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ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor of History, Stanford University: appointed May, 2016.

Research Assistant Professor of History, Vanderbilt University: appointed July, 2015.

Lecturer and College Fellow in History, Harvard University: appointed July, 2014.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2008-2014

PhD, History

Dissertation: "The Private State: A New Perspective on the European Partition of Africa"

Advisors: Professors David Blackbourn, Charles Maier, Alison Frank Johnson

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2002-2006

AB, History, English, German 2006, Highest Honors, Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

European History, Imperial History, Environmental History, Legal History

PUBLICATIONS

Rogue Empires: Conmen and Contracts in Europe's Scramble for Africa. (Book Under Contract with Harvard University Press; forthcoming Spring 2017).

"Sovereignty at Guantánamo: New Evidence and a Comparative Historical Interpretation," *Journal of Modern History* 85:3 (2013), 592-631.

"Honduran Model-Cities: A Historical Perspective," *Centerpiece: Newsletter of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University* 27:1 (2012), 5-15.

"To Govern, or Not to Govern: Prussia, Neutral Moresnet," *Social Science Research Network*, 1-23 (2011).

"False Fire: The Wartburg Book-Burning of 1817," *Central European History* 42:4 (2009), 621-646.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Vanderbilt University	2015-
College Fellowship in History, Harvard University	2014-2015
Weatherhead Center Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University	2013-2014
Global History Fellowship, Initiative in Global History, Harvard University	2012-2013
Research Fellowship, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies	2011-2012
Samuels Family Research Fellow, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University	2011-2012
Mellon Fellowship for Research Relating to League of Nations, Columbia University	2011
Krupp Foundation Research Fellowship, Harvard University	2010-2011
DAAD Research Fellowship, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst	2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

History Department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Instructor of Record, “Nineteenth-Century Europe.” Lecture Course, Spring 2016.

History Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Instructor of Record, “The European Scramble for Africa.” Seminar Course, Spring 2015.

Awarded the *Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*.

History Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Instructor of Record, “Histories of Sovereignty and State-Formation.” Seminar Course, Spring 2015.

Awarded the *Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*.

History Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Instructor of Record, “European and American Empires in the Long Nineteenth Century.” Lecture Course, Fall 2014. Awarded the *Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*.

History Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow, “The World Wars in Global Context” (Prof. Charles Maier), Lecture Course, Fall 2012.

Taught two weekly discussion sections, oversaw the course website, and handled various administrative duties for this lecture course. Awarded the *Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*.

Program in General Education, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

Head Teaching Fellow, “Germany in the World, 1500-2000” (Prof. David Blackbourn), Lecture Course, Spring 2011. Taught two weekly discussion sections, oversaw the course website, and handled administrative duties for this lecture course. Awarded the *Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Protection and Empire: A workshop co-sponsored by Harvard University, Vanderbilt University, and Monash University, Cambridge, MA, April 2nd, 2016. Invited presentation.

“Neutral Moresnet: Or, A Problem of Statelessness, 1814-1914” Vanderbilt University Department of History, Nashville, TN, January 21st, 2016. Invited presentation.

“A Market in Sovereignty: Europe and the Scramble for Africa,” Stanford University Department of

International History), Cambridge, MA, March 13th, 2015. Invited presentation.

“The Market in State Jurisdiction: Its Past and Present,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA, March 7th, 2014. Invited presentation.

“The Private State: A New Perspective on the European Partition of Africa,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA, May 6th, 2013. Invited presentation.

“Sovereignty at Guantánamo: New Evidence and a Comparative Historical Interpretation,” Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies, Washington, D.C., January 17th, 2013. Invited presentation.

“The Men Who Would Be King,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA, September 25th, 2012. Invited presentation.

“The Price of Sovereignty in the Era of New Imperialism.” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 6th, 2012.

“Sovereignty at Guantánamo: New Evidence and a Comparative Historical Interpretation,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA December 7th, 2011. Invited presentation.

“Sovereignty as a Commodity in Modern History,” Harvard History Department Prospectus Conference, January 21st, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, *Dissertation Fellow*

Initiative on Global History, Harvard University, *Research Fellow*

Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, *Affiliate*

American Historical Association, *Member*

German Studies Association, *Member*

LANGUAGES

English (native)

German (near-native)

French (proficient, advanced reading)

REFERENCES

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