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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Current

University of Vermont, Leonard and Carolyn Miller Distinguished Professor of Holocaust Studies, 2022-

University of Vermont, University of Vermont, Department of History, Professor, 2021-

University of Vermont, Department of History, Associate Professor, 2004-2021

University of Vermont, Department of History, Assistant Professor, 1998-2004

University of Vermont, Department of History, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1996-1998

Other Professional Experience

Educational Programs Coordinator/Seminar Director (*Studienleiter*), Evangelische Akademie Berlin (West), Berlin, Germany, 1985-88

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1998

A.M., History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1990

B.A., International Relations, Phi Beta Kappa and with honors, The College of Wooster, 1985

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Finalist, Polskie Towarzystwo Historyczne (Polish Historical Association) *Pro Historia Polonorum* Award for the Best Foreign-Language Book on the history of Poland and Poles or the central European region published in the years 2017-2021, for *The Polish Catholic Church under German Occupation: The Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939-1945*, 2022

Finalist, Polskie Towarzystwo Historyczne (Polish Historical Association) *Pro Historia Polonorum* Award for the Best Foreign-Language Book on Polish history published in

the years 2002-2006, for *Auschwitz, Poland, and the Politics of Commemoration, 1945-1979*, 2007

University of Vermont, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Lecture Award, 2005

Orbis Books Prize in Polish Studies from the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, for *Auschwitz, Poland, and the Politics of Commemoration, 1945-1979*, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

The Polish Catholic Church under German Occupation: The Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939-1945. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2021 (paperback 2021)

Auschwitz, Poland, and the Politics of Commemoration, 1945-1979. (Polish and Polish-American Studies Series) Athens: Ohio University Press, 2003 (paperback 2003)

Co-edited Books

With Andrea Löw, *Poland under German Occupation, 1939-1945: New Perspectives*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2023 (in press)

With Francis R. Nicosia, *The Arts in Nazi Germany: Continuity, Conformity, Change*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2006 (paperback 2007)

With Francis R. Nicosia, *Business and Industry in Nazi Germany*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2004 (paperback 2004)

With Francis R. Nicosia, *Medicine and Medical Ethics in Nazi Germany: Origins, Practices, Legacies*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2002 (paperback 2002, reprint 2004)

Articles

"Nazi *Kirchenpolitik* and Polish Catholicism in the Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939-1941," *Central European History* 47, no. 1 (March 2014), pp. 105-137

"Auschwitz 1945-1947: The Politics of Martyrdom and Memory," *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry* 20 (2008): pp. 149-172

"Die Entstehungsgeschichte des Staatlichen Museums Auschwitz-Birkenau und seine Konzeption. 1945-1947," *Hefte von Auschwitz* 23 (2008): pp. 7-33 (German-language publication of "Geneza Państwowego Muzeum Oświęcim-Brzezinka i jego koncepcja, 1945-1947," *Zeszyty Oświęcimskie* 23 (2002): pp. 7-28)

"Geneza Państwowego Muzeum Oświęcim-Brzezinka i jego koncepcja, 1945-1947" (The Genesis of the State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau and its Conceptualization, 1945-1947), *Zeszyty Oświęcimskie* 23 (2002): pp. 7-28

"Antifascist Pilgrimage and Political Rehabilitation at Auschwitz: The Political Tourism of *Aktion Sühnezeichen* and *Sozialistische Jugend*," *German Studies Review* 24, no. 3 (October 2001): pp. 513-532

Articles (Translations and Reprints)

"Państwowe Muzeum w Oświęcim-Brzezinka w latach 1945-1947," *Pro Memoria* 27 (2007): pp. 9-21 (reprint of "Geneza Państwowego Muzeum Oświęcim-Brzezinka i jego koncepcja, 1945-1947," *Zeszyty Oświęcimskie* 23 (2002): pp. 7-28

"From Liberation to Memorialization: The Transformation of the Auschwitz Site, 1945-1947," *Pro Memoria* 27: pp. 9-21 (English translation of the above in the English version of *Pro Memoria*)

Chapters in Books

"The Churches and the Holocaust." In *The Cambridge History of the Holocaust*, vol. IV, edited by Mark Roseman, Dan Stone, Natalia Aleksium, and Marion Kaplan. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023.

