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Peer-Reviewed Monographs:

Three Cities after Hitler: Redemptive Reconstruction across Cold War Borders (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2021).

Bowling for Communism: Urban Ingenuity at the End of East Germany (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2020).

Demolition on Karl Marx Square: Cultural Barbarism and the People's State in 1968 (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).

The Lost German East: Forced Migration and the Politics of Memory, 1945-1970 (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012). Paperback Edition, 2014.

Co-Editor and Contributor: "The Voice of the Lost German East: Heimat Bells as Soundscapes of Memory," in *Cultural Landscapes: Transatlantische Perspektiven auf Wirkungen und Auswirkungen deutscher Kultur und Geschichte im östlichen Europa*, ed. Andrew Demshuk and Tobias Weger (Munich: Oldenbourg Wissenschaftsverlag, 2015).

Current Book-Length Projects:

The Suffocating City: Crafting Ecology in Leipzig's Coalfields under Nazis, Communists, and Capitalists
Alien Homeland: Human Encounters after Forced Migration on a German-Polish Borderland, 1970-2000

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

"Forced Migration and Displacement in Postwar East Central Europe," in *International Law and History: Eastern Europe in a Global Perspective. A Handbook*, ed. Isabella Löhr, Dietmar Müller, Ned Richardson-Little, and Stefan Troebst (forthcoming 2023).

"East Germany and the Lost German East: Dresden-Wrocław 'Socialist Friendship' after Nazism and Forced Migration," *Urban History* (forthcoming 2022).

"Building the Cathedral of Democracy: Frankfurt's Paulskirche in Hitler's Shadow," *German History* (forthcoming 2022).

"Bach's Grave as Communist Legacy," *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 63, no. 1-2 (June 2021): 119-47.

"Architecture beyond Ideology: The Politics of Forgotten Landmarks in Communist East Germany," *Journal of Urban History* 47, no. 2 (March 2021): 420-449.

"The People's Bowling Palace: Building Underground in Late Communist Leipzig," *Contemporary European History* 29, no. 3 (August 2020): 339-355.

"A Polish Approach for German Cities? Cement Old Towns and the Search for Rootedness in Postwar Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main," *European History Quarterly* 50, no. 1 (2020): 88-127.

"Rebuilding after the Reich: Sacred Sites in Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław, 1945-1949," in *War and the City: The Urban Context of Conflict and Mass Destruction*, ed. Tim Keogh (Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2019): 167-193.

"Preservationism, Postmodernism, and the Public across the Iron Curtain in Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main, 1968-1988," in *Re-framing Identities: Architecture's Turn to History*, ed. Akos Moravánszky and Torsten Lange, 245-260 (Basel and Berlin: Birkhäuser/De Gruyter, 2016).

"A Mausoleum for Bach? Holy Relics and Urban Planning in Early Communist Leipzig, 1945-1950," *History & Memory* 28, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2016): 47-89.

"Godfather Cities: West German Patenschaften and the Lost German East," *German History* 32, no. 2 (2014): 224-255.

"What Was the 'Right to the Heimat'? West German Expellees and the Many Meanings of Heimkehr," *Central European History* 45, no. 3 (September 2012): 523-556.

- “Reinscribing Schlesien as Śląsk: Memory and Mythology in a Postwar German-Polish Borderland,” *History & Memory* 24, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2012): 39-86.
- “‘Heimaturlauber’. Westdeutsche Reiseerlebnisse im polnischen Schlesien vor 1970,” *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropaforschung (ZfO)* 60, no. 1 (2011): 79-99.
- “Heimweh in the Heimat. Homesick Travelers in the Lost German East, 1955-1970,” in *Re-mapping Polish-German Historical Memory*, ed. Beinek and Kosicki (Bloomington: Slavica, 2011): 57-79.
- “‘When you come back, the Mountains will surely still be there!’ How Silesian Expellees processed the Loss of their Homeland in the early Postwar Years, 1945-1949,” *ZfO* 57, no. 2 (2008), 159-186.
- “‘Wehmut und Trauer.’ Jewish Travelers in Polish Silesia and the Foreignness of Heimat,” *Jahrbuch des Simon-Dubnow-Instituts* (Dec. 2007): 311-335.
- “Citizens in Name Only: The National Status of the German Expellees, 1945-1953,” *Ethnopolitics* 5, no. 4 (Nov. 2006): 383-397.

