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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, History, State University of New York at Buffalo

Conferral Expected May 2016

Dissertation: “Homosexuals after the Holocaust: Collective Memories, Identity Politics, and Gay Rights Activism in Germany and the United States, 1945 – 2008”

Committee: Andreas Daum (main advisor), Susan Cahn, Sasha Pack, and Geoffrey Giles (University of Florida)

B.A., History (Honors College Track), Valdosta State University, 2009

Summa Cum Laude

Minors: International Studies & German Language

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2014 | German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) Doctoral Research Fellowship. |
| 2014 | State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo College of Arts & Sciences
Dissertation Fellowship. |
| 2013-2014 | John Naylor Dissertation Research Fellowship, SUNY Buffalo History Department. |
| 2013 | German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) Archival Summer Seminar:
Paleography & Archival Training, Germany. |
| 2013-2014 | Mark Diamond Research Fund Dissertation Grant, SUNY Buffalo Graduate Student
Association. |
| 2013 | Graduate Student Employee’s Union Professional Development Grant, SUNY
Buffalo. |
| 2011-2014 | Anne Reilly Tirone Research Fellowship, SUNY Buffalo College of Arts and
Sciences. |
| 2010-2013 | SUNY Buffalo Department of History Tuition Grant and Teaching Assistant
Funding Package. |
| 2010-2013 | Milton Plesur Fellowship, SUNY Buffalo History Department, 2010 – 2013. |
| 2009 | Valdosta State University (VSU) History Department William M. Gabard
Scholarship. |
| 2007 | Georgia Regents Scholarship for VSU Anthropological Field School in Blue Creek
Village, Belize. |
| 2007 | VSU Honors Program Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship. |
| 2005-2009 | State of Georgia HOPE Tuition Scholarship. |

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 2013 Passed Ph.D. qualifying exams with distinction.
- 2010-2011 State University of New York at Buffalo Sideline Coach Teacher Appreciation Recognition.
- 2010 Valdosta State University (VSU) College of Arts and Sciences Best Paper Award.
- 2010 VSU History Department Lamar Pearson Best Paper Award.
- 2009 VSU History Department Phi Alpha Theta Award for Academic Achievement.
- 2008 Georgia Consortium for International Studies Student Prize for Excellence in International Studies.
- 2008 VSU Honors Program William Bartram Award for Intellectual Exploration.
- 2008 Nominated, VSU Blazer Leadership Award.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- 2008-2009 One-Year International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Academic Exchange to Philipps-Universität in Marburg, Germany.
- 2007 Valdosta State University Anthropological Field School in Blue Creek Village, Belize.
- 2006 European Council Summer Study Program in Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Discussion Section Instructor and Teaching Assistant, State University of New York at Buffalo:

World Civilization I (Until 1500): Fall 2010, Fall 2011

World Civilization II (1500 to the Present): Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013

American History I (1492 to 1865): Fall 2012

PUBLICATIONS

“Liberation Was Only for Others: Breaking the Silence in Germany Surrounding the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals.” In *The Holocaust in History and Memory*, Vol. 7 (2014): 53-71.

“The Submerged Tenth: American Eugenics & German Racial Hygiene in the Early 20th Century.” In *OMNINO: Undergraduate Research Journal of Valdosta State University*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2010-2011): 143-167.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

American Historical Association Annual Meeting: “Migrating Memories: Transatlantic Commemoration of the Nazis’ Homosexual Victims in West Germany and the United States.” Atlanta, Georgia. January 2016.

Panel Organizer, “Traversing Boundaries: Sexual Citizenship, Trans/National Identities, and Political Movements,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Sponsored by the Committee on LGBT History. Atlanta, Georgia. January 2016.

German Studies Association Annual Meeting: “From Adolf Hitler to Anita Bryant: The Role of German History in the American Gay Rights Movement.” Washington, D.C. October 2015.

German Studies Association Annual Meeting: “For Gays, the Third Reich Hasn’t Ended Yet’: Competing Remembrances of the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals in the FRG, 1969-2008.” Kansas City, Missouri. September 2014.

Panel Chair, “Consumption and Modernity in 20th Century Germany,” German Studies Association Annual Meeting. Kansas City, Missouri. September 2014.

Conference Organizer, 22nd Annual Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference: “Traversing the Borderland: Past, Present, & Future.” SUNY Buffalo, New York. April 2013.

American Canadian Conference in German History: “Homosexuals after the Holocaust: Heritage Building, Identity Politics, & Social Activism in the United States & West Germany.” Rochester, New York. April 2012.

Loyola University Chicago Graduate Student History Conference: “The Damndest of the Damned? Pink Triangle Victims, a Hierarchy of Suffering, and the Idea of a ‘Homocaust.’” Chicago, Illinois. November 2011.

New York State Association of European Historians Conference: “Discovering a ‘Homocaust’? Autobiography as a Perspective on the Idea of a Nazi ‘Gay Genocide.’” Buffalo, New York. October 2011.

SUNY Buffalo Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference: “Eliminating the Unfit: American Eugenics and German Racial Hygiene in the Early 20th Century.” Buffalo, New York. April 2011.

Georgia Collegiate Honors Council conference: “Eliminating the Unfit: America’s Crusade to Forge a Master Race.” Milledgeville, Georgia. February 2010.

Georgia Consortium on International Studies: “Living the Good Life: Serious Games and their Impact on Mayan Identity.” Atlanta, Georgia. April 2008.

LANGUAGES

German – fluent (TestDaF Certified, Toronto Goethe Institute)

English – native

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- 2011-2014 Graduate Assistant, SUNY Buffalo Graduate Group for German & Austrian Studies.
2012-2013 President, SUNY Buffalo Graduate History Association.
2011-2012 Senator, SUNY Buffalo Graduate Student Association Senate.
2011 Founding Member, Club Review Committee, SUNY Buffalo Graduate Student Association.
2010-Present President & Co-Founder, VSU Honors Alumni Association.
2007-2008 Vice President, VSU Honors Student Association.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2012 Co-Organizer, SUNY Buffalo Graduate History Association Volunteer Project at Buffalo ReUse, Western New York's first green demolition and salvage company.
2010 Keynote Speaker, Randolph County (Georgia) Junior Leadership Program Commencement Ceremony, "Education as the Key to Opportunity in a Changing World."
2008 Organizer, Clothing & School Supply Donation Drive to send to Children in Blue Creek Village, Belize.
2007 Organizer, VSU Honors Program "Trick-or-Treat for Cans" Halloween Canned Food Drive.
2006 Founder, VSU Honors Program/S.L. Mason Elementary School (Valdosta, GA) Tutoring Partnership.
2006-2008 Reading Tutor at S.L. Mason Elementary School (Valdosta, GA).

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
German Studies Association
Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender History
Central European History Society
New York State Association of European Historians
Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society for History