"Introduction." In *Poland under German Occupation, 1939-1945: New Perspectives*, ed. Jonathan Huener and Andrea Löw. New York: Berghahn Books, 2023 (in press)

"Kirchenpolitik as Volkstumspolitik: The Catholic Church in Nazi-Occupied Poland." In *Poland under German Occupation, 1939-1945: New Perspectives*, ed. Jonathan Huener and Andrea Löw. New York: Berghahn Books, 2023 (in press)

"Polityka Niemiec wobec Kościoła i polskiego Kościoła katolickiego w diecezji Kraju Warty i łódzkiej." In *Łódź pod okupacją 1939-1945: studia i szkice*, ed. Tomasz Toborek and Michał Trębacz, pp. 311-339. Łódź: Instytut Pamięci Narodowej–Komisja ścigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, Oddział w Łodzi, 2018

"Auschwitz in einem Holocaust-Curriculum für amerikanische Studierende: Zugänge über Tadeusz Borowski und Primo Levi." In *Nationalsozialismus und Holocaust: historisch-politisches Lernen in Schule und Lehrerbildung*, ed. Hanns-Fred Rathenow, Birgit Wenzel and Norbert H. Weber, pp. 467-479. Bad Schwalbach: Wochenschau-Verlag, 2013

"Mémoire catholique et commémoration à Auschwitz." In *Juifs et Polonais 1939-2008*, ed. Jean-Charles Szurek and Annette Wiewiorka, pp. 435-460. Paris: Albin Michel, 2009

"On the Postwar History of the Auschwitz Site and its Symbolism." In *The Last Expression: Art and Auschwitz*, ed. David Mickenberg, Corinne Granof, and Peter Hayes, pp.128-137. Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2003

"Pain, Prejudice, and the Legacy of the Shoah: On the Vexing Issue of Polish-Jewish Relations." In *Reflections on the Holocaust: Festschrift for Raul Hilberg on His Seventy-Fifth Birthday*, ed. Wolfgang Mieder and David Scrase, pp. 39-62. Burlington, Vermont: The Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Vermont, 2001

Book Reviews

- Maren Röger, *Kriegsbeziehungen. Intimität, Gewalt und Prostitution im besetzten Polen 1939-1945*. Frankfurt am Main: S. Fischer Verlag, 2015, *Central European History* 50, no. 1 (March 2017): pp. 137-139
- Piotr Forecki, *Reconstructing Memory: The Holocaust in Polish Public Debates*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2013, *Slavic Review* 74, no. 1 (Spring 2015): pp. 172-173
- Brian Porter-Szüc, *Faith and Fatherland: Catholicism, Modernity, and Poland*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011, *Religious Studies Review* 38, no. 4 (December 2012): p. 249.
- Elazar Barkan, Elizabeth A. Cole, and Kai Struve, eds., *Shared History—Divided Memory: Jews and Others in Soviet-Occupied Poland, 1939-1941*. Leipzig: Leipziger Universitätsverlag, 2007, *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 25, no. 3 (Fall 2011): pp. 305-308
- Phillip T. Rutherford. *Prelude to the Final Solution: The Nazi Program for Deporting Ethnic Poles, 1939-1941*. Modern War Studies. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2007. *Slavic Review* 68, no. 2 (Summer 2009): pp. 412-413
- Jan T. Gross, *Fear: Anti-Semitism in Poland after Auschwitz. An Essay in Historical Interpretation*. New York: Random House, 2006. *Journal of Genocide Research* 10, no. 4 (December 2008): pp. 606-608
- Alan L. Berger, Harry James Cargas, and Susan E. Nowak, eds., *The Continuing Agony: From the Carmelite Convent to the Crosses at Auschwitz*. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2004. *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 21, no. 2 (Summer 2007): 317-320
- Tadeusz Debski, *A Battlefield of Ideas: Nazi Concentration Camps and Their Polish Prisoners*. New York: East European Monographs, 2001; Joshua D. Zimmerman, ed. *Contested Memories: Poles and Jews during the Holocaust and its Aftermath*, New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2003. *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 19, no. 1 (Spring 2005): pp. 117-122
- Klaus Neumann, *Shifting Memories: The Nazi Past in the New Germany* (Social History, Popular Culture, and Politics in Germany Series). Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000. *German Studies Review* 28, no. 1 (February 2005): pp. 218-219
- Hermann Langbein, *People in Auschwitz*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004. *Bulletin of the Center for Holocaust Studies* 9, no. 1 (Fall 2004): pp. 14-15
- István Deák, *Essays on Hitler's Europe*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2001. *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 44, nos. 1-2 (March-June 2002): pp. 146-148
- "Osamotniony głos niemieckiego uczonego," *Pro Memoria* 13 (2000): pp. 101-103 ("The Lonely Voice of the German Scholar." Review of Victor Klemperer, *I Will Bear Witness: A Diary of the Nazi Years, 1933-1941*. New York: Random House, 1998)
- Jack R. Fischel, *Historical Dictionary of the Holocaust*. (Historical Dictionaries of War, Revolution, and Civil Unrest, No. 10). Lanham, Maryland and London: The Scarecrow Press, 1999. *German Studies Review* 23, no. 1 (February 2001): pp. 218-219

