

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

PhD, University of Virginia, 2006**BA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1998**Teaching appointments

Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, History Department, 2013-**Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, History Department, 2010-2013****Assistant Professor, Furman University, History Department, 2007-10****Lecturer, University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History, 2006**Selected publications

Books

- ▣ *Death in Berlin: From Weimar to Divided Germany* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010; paperback published August 2013; Russian translation published by Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie / New Literary Observer, Moscow, 2015).
- ▣ *Revisiting the 'Nazi Occult': Histories, Realities, Legacies*, Monica Black and Eric Kurlander, eds. (forthcoming, Camden House, 2015).

Articles, book chapters, shorter pieces

- ▣ "Witchdoctors Drive Sports Cars, Science Takes the Bus: An 'Anti-Superstition' Alliance across the Cold War Divide," in Paul Betts and S.A. Smith, eds., *Science, Religion and Communism in Cold War Europe* (forthcoming, Routledge).
- ▣ "A Messiah after Hitler, and His Miracles: Bruno Gröning & Popular Apocalypticism in Early West German History," in Monica Black and Eric Kurlander, eds., *Revisiting the 'Nazi Occult': Histories, Realities, Legacies* (forthcoming, Camden House, 2015).
- ▣ "The Ghosts of War," in Michael Geyer and Adam Tooze, eds., *Cambridge History of World War II, Total War: Economy, Society, Culture at War* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).
- ▣ "The Cure Bringer," *The Berlin Journal* (November 2014).
- ▣ "Expellees Tell Tales: Partisan Blood Drinkers and the Cultural History of Violence after WWII," *History & Memory* 25:1 (Spring/Summer 2013): 77-110.
- ▣ Discussion Forum, "Cultural History and the Holocaust," (co-edited with Jennifer V. Evans), *German History* 31:1 (March 2013): 61-85.
- ▣ "Miracles in the Shadow of the Economic Miracle: The 'Supernatural 50s' in West Germany, *Journal of Modern History* 84:4 (December 2012): 833-860.
- ▣ "Смерть в Германии Между Двумя Мировыми Войнами" (Death in Germany between Two World Wars), *Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie / New Literary Observer*, Special Issue: "Semiotics of August in the XXth Century: The Impact of Global Cataclysms on Everyday Practices," Vol. 116 (September 2012): 308-324.
- ▣ "The Supernatural and the Poetics of History," commissioned article, *The Hedgehog Review*:

Critical Reflections on Contemporary Culture 13:3 (fall 2011).

- ▣ "Death and the Making of West Berlin, 1948-1961," *German History* 27:1 (January 2009).
- ▣ "Death in Berlin, 1933-1961," *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 42 (Spring 2008).
- ▣ "Reburying and Rebuilding: Reflecting on Proper Burial in Berlin After 'Zero Hour,'" in *Between Mass Death and Individual Loss: The Place of the Dead in Twentieth-Century Germany*, Alon Confino, Paul Betts, and Dirk Schumann, eds. (Berghahn, 2008).

Podcasts

- ▣ NPR Berlin podcast, "The Berlin Journal," aired on January 6, 2015 (conversation with Wolf Schäfer about faith healer Bruno Gröning & early West German history)
<http://www.nprberlin.de/post/berlin-journal-celebrating-20-years-american-academy-berlin>
- ▣ New Books Network, "Discussions with Historians about Their New Books," April 27, 2012 (<http://newbooksinhistory.com/2012/04/27/monica-black-death-in-berlin-from-weimar-to-divided-germany-cambridge-up-2011/>)

Work in progress

- ▣ **A monograph.** "Evil after Nazism: Germany, in Sickness and in Health."
- ▣ **An article.** "What Was Mass Hysteria? A Faith Healer and Popular Apocalypticism in Postwar Germany," to appear in volume for XXIII Bath House Readings, *Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie / New Literary Observer*, 2015.

Selected awards, fellowships, grants

Research/scholarship (external)

- ▣ 2014. ACLS (American Council of Learned Societies) Fellowship
- ▣ 2014. John P. Birkelund Fellowship in the Humanities, American Academy in Berlin
- ▣ 2011. Hans Rosenberg Book Prize of the Central European History Society (for *Death in Berlin*)
- ▣ 2010. Fraenkel Prize in Contemporary History (category B, for first books) from the Wiener Library, Institute of Contemporary History (for *Death in Berlin*)
- ▣ 2010-11. Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, fellowship for visiting researchers
- ▣ 2010. DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Postgraduate Fellowship (unable to accept)
- ▣ 2009. NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities) Summer Stipend
- ▣ 2008. American Council on Germany, Dr. Richard M. Hunt Fellowship for the Study of German Politics, Society, and Culture
- ▣ 2007. Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize, Friends of the German Historical Institute, Washington, DC

Research/scholarship (internal)

