

## Curriculum vitae for Peter Staudenmaier

Associate Professor  
Department of History  
Marquette University

### Education

PhD in Modern European History, Cornell University, 2010  
MA in Modern European History, Cornell University, 2006  
BA in German Studies, University of Wisconsin, 1998

### Employment

2016 – Associate Professor, Department of History, Marquette University  
2011 – 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Marquette University  
2010 – 2011 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Montana  
2001 – 2006 Instructor, Institute for Social Ecology, Vermont

### Publications

“Preparation for Genocide: The ‘Center for the Study of the Jewish Problem’ in Trieste, Italy, 1942–1944” forthcoming in *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 2017

“Antisemitic Intellectuals in Fascist Italy: Promoting ‘Spiritual Racism,’ 1938-1945” in Frank Jacob, ed., *Intellectual Antisemitism from a Global Perspective* (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, forthcoming 2017)

“The Higher Worlds meet the Lower Criticism: New Scholarship on Rudolf Steiner”  
*Correspondences* 3 (2016), 93-110

“Esoteric Alternatives in Imperial Germany: Science, Spirit, and the Modern Occult Revival” in Eric Kurlander and Monica Black, eds., *Revisiting the “Nazi Occult”: Histories, Realities, Legacies* (Rochester: Camden House, 2015), 23-41

*Between Occultism and Nazism: Anthroposophy and the Politics of Race in the Fascist Era*  
(Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014)

“Organic Farming in Nazi Germany: The Politics of Biodynamic Agriculture, 1933-1945”  
*Environmental History* 18 (2013), 383-411

“Nazi Perceptions of Esotericism: The Occult as Fascination and Menace” in Ashwin Manthripragada, ed., *The Threat and Allure of the Magical* (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013), 25-58

- “Hannah Arendt’s Analysis of Antisemitism in The Origins of Totalitarianism: A Critical Appraisal” *Patterns of Prejudice* 46 (2012), 154-79
- “Anthroposophy in Fascist Italy” in Arthur Versluis, ed., *Esotericism, Religion, and Politics* (Minneapolis: North American Academic Press, 2012), 83-106
- “Der deutsche Geist am Scheideweg: Anthroposophen in Auseinandersetzung mit völkischer Bewegung und Nationalsozialismus” in Uwe Puschner, ed., *Die völkisch-religiöse Bewegung im Nationalsozialismus* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2012), 473-90
- “Right-wing Ecology in Germany: Assessing the Historical Legacy” in Janet Biehl and Peter Staudenmaier, *Ecofascism Revisited* (Porsgrunn: New Compass Press, 2011), 89-132
- “Occultism, Race, and Politics in German-speaking Europe, 1880-1940: A Survey of the Historical Literature” *European History Quarterly* 39 (2009), 47-70
- “Race and Redemption: Racial and Ethnic Evolution in Rudolf Steiner’s Anthroposophy” *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 11 (2008), 4-36
- “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
- “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 Presentations**

- “Ancient Religion in Modern Garb? Völkisch Spirituality as a Response to Fin de Siècle Modernity” German Studies Association conference, San Diego, September 2016
- “Distorted Modernity: The Frankfurt School on Antisemitism and Capitalism” International Critical Theory Conference, Rome, May 2015
- “The Pen and the Sword: Public Discourse on Terrorism in the 1977 Mescalero Affair” German Studies Association conference, Kansas City, September 2014
- “Preparation for Genocide: The Center for the Study of the Jewish Problem in Trieste, Italy, 1941–1944” New Scholars / New Research on the Holocaust Conference, University of Toronto, October 2013
- “Esoteric Alternatives in Imperial Germany: Spiritual Seekers, Fluid Worldviews, and the Modern Occult Revival” German Studies Association conference, Milwaukee, October 2012

- “Historiography and its Discontents: The David Abraham Affair and the Boundaries of Historical Scholarship” American-Canadian Conference in German History, University of Rochester, April 2012
- “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
- “The Nazi Campaign against Occultism” 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
- “The Anarchism of Fools: Conspiracy Theory as a Substitute for Social Critique” Rethinking the Anarchist Tradition conference, Burlington, September 2004

### **Academic Awards and Fellowships**

- Sharon Abramson Research Grant, Holocaust Educational Foundation, 2015
- DAAD Summer Seminar, Nature in German Thought, University of Chicago 2015
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum summer fellowship 2014
- Way-Klingler Young Scholar Award 2014
- Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2013
- Silberman Faculty Seminar, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, 2013

Messenger-Chalmers Dissertation Prize 2010

Holocaust Education Foundation Summer Institute Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2010

Bowmar Research Fellowship 2009

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

Humboldt Exchange Fellowship, Humboldt University Berlin, 2007

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

German Historical Institute Summer Research Seminar in Germany, 2006

### **Professional memberships**

American Historical Association

German Studies Association

Central European History Society

American Society for Environmental History

### **Public speaking engagements**

“The Politics of Immigration in Germany” University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, January 2016

“Ecological Politics in the Twentieth Century” School of the Art Institute of Chicago, April 2015

“The Threat of the Printed Word: Book Burning in Nazi Germany” University of Montana,  
October 2014

“Coming to Terms with the Past in Contemporary Germany” Milwaukee Jewish Community  
Center, March 2014

“Moral Economy vs. Market Economy: The Cooperative Commonwealth and Democratic  
Alternatives to Capitalism” Social Ecology Intensive Seminar, January 2014

“Democracy and the Left” University of Chicago, November 2013

“Antisemitism in Weimar Germany and the Rise of the Nazi Party” Holocaust Study Institute,  
February 2013

“Democracy in Radical Movements from 1789 to Occupy Wall Street” New York City,  
January 2012

“Direct Democracy and the History of Revolution” Social Ecology Intensive Seminar, July 2011

“Social Movements and Ecological Crisis” New York City, January 2010

“Antisemitism and the Left” Washington DC, October 2009

### **Courses taught**

Nazi Germany and the Holocaust

Modern Germany 1870 to the Present

The World and the West: Environment, Race, Empire

History in Theory and Practice

Environmental History: Ecology and Society in the Modern World

Western Civilization since 1700

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

History of Evolution in Science and Society

Europe in the Twentieth Century

Dimensions of Democracy: Democratic Traditions in European History

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

Germany in European Context: Controversies in German History from 1848 to 1989

Antisemitism: Historical Roots, Contemporary Relevance

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