Other Writings

- "The Catholic Church in Poland under German Occupation," *Bulletin of the Carolyn and Leonard Miller Center for Holocaust Studies* 14 (Spring 2010): p. 5
- "The Jedwabne Controversy in Context," *Bulletin of the Center for Holocaust Studies* 6, no. 2 (Spring 2002): pp. 12-13

"The Postwar History of the Auschwitz Site"/"Über die Nachkriegsgeschichte des Tatorts Auschwitz und dessen symbolischer Bedeutung"/"Powojenna historia obozu zagłady w Auschwitz i jego symboliczna wymowa." Essay for the Exhibition web site "Last Expression: Art From Auschwitz" (<http://lastexpression.northwestern.edu>)

"The State Museum at Auschwitz-Birkenau, 1947-1997." *Bulletin of the Center for Holocaust Studies* 1, no. 2 (Spring 1997): pp. 1-2

In Progress

"*Kirchenpolitik as Volkstumspolitik: The Catholic Church in Nazi-Occupied Poland.*" In *Poland under German Occupation, 1939-1945: New Sources and New Perspectives*, ed. Jonathan Huener and Andrea Löw. Under review with Berghahn Books

With Andrea Löw, co-editor: *Poland under German Occupation, 1939-1945: New Sources and New Perspectives*. Under review with Berghahn Books

Monograph: "*Mustergau*": *Nazi Germanization and Racial Policy in the Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939-1945*

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Zentrum für Holocaust-Studien, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich, Distinguished Fellowship, August-December 2021, May-August 2022

Research Fellowship, Deutsches-Historisches-Institut/Niemiecki Instytut Historyczny, Warsaw, Summer 2014

Research Fellowship, Deutsches-Historisches-Institut/Niemiecki Instytut Historyczny, Warsaw, Summer 2013

University of Vermont, College of Arts and Sciences, Lattie F. Coor Faculty Development Award, 2010-2011

University of Vermont, Office of the Vice President for Research, Career Enhancement Grant, 2008-2010

University of Vermont, College of Arts and Sciences, Lattie F. Coor Faculty Development Award, 2008-2009

Humanities Center, University of Vermont, Funded Graduate Student Research Assistantship, 2007-2008

Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Workshop, "Antisemitism and the Churches in Eastern Europe," July-August 2007

University of Vermont, Department of History Nelson Grant, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002, 2001, 1999

University of Vermont, College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Fund for Faculty Development, 2005, 2002, 2001

Fellow, Holocaust Educational Foundation Eastern Europe Study Seminar, in Poland and the Czech Republic, 2001

Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Seminar "The Holocaust in Poland," Washington, D.C., 2000

University of Vermont, International Advisory Council, International Educational Incentive Grant, 1998

University of Illinois Dissertation Fellowships, 1995, 1992

University of Illinois Nelle M. Signor Award in International Relations, 1995
Research Fellow, Social Science Research Council, Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, 1994
U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, 1993
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Dissertation Research Grant, 1993 (declined)
Kościuszko Foundation/Polish Ministry of Education Exchange Grant, 1993 (declined)
Research Fellow, Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, University of Illinois, 1992-93 (declined)
U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships, 1995-1996, 1991, 1990

