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Faculty Positions

Director of the Global Studies Program

- Chair, Global Perspective Committee
- Alfred University, Alfred NY, January 2021-Present

Assistant Professor of History and Global Studies

- Division of Human Studies, Alfred University, Alfred NY, August 2020-Present

Visiting Lecturer of History

- Division of Human Studies, Alfred University, Alfred NY, August 2017-August 2020

Education

Ph.D. History, 2020, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

- Dissertation Title: *Infighting at the Front: Officers, Bureaucrats, and Politicians at War in German-Occupied Russian Poland, 1914–1915*
- Major Fields: Modern Germany; Modern Russia
- Minor Fields: Imperialism in East Asia; Global First World War

M.A. History, 2016, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

M.A. History, 2010, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

- Thesis Title: *Taking Their Place: Noncommissioned Officers in the Russian Revolution*

B.A. Majors in History and Political Science, 2008, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- (Under Contract with Peter Lang, Oxford, UK) *Broken Ground: Building Germany's Occupation of Poland in the First World War*, winner of the Young Scholars Competition for German Studies in America, to be published in 2023
- "Dangerous Duality: Experiencing and Remembering Civil-Military Conflict during Germany's Occupation of Poland, 1914-1918," the first chapter in *German-Occupied Europe in the Second World War*, Routledge Press, 2019

Research Awards & Grants

- *Outstanding Dissertation Award* (Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences), University of Rochester, 2021; \$1,000 prize donated to the USO in memory of Captain Dave Lyon
- *Peter Lang 2020 Young Scholars Competition for German Studies in America*, winner in History category including a publication contract for a fully funded book
- *German Historical Institute Doctoral Fellowship*, research in German-American history at Rockefeller Archive Center, through the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, 2017
- (Declined) *Raymond N. Ball Dissertation Fellowship*, University of Rochester, 2017-2018
- *DAAD Research Grant – Kurzstipendium*, 4 months of dissertation research, based at the Bibliothek für Zeitgeschichte at the Württembergische Landesbibliothek Stuttgart, German Academic Exchange Service - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), 2016
- *DAAD German Studies Research Grant*, 2.5 months of pre-dissertation research, German Academic Exchange Service - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), 2015
- *Sanford Elwitt Memorial Prize for Research in European History*, University of Rochester, 2015
- *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow*, Polish, US Dept. of Education, 2009-2010

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Selected Panels & Presentations

- “*Foals, Farmsteads, and Forests: Ecological Encounters in First World War Russian Poland*” on the panel, *War and Diversity Beyond the Battlefield: Cultural Encounters in the Polish Lands, 1914–1923* at the 4th International Congress of Polish History in Kraków, Poland, 19–22 October 2022
- “*Ecological Encounters in First World War Poland*,” The Great(er) War of Military Occupations in Europe, Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society, Brussels, Belgium, 23–25 June 2022
- “*Transcultural China in the Classroom and Community*,” Panel Chair, ASIANetwork Conference, Geneva, NY, 8–10 April 2022
- “*Broken Ground: Building Germany’s Occupation of Poland in the First World War*,” New York State Association of European Historians, 16 October 2021
- “*Building Germany’s Occupation of Poland in the First World War*,” German Studies Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 1–3 October 2021
- “*Food Aid in the First World War: The American Rockefeller Foundation in German-occupied Poland, 1914–1916*,” German Studies Association Conference, Portland, OR, 3–6 October 2019
- “*Military or Civil-Military Occupation? Contradictory Priorities on Germany’s First World War Eastern Front*,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, 9–12 May 2019
- “*For us Americans of Polish descent, war broke out on September 1st, 1939*”: *The Divided Loyalties of the Sienkiewicz Youth Circle*,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, as part of the Polish-American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 5 January 2019
- “*Failure as an Option: The Tumultuous First Year of Germany’s Occupation of Russian Poland, 1914–1915*,” Blockkolloquium of the Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Polenstudien (ZIP), Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, 6 July 2018
- “*The Magic Name of ‘Rockefeller’: American Philanthropists in German-Occupied Poland, 1914–1915*,” Society for German-American Studies Symposium, Indianapolis, IN, 20 April 2018
- “*Infighting at the Front: Officers, Bureaucrats, and Politicians at war in German-occupied Russian Poland, 1914–1915*,” German Historical Institute Colloquium, Washington DC, 18 January 2018
- “*Konferenz der Kreischefs, 26–27 April 1915: Civil-Military Clashes over the Future of German-Occupied Russian Poland*,” German Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, 5–8 October 2017
- “*German-occupied Europe in the Second World War*,” Seminar presenter, German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA, 29 September–2 October 2016