- ▣ 2014. Inaugural Donald S. and Jacquelyn L. Denbo Humanities Faculty Fellow, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- ▣ 2013. Award for New Research, Scholarly and Creative Projects in the Arts & Humanities, UTK
- ▣ 2013. Leroy P. Graf Award for Faculty Excellence in History, UTK
- ▣ 2012. Chancellor's Grant for Faculty Research, UTK

 Selected invited talks and presentations (recent and upcoming)

- ▣ “Jews in German Magic Books after 1945,” for the conference “Offstage: Jewish-German Encounters Beyond the Political Sphere,” November 2-4, 2015, Humboldt Universität, Berlin
- ▣ “Healer, Messiah, Rock Star: Bruno Gröning & Early West German History,” Modern Europe Colloquium, Yale University, April 22, 2015
- ▣ “What Was Mass Hysteria? Faith Healing and Popular Apocalypticism in Postwar (West) Germany,” XXIII Bath House Readings, “Anthropology of Mass Psychosis in Modern Societies,” Moscow, April 3-4, 2015
- ▣ “Healer, Messiah, Rock Star: Bruno Gröning & the Early Federal Republic,” Baden-Württemberg Seminar of the Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg, December 11, 2014
- ▣ “Healer, Messiah, Rock Star: Bruno Gröning & the Early Federal Republic,” John P. Birkelund Lecture, American Academy in Berlin, November 25, 2014
- ▣ “Ghosts of War,” Transnational Approaches to Modern European History Workshop, University of Chicago, April 16, 2014
- ▣ Roundtable discussion of M. Black, “Expellees Tell Tales: Partisan Blood Drinkers and the Cultural History of Violence after WWII” and Ana Antic, “Heroes and Hysterics: 'Partisan Hysteria' and Communist State building in Yugoslavia after 1945,” CUNY/Columbia University Balkan and East European Kruzhok, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, February 28, 2014
- ▣ “Feelings after Fascism: Gender, Religion, and Desire in Post-WWII Germany,” annual Dorothy Lambert Whisnant Lecture on Women’s History, Clemson University, January 28, 2014
- ▣ Keynote address: “German Miracles: Faith, Healing, and the Problem of Evil after Nazism,” for the annual Brian Bertoti Graduate Student Conference, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va., April 5, 2013
- ▣ “Prophecies of the Return of the Dead in Post-WWII Berlin,” for the conference “65 Years After: World War II and its Legacies for Contemporary Europe and Russia” at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, November 11, 2010
- ▣ “Witchcraft, Faith Healing, and Mystical Visions: The Everyday Meaning of the Supernatural in 1950s West Germany,” for the seminar of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, November 5, 2010

 Service, selected

To the profession

- ▣ Manuscript reader for the Czech Science Foundation; Oxford University Press, Routledge, Berghahn Books; and the journals *Central European History*, *German History*, *Austausch*, and *Essays in History*
- ▣ Proposal reader, American Academy in Berlin
- ▣ Chair, Council for European Studies, Dissertation Completion Fellowship Committee, 2013-14; committee member, 2012-13
- ▣ Co-host, “New Books in History” podcast on the New Books Network
- ▣ DAAD/GSA (German Academic Exchange Service/German Studies Association) Book Prize Committee, 2012-13
- ▣ Member, Southeast German Studies Workshop Steering Committee, 2010-2013
- ▣ German Studies Association Task Force for Graduate Students, 2006

University level

- ▣ Selection Committee, UTK-affiliated American Academy in Rome Fellowship, 2015
- ▣ Panel on “choosing a major” with Compass Living Learning Community students, 2014
- ▣ Ad hoc committee on faculty awards, UTK, 2014
- ▣ Divisional Curriculum Committees for Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences, UTK, 2013-
- ▣ Core faculty member, AfterWars Research Seminar, UTK, 2011-
- ▣ Affiliated faculty member, Research Seminar on Modern Germany and Central Europe, UTK, since 2013; core member, 2010-13

Community outreach

- ▣ “Globalizing History: Teaching the 20th Century through Germany’s Experience,” talk for the 33rd Workshop for Teachers of Social Studies, East Tennessee Historical Society, February 22, 2014
- ▣ Volunteer judge; East Tennessee History Day competition, 2012 and 2014

Research and teaching interests

- ▣ Modern Europe, cultural, social, intellectual
- ▣ Modern Germany, especially post-1945
- ▣ Historical ethnography, *Alltagsgeschichte* (the history of everyday life)
- ▣ Death and funerary practices
- ▣ History of emotions and sensibility
- ▣ The fantastic and the “supernatural”
- ▣ Folklore, memory, rumor, oral tradition
- ▣ War and culture
- ▣ Historical methodologies and the philosophy of history
- ▣ The social history of medicine; the cultural history of sickness and health
- ▣ Popular religion
- ▣ The history of psychology

Professional memberships

- ▣ American Historical Association (since 2005)
- ▣ German Studies Association (since 2004)
- ▣ American Association of University Professors (since 2009)
- ▣ H-Net (H-German, H-Soz-u-Kult, H-Memory, H-Society for the Anthropology of Europe, H-Death)