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS (selected)

National and International

- "The Polish Catholic Church under Nazi Occupation, 1939-1945: Persecution, Perseverance, and Antisemitism," Annual James J. Keneally Lecture in Jewish-Christian Relations, Stonehill College, Easton, Massachusetts, March 2023
- "The Catholic Church and the Jews in German-Occupied Poland." Conference: les Églises face à la Shoah—Perspectives européennes, Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris, France, October 2022
- "'Mustergau'?: Nationalsozialistische Germanisierungspolitik im Reichsgau Wartheland." Kolloquium: "The Holocaust in its Contexts"—Institut für Zeitgeschichte/Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany, July 2022
- "Pope Pius XII and Poland." Unsettled Questions and New Directions: The Vatican and the Holocaust Invitational Symposium, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., October 2020
- "*Mustergau: Nazi Germanization and Racial Policy in the Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939-1945.*" Second Montréal Central European Studies Workshop, McGill University, Montréal, Canada, March 2020
- "*Kirchenpolitik, Volkstumspolitik, and the Catholic Church in German-Occupied Poland.*" Holocaust Educational Foundation, Special Lessons and Legacies Conference "The Holocaust in Europe: Research Trends, Pedagogical Approaches, and Political Challenges," Munich, Germany, November 2019
- Book presentation: "The Polish Catholic Church under German Occupation: The Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939-1945." Symposium: Recovering Forgotten History—The Image of East-Central Europe in English-language Academic and Textbooks, Poznań, Poland, June 2019
- "Vatican Responses to the Nazi Persecution of the Catholic Church in Occupied Poland." International Symposium on "Religion and Ethno-nationalism in the Era of the Two World Wars," United States Holocaust Memorial Museum/University of Toronto, Canada, May 2017
- "Pope Pius XII and the Polish Catholic Church in the Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939-1945." Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, forty-eighth Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2016

- "Germanization and *Kirchenpolitik* in the Reichsgau Wartheland: the Case of the 'Nonnenlager Schmückert.'" Lessons and Legacies XIV, Holocaust Educational Foundation biennial meeting, Claremont, California, November 2016
- "Poland, Auschwitz, and the Memory of the Shoah." Lecture in conjunction with the exhibit "Forbidden Art," Voice/Vision Archive, University of Michigan–Dearborn, October 2016
- "Katholische Kirche und Kirchenpolitik im Reichsgau Wartheland und in der Diözese Litzmannstadt." International Conference: Łódź w Kraju Warty (1939-1945)–Nowe Perspektywy Badawcze/Łódź im Warthegau (1939-1945)–Neue Forschungsperspektiven, Łódź, Poland, February 2015
- "The Politics and Culture of Commemoration at Auschwitz." International Symposium: Auschwitz as World Heritage–UNESCO, Poland, and History Politics, Kraków/Oświęcim, Poland, July 2014
- "Polish Catholic Responses to Nazi Occupation: The Case of the 'Reichsgau Wartheland'." Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, forty-fifth Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2013
- "Kirchenkampf als Volkstumskampf: Nationalsozialistische Kirchenpolitik und die polnische katholische Kirche im Reichsgau Wartheland." Deutsches-Historisches-Institut/Niemiecki Instytut Historyczny, Warsaw, Poland, June 2013
- "Poland and the Memory of the Shoah." International Symposium: Global Memory of the Holocaust? Memories of the Destruction of European Jews in Global Context (II), University of Haifa, Israel, January 2012
- "Auschwitz and the Politics of Memory in Communist Poland." University of Washington, Department of History/Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, May 2011
- "The Nazi Occupation of Poland, the Polish Catholic Hierarchy, and the Vatican." Lessons and Legacies XI, Holocaust Educational Foundation biennial meeting, Boca Raton, Florida, November 2010
- "Polish Catholicism in the Reichsgau Wartheland." Polish Studies in the Twenty-First Century–Third International Conference on Polish Studies, Ann Arbor, September 2010
- "Nazi *Kirchenpolitik*, Polish Catholicism, and the Legacy of German Occupation." German Studies Association, Thirty-Third Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., October 2009
- "Poland, Auschwitz, and the Uses of History." Annual Milewski Lecture in Polish Studies, Central Connecticut State University Center for Polish and Polish-American Studies, May 2009
- "The Polish Roman Catholic Church and the Memory of German Occupation." Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, 66th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, June 2008
- Panel discussant, "The Holocaust in Eastern Europe: the Impact of Church-Fostered Antisemitism." United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., August 2007
- "Polish Catholicism and the Jews: On the Complexities of Wartime and Postwar Relations." United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Workshop, "Antisemitism and the Churches in Eastern Europe," Washington, D.C., July 2007
- Seminar: "The Jedwabne Massacre in Historiographical and Cultural Context." Graduate German Studies Colloquium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2006
- "Germany, Poland, and the Culture of Commemoration at Auschwitz." Keynote lecture, Annual General Meeting of the German History Society, London, December 2005

- Panel discussant, "The Evolving Relationship between the New Poland and World Jewry-Past and Present: Exploring the Depth of Reconciliation and the Role of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in the Process." Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, New York, February 2005
- "Catholic Memory and Commemoration at Auschwitz." Colloque, Les Juifs et la Pologne (1939-2004): aspects multiformes du passé, Bibliothèque Nationale/Université Paris Sorbonne, Paris, January 2005
- "Auschwitz and the Politics of Martyrdom and Memory." Invited lecture, Indiana University, November 2004
- "Martyrdom and Memory: John Paul II at Auschwitz." Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, New Orleans, September 2003
- "Antifascism, German Rehabilitation, and Political Tourism at Auschwitz." Lessons and Legacies VII: The Holocaust in International Perspective. Holocaust Educational Foundation biennial meeting, Minneapolis, November 2002
- "The Jedwabne Controversy in Context." Roundtable on "Old World Conflicts in New World Perspective: the Jedwabne Discussion in America." Annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Francisco, January 2002
- "On the Postwar History of the Auschwitz Site and its Symbolism." Holocaust Educational Foundation Eastern Europe Study Seminar, Kraków, Poland, July 2001
- "An Embattled Site: Auschwitz in the Context of Postwar Polish-Jewish Relations." Invited Lecture, University of Illinois, Summer Research Laboratory on Russia and Eastern Europe, June 2000
- "Auschwitz, Birkenau, and Historical Redemption: The Search for a Representational Synthesis Among Competing Commemorative Cultures." Council for European Studies Twelfth International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, April 2000
- "Auschwitz: from Killing Centre to Museum." Third International Symposium on "Building History: Legal Memory and Contemporary Judgement," Ottawa, Canada, November 1998
- "German Pilgrimage and Politics at the State Museum at Auschwitz." Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, Salt Lake City, October 1998
- "Auschwitz and the Configurations of Memory, 1945-1955." Memory, History and Critique: European Identity at the Millennium, Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 1996

TEACHING

Teaching Fields

The Holocaust, Poland, Modern Germany, Modern Europe

Course Offerings at the University of Vermont

History 16 - European Civilization, 1648-present

History 26 - European Civilization, 1815-1945

History 90 - The Western World Since 1945

History 95 - First-Year Seminar: The Holocaust in Historical Context
History 95 - Europe Since 1945
History 115 - History of Poland
History 139 - Modern Germany, 1871-Present
History 190 - The Holocaust
History 227 - Seminar: Auschwitz
History 227 - Seminar: The Nazi State and Society
History 227 - Seminar: The Shapes and Uses of Holocaust Memory
History 227 - Seminar: Interwar Germany
History 227 - Seminar: The Holocaust in Poland
History 391 - Master's Thesis Supervision
History 395 - Graduate Seminar: Nazi Germany and the Churches
History 397 - Graduate Readings and Research: Problems in Holocaust History
History 397 - Graduate Readings and Research: Modern Polish History
Honors 195 - Historical Approaches to the Holocaust
Honors 232 - Senior Honors Thesis Supervision

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
German Studies Association
Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America
Polish Studies Association

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

German, Polish, French