberfeld System*

Transatlantic Studies Association Conference

Dahlgonega, Georgia (July 2018)
Paper Presentation: *The Problem of Poverty: German Poor Relief and Transatlantic Social Work*

Southern Conference on British Studies

Dallas, Texas (November 2017)
Paper Presentation: *Charity Organization Society and the Elberfeld System: An International Method of Poor Relief*

Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Conference,

Little Rock, Arkansas (October 2016)
Paper Presentation: *The Elberfeld System and the Modernization of Poor Relief*

Louisiana State University Graduate Student History Conference,

Baton Rouge, Louisiana (March 2015)
Paper Presentation: *Revolution or Reform? German Socialist Attitudes towards Poverty*

Southwestern Historical Association Conference,
San Antonio, Texas (April, 2014)
Paper Presentation: *The Elberfeld System and the Development of the German Welfare State*

SERVICE

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Angelo State University, 2020-present

Reader, Advanced Placement US History and US Government and Politics Exams, College Board, 2016-present

Judge, National History Day Competition, Angelo State University, 2019-present

Moderator, Humanities @ Work Seminar Series, University of Arkansas, 2015-2016

Co-Organizer, Phi Alpha Theta Regional History Conference, University of Arkansas, 2015

Treasurer, History Organization of Graduate Students, University of Arkansas 2014-2018

Representative (elected), Graduate Student Congress, University of Arkansas, 2014-2016

LANGUAGE TRAINING

German- Goethe Zertifikat B1- Reading (Spring 2016)

Geist Institute-Old German Script Course (July 2018)

CERTIFICATIONS

ESCALA – Certification of College Teaching and Learning in Hispanic-Serving Institutions, February 2021

Teaching License- Social Studies, Grades 7-12, Arkansas and Louisiana
Science, Grades 6-8, Louisiana

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Central European History Society
German Studies Association
Transatlantic Studies Association
Southern Historical Association – European History Section