Selected Teaching

- Independent studies and senior thesis supervisions include: *Interwar European Authoritarianism, Civil War Leadership, Women in Tudor England, Ukraine and Russia, Taiwan, Yemenese Civil War*
- HIST 320 *Ukraine: Between Putin and Trump*
- HIST 340 *Southern Africa between Mandela and Mugabe*
- HIST 300 *West Africa*
- HIST 300 *Historians Craft: The Past*
- HIST 300 *Empire, 1415–Present*
- HIST 300 / GLBS 300 *Crisis Europe: Refugees, Neo-Nazis, and Political Disintegration*
- HIST 300 *Putin’s Russia*
- HIST 358 *Modern China*
- HIST 321 / POLS 321 *The History of Fascism*
- HIST 107 *The World in the 20th Century*
- GLBS 101 *Intro to Global Studies*

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Selected Faculty Fellowships, Funding, and Grants

- *AsiaNetwork Speaker's Bureau Grant* to bring St. Olaf Professor Karil Kucera to AU, Spring 2022
- *Alfred University International Fellowship for Faculty Development*, for "Connecting Past and Present in Southern Africa," travel to Namibia and Botswana, Spring 2020
- *Bernstein Funds for Faculty and Student Development*, Fall 2019, Fall 2021

Alfred University Community Presentations

- "World War 2 in the Balkans," 12 April 2022
- "Ukraine Roundtable," 28 February 2022
- "Alfred Students in Germany (Travel in Covid Times)," Bergren Forum, 17 February 2022
- "'Monuments Men' of the 21st Century," Bergren Forum, 7 October 2021
- "9/11 and Afghanistan: Twenty Years Later Roundtable," 9 September 2021
- "Origins of World War II Roundtable," 10 September 2019
- "The First World War and its Eastern Front," Bergren Forum, 21 February 2019
- "Human Flow, Globalization, and Artists' Interventions," Roundtable, 20 February 2019
- "First World War Roundtable," 11 November 2018
- "Socialism: Then and Now Roundtable," 8 November 2017

Abroad Academic Programs

- Co-Leader, German Autos and History program, Heidenheim, Germany, January 2022
- NAFSA Workshop Certification for 1. Managing the Education Abroad Office, and 2. Risk Assessment and Crisis Management in Ed. Abroad Programming, Washington D.C., May 2019
- European University Viadrina Summer School of Interdisciplinary Polish and German Studies, Frankfurt (an der Oder) / Slubice, Summer 2018
- Varia Polish Language Center, Krakow, Poland, Summer, 2018
- Varia Polish Language Center, Krakow, Poland, Summer, 2015
- German School, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, Summer, 2014
- Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, Polish for Foreigners, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- Syracuse University Strasbourg Center, Strasbourg, France, Alsatian family homestay, Fall 2007
- Cambridge University International Summer School, Cambridge, UK, Summer 2006

Military Service

US Army Reserve Officer – Direct Commission to Captain, Civil Affairs, 38G Military Government Specialist, May 2022-Present

- US Army Monuments Officer Training (AMOT), Smithsonian Institution, August 2022

2008-2016, Captain, Corps of Engineers, Honorably Discharged

- Deployed to Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan, March 2013-February 2014
- Served as Deputy Engineer Chief of an Infrastructure Training Advisory Team (ITAT) of 20 American, Canadian, and German advisors, who trained Afghan National Security Forces
- Served as NATO Liaison Officer in the Regional Command-North (German Bundeswehr) Headquarters and coordinated operations with members of 23 coalition countries
- Awarded: Bronze Star Medal, NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal