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Education and Degrees

PhD: Modern European History, Cornell University, 2010

Additional fields: Modern German history; intellectual and cultural history

Dissertation: "Between Occultism and Fascism: Anthroposophy and the Politics of Race and Nation in Germany and Italy, 1900-1945"

MA: Modern European History, Cornell University, 2006

BA: German Literature, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 1998

Publications

"Hannah Arendt's Analysis of Antisemitism in The Origins of Totalitarianism: A Critical Appraisal" forthcoming in *Patterns of Prejudice* 46 (2012)

"Der deutsche Geist am Scheideweg: Anthroposophen in Auseinandersetzung mit völkischer Bewegung und Nationalsozialismus" in Uwe Puschner, ed., *Die völkisch-religiöse Bewegung im Nationalsozialismus* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, forthcoming 2012)

"Anthroposophy and the Rise of Fascism in Italy" in Arthur Versluis, ed., *Esotericism, Religion, and Politics* (Michigan State University Press, forthcoming 2012)

"Right-wing Ecology in Germany: Assessing the Historical Legacy" in Janet Biehl and Peter Staudenmaier, *Ecofascism Revisited* (Communist Press, forthcoming 2012)

"Occultism, Race, and Politics in German-speaking Europe, 1880-1940: A Survey of the Historical Literature" *European History Quarterly* vol. 39 no. 1 (2009), 47-70

"Race and Redemption: Racial and Ethnic Evolution in Rudolf Steiner's Anthroposophy" *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* vol. 11 no. 3 (2008), 4-36

- “Anthroposophen und Nationalsozialismus – Neue Erkenntnisse” *Info3* 32 (2007), 42-44
- “Rudolf Steiner and the Jewish Question” *Leo Baeck Institute Year Book* 50 (2005), 127-47
- “Fascism” in *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History*, Shepard Krech III, John McNeill, and Carolyn Merchant, editors (New York: Routledge, 2004), 517-21
- “Exchange on Ecofascism and Neopaganism” *The Pomegranate: Journal of Pagan Studies* 17/18 (2002), 13-15
- “Fascist Ecology: The ‘Green Wing’ of the Nazi Party and its Historical Antecedents” in Janet Biehl and Peter Staudenmaier, *Ecofascism: Lessons from the German Experience* (Edinburgh and San Francisco: AK Press, 1995), 4-30

Conference Papers and Presentations

- “Hannah Arendt’s Analysis of Antisemitism: A Critical Appraisal”
Conference on Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity, Yale University, August 2010
- “Education for the *Volksgemeinschaft*? The Controversy over Waldorf Schools in Nazi Germany”
American-Canadian Conference in German and European History, Buffalo, April 2010
- “Aryans, Atlantis, and Alternative Cultures: Race in *Lebensreform* Thought, 1900-1933”
German Studies Association annual conference, Washington DC, October 2009
- “History and Its Others: Limits and Potentials of Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Past”
Cornell University Intellectual History Conference, September 2009
- “The Nazi Campaign against Occultism” 17th Annual Interdisciplinary German Studies
Conference, University of California – Berkeley, March 2009
- “Right-wing Critiques of Technology in the Twentieth Century: From Weimar to the Unabomber
Manifesto” Conference on Comparative Approaches to Rightist Movements, City University
of New York, March 2008
- “Rethinking Race and Antisemitism in Wilhelmine and Weimar Germany” American-Canadian
Conference in German and Modern European History, Buffalo, September 2007
- “Two Forms of Skepticism toward Technology” St. Mary’s College Visiting Philosophy Lecture,
St. Mary’s College, Maryland, March 2006
- “The Race of the Spirit: Rudolf Steiner’s Theory of Racial Evolution” International Cultic
Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, October 2004

Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, modern European history, University of Montana, 2010-2011

Teaching Assistant and Instructor, Cornell University, 2007-2009

Co-Instructor, Humboldt University, Berlin, 2007

Instructor, Institute for Social Ecology, Vermont, 2001-2006

Courses taught:

Modern Germany 1870 to the Present

Nazi Germany and the Holocaust in Historical Context

Environment and Society in Modern Europe: Nature, Culture, and the Changing Landscape

Inventing Race: Racial Ideas in European and American Culture, 1750-2000

Antisemitism: Historical Roots, Contemporary Relevance

The Nature of Nature: Philosophies of Nature from the Greeks to the Greens

Academic Awards and Fellowships

Messenger-Chalmers Dissertation Prize 2010

Cornell-Heidelberg Exchange Fellowship 2010 (declined)

Holocaust Education Foundation Summer Institute Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2010

2009 Bowmar Research Fellowship

2008 Thomas Robbins Award for Excellence in the Study of New Religious Movements

Berlin Exchange Fellowship, German Studies, Humboldt University, 2007

Luigi Einaudi Graduate Fellowship for Research in Europe, 2006 - 2007

German Historical Institute Summer Research Seminar in Germany, 2006

Phi Beta Kappa

Professional memberships

American Historical Association

German Studies Association

Conference Group for Central European History