Other Publications:

- 38 book reviews with *American Historical Review*, *Central European History*, *Slavic Review*, *European History Quarterly*, *German Studies Review*, *Slavonic & East European Review*, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropaforschung*, *Sehepunkte*, *H-German*, *H-Soz-Kult*, and *Pol-Int*.
- Article: “Inventing Authenticity: How Warsaw’s Old Town became a model for other cities,” *Notes from Poland*, <https://notesfrompoland.com/2021/08/18/inventing-authenticity-how-the-rebuilding-of-warsaws-old-town-became-a-model-for-other-cities/> (August 18, 2021)
- Article: “Sprengung einer Volksdemokratie. Das historische Erbe von Leipzigs 1968,” *Leipziger Blätter* 72 (2018): 12-14. Reprinted in *Mitropa* (2019): 30-34.
- Article: “Pamięć roku 1921 po roku 1945: Górnoszląscy wypędzeni w Zachodnich Niemczech – różne obraz ofiary,” in *Górny Śląsk i Górnoszlązacy*, ed. Sebastian Rosenbaum (Katowice-Gliwice: IPN, 2014), 280-313. Also published in *Fabryka Silesia* 2, no. 12 (2016): 19-23.
- Review Essay (RE): von Hehl et al, eds., *Geschichte der Stadt Leipzig*, 4 vols., *H-Soz-Kult*, June 2021.
- RE: Hans Henning Hahn and Robert Traba, eds., *Deutsch-Polnische Erinnerungsorte*, 5 vols., *ZfO* 67, no. 1 (2017), 99-106. Also on *Pol-Int* (March 2017).
- RE: Cornelia Eisler, *Verwaltete Erinnerung – symbolische Politik*. and Stefan Scholz, *Vertriebenendenkmäler*, *ZfO* 67, no. 2 (2017): 309-312.
- RE: “Ethnic Cleansing and its Legacies in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe,” *European History Quarterly* (EHQ) 43:2 (April 2013): 326-334.

Selected Awards, Honors, and Scholarships:

- Leibniz Research Alliance award of 1.2 million Euro for AU history department in collaboration with partner institutions including GWZO (Leipzig) and ZZf (Potsdam), 2021-2025
- David Barclay Book Award, Honorable Mention for *Bowling for Communism*, GSA, 2021
- Architecture and Planning Institute of former East Germany (Leibniz-Institut für Regionalentwicklung und Strukturplanung, Berlin) Residency Fellowship, fall 2022
- AU Mellon Grant for Publication Costs with Cornell University Press, spring 2019 and fall 2019
- AU Book Incubator Grant (book manuscript workshop), November 2018
- Humanities Center for East-Central Europe (GWZO, Leipzig) Fellowship, summer 2018
- AU Mellon Research Grant, American University, summer 2018
- AU International Travel Grant, American University, summer 2018
- AU Book Incubator Grant, April 2017
- Humboldt Foundation Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers, August 2014-December 2015
- German Academic Exchange (DAAD) Junior Faculty Research Grant, Fall 2014 (declined)
- U of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Faculty Development Grant for Overseas Research, Summer 2013
- UAB Dean’s Grant for Overseas Research, Summer 2013
- Smith Book Award, Honorable Mention for *The Lost German East*, European Hist. Section, SHA, 2012
- UAB Sterne Grant for Modern German and East European History library acquisitions, 2012 & 2014

Graduate Certificate in Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, The Program in Jewish Culture and Society at the University of Illinois (UIUC), June 17, 2010
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UIUC Graduate College, Fall 2009-Summer 2010
Herder Institut Research Fellowship in Marburg, Germany, November-December 2009
Travel/Study fellowship: DAAD interdisciplinary summer institute, Kraków, Poland, May-June 2009
DAAD Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Germany, October 2007-August 2008
Herder Institut Research Fellowship in Marburg, Germany, August-September 2007
Dubnow Institut Fellowship at the University of Leipzig, Germany, May-June, 2006
Award: Best Graduate Paper on Central Europe, ASN, Columbia University, NYC, March 25, 2006
FLAS Foreign Language Fellowship (Polish), UIUC European Union Center, Fall 2005-Spring 2007

Research Interests:

Modern Central Europe, migrations & ethnic cleansing, memory & nostalgia, urban reconstruction, civic activism, historic preservation, ecological devastation, nationalism, borderlands, transnational interchange

Education:

Ph.D., University of Illinois: August 2010 (Modern Central and Eastern Europe)
M.A., Marquette University: May 2005 (Early Modern Europe)
B.A., Aquinas College: May 2002 (summa cum laude)

Teaching Experience:

American University Associate Professor of History (Fall 2018 to present)
American University Assistant Professor of History (Fall 2016-Fall 2018)
UAB Assistant Professor (Fall 2011-Spring 2016)
UIUC Visiting Professor (Spring 2011); Aquinas College Visiting Professor (Fall 2008)

Courses: Nazi Germany; Europe after Hitler (1945-1989); Nationalism and Empire (1789-1918); Forced Migration in 20th-c. Europe; The German Catastrophe: Central Europe after 1815; Cities: Destroyed and Reinvented; Urban Modernity & the Politics of Memory; Eastern Europe in the Age of Empire (to 1918); Eastern Europe in the Age of Ethnic Cleansing (since 1913); Modern Poland: Partitioned, Displaced, Reinvented; Modern Europe since 1750; Modern Europe Grad Colloquia (19th & 20th c. seminars)

Selected Presentations:

In addition to regular research presentations on panels at annual meetings of the German Studies Association (GSA) and Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), I have presented numerous invited talks at universities and conferences, including:
“Bach’s Grave as Communist Legacy,” International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), Montreal, Canada (virtual), August 2021
“Legacies of the Lost German East,” invited, Remembrance and Future Forum, Zajezdnia History Center, Wrocław (Poland), July 29-31, 2021 (*cancelled due to pandemic*)
“Urban Ingenuity in Leipzig on the Eve of 1989,” Urban History Group Conference, Warwick, UK (virtual), June 9-10, 2021
Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Aquinas College, April 17, 2021
Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), GDR Radio, February 12, 2021
Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Goethe Institut Toronto, January 2021
Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Technische Universität Berlin, 12/15/20
Book Talk, *Bowling for Communism*, invited (virtual), Georgetown University, 11/11/20
“Urban Ingenuity at the End of East Germany: Local Initiative and Despair in Leipzig on the Eve of 1989,” invited talk for 30th Anniversary of 1989, University of Vermont, 11/14/19
“Sprengung einer Volksdemokratie: Baudiktatur und Empörung im Fall der Leipziger Universitätskirche,” Invited Keynote for 50th Anniversary of the University Church Demolition, University of Leipzig, 5/30/18

- “Germans expelled from Poland after World War II: Sources and Methods,” Invited Conference (IC):
 “Sanctuary and Belonging: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Flight, Refuge and Community,”
 University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 4/13/18
- “Leipzig in 1968: East Germany’s Forgotten Protest,” Conference on 50th Anniversary of 1968,
 Georgetown University, 3/24/18
- “Leipzig’s Marx Monument and the Dustbin of History,” IC: Smithsonian Symposium, “Mascots, Myths,
 Monuments, & Memory,” 3/3/18
- “Demolition on Karl Marx Square: Cultural Barbarism and the People’s State in 1968,” invited talk,
 Woodrow Wilson Center, 2/12/18
- “1968 in Leipzig and the Demolition of Belief in Communism,” Clifford Symposium “The Soviet
 Century: 100 Years of the Russian Revolution,” Middlebury College, 9/23/17
- “A Polish Solution for Postwar German Planning Disasters? Brutalist Old Towns and the Search for
 Rootedness in Frankfurt and Leipzig,” IC: “War and the Urban Context,” CUNY, 5/19/17
- “Demolition on Karl Marx Square: Cultural Barbarism and the People’s State in 1968,” AU History
 Department Annual Brandenburg Lecture, 3/22/17
- “Rebuilding after the Reich: Urban Reconstruction as Politics, Protest, and Memory in Frankfurt/Main,
 Leipzig, and Wrocław,” invited talk, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., 10/5/16
- “Ein Mausoleum für Bach? Wiederaufbau in Leipzig und die Suche nach einer verwertbaren Geschichte
 mit vergleichbaren Beispielen aus Frankfurt/Main und Wrocław,” invited talk, GWZO, Leipzig,
 11/18/15
- “Opposition to ‘Baudiktatur’ across the German-German border in Leipzig and Frankfurt/Main, 1968-
 1988,” IC: Re-Framing Identities: Architecture’s Turn to History, 1970-90, Zürich, 9/12/15
- “Reconstructed Cities: Building from the Ruins of the *Reich* in Frankfurt/Main, Leipzig, and Wrocław,”
 invited talk at the University of Halle, 6/24/15; University of Wrocław Kolokwium Instytut
 Historii Sztuki, 10/6/15; University of Amsterdam, 10/15/15; University of Bremen, 11/17/15
- “Wiederaufbau nach dem Reich: Frankfurt, Leipzig, and Wrocław,” Humboldt Conf, Würzburg, 11/27/14
- “Von J.S. Bach bis Karl Marx: Wiederaufbau in Leipzig und die Suche nach einer verwertbaren
 Geschichte, 1945-1968,” IC: Architecture and City Planning in the DDR, Berlin, 11/7/14
- “The Voice of the Lost German East: Heimat Bells as Soundscapes of Memory,” IC: Federal Institute for
 the Culture and History of Germans in East Europe, Oldenburg, Germany, June 15-17, 2012
- “The Lost German East: Silesian Expellees in West Germany and the Idea of *Heimkehr*, 1945-1970,”
 invited talk at the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., 2/29/12
- “Pamięć 1921 r. po roku 1945,” Conf, Gliwice, Poland, Oct. 20-21, 2011
- “What was the *Recht auf die Heimat*? Expellees in West Germany and the Many Meanings of *Heimkehr*,”
 invited talk at Miami U./Ohio, 9/26/11
- “The Displacement of the German Population from Silesia after World War II,” IC: University of
 Chicago/UIUC, 1/29/10
- “Besuch im Land der Erinnerung: Westdeutsche Reiseerlebnisse im polnischen Schlesien,” IC: Görlitz,
 11/28/09
- “Residing in Memory: Silesian Expellees & the Lost German East,” IC: UIUC, 9/29/09
- “Silesian Expellees in Postwar Europe: Modes of Analysis,” IC: Kraków, Poland, 5/25/09
- “Reinscribing Schlesien as Śląsk: Memory and Mythology in Postwar Polish Silesia,” IC: Chicago, 1/9/09
- “‘Wenn Ihr wiederkommt, die Berge sind dann bestimmt noch da!’ Die Verarbeitung des Heimatverlustes
 durch Vertriebene aus Schlesien in den frühen Nachkriegsjahren, 1945-1949,” IC: Marburg,
 Germany, 1/28/08
- “‘Traurig geht man zurück:’ Jewish travelers in Polish Silesia and the foreignness of Heimat, 1945-70,”
 invited talk at the Dubnow Institute, Leipzig, Germany, 6/19/06
- “Citizens in name only: the national status of ethnic German refugees, 1945-1953,” ASN, Columbia U,
 3/24/06

Professional Membership:

American Historical Association (AHA); German Studies Association (GSA); Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES); Canadian Association of Slavists (CAS)

Language Preparation: German fluent (Goethe Institute C-2 Certificate, highest qualification). Polish approaching fluent reading, intermediate speaking/listening/writing.

References: available upon request