

## CURRICULUM VITAE

[updated August 2018]

### Education

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PhD, University of Virginia, 2006

MA, University of Virginia, 2002

BA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1998

### Professional appointments

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Lindsay Young Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2016-2018

Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, History Department, 2013-

Associate Department Head, UTK, History Department, 2013-14, 2015-

Assistant Professor, UTK, History Department, 2010-2013

Visiting Research Fellow, Princeton University, Davis Center for Historical Studies, 2010-11

Assistant Professor, Furman University, History Department, 2007-10

Lecturer, University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History, 2006

### Publications (selected)

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#### Books

- "Evil after Nazism" (under contract with Metropolitan Books / Henry Holt)
- *Death in Berlin: From Weimar to Divided Germany* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010; paperback, 2013). Awarded the Hans Rosenberg Prize of the Conference Group for Central European History, 2011, and the Fraenkel Prize in Contemporary History, Wiener Library, Institute of Contemporary History, 2010. Russian edition: *Смерть в Берлине: от Веймарской республики до разделенной Германии* (Moscow: Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie / New Literary Observer, 2015).

#### Edited volume

- *Revisiting the 'Nazi Occult': Histories, Realities, Legacies*, Monica Black and Eric Kurlander, eds. (Camden House, 2015).

#### Articles, essays, and book chapters

- "The Minister of Ministrations," *Sewanee Review* 76:2 (Spring 2018).

- "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* (Routledge, 2016).
- "What Was Mass Hysteria? A Faith Healer and Popular Apocalypticism in Postwar Germany," XXIII Bath House Readings volume on mass hysteria, *Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie / New Literary Observer* 136 (2015): 73-84.
- "Introduction: Revisiting the 'Nazi Occult,'" (co-written with Eric Kurlander), in Monica Black and Eric Kurlander, eds. *Revisiting the 'Nazi Occult': Histories, Realities, Legacies* (Camden House, 2015).
- "A Messiah after Hitler, and His Miracles: Bruno Gröning & Postwar Popular Apocalypticism," in Monica Black and Eric Kurlander, eds., *Revisiting the 'Nazi Occult': Histories, Realities, Legacies* (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).

#### Work in progress

- **A monograph.** "Culture in Modern German History." Proposed for the Bloomsbury series, *History of Modern Germany* (Jennifer V. Evans, Matt Fitzpatrick and Daniel Siemens, eds.)

**Awards, fellowships, grants (selected)**

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**Research/scholarship (external)**

- 2014 ACLS (American Council of Learned Societies) Fellowship
- 2014 John P. Birkelund Fellowship in the Humanities, American Academy 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

**Research/scholarship (internal)**

- 2016 Chancellor's Award for Research and Creative Achievement—Professional Promise, UTK
- 2014 Inaugural Donald S. and Jacquelyn L. Denbo Humanities Faculty Fellow, UTK
- 2013 Award for New Research, Scholarly and Creative Projects in the Arts & Humanities, UTK

**Teaching**

- 2018 Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award, UTK

**Invited talks and presentations (recent, selected)**

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- "Writing History Beyond Disenchantment: Or, How I Learned to Take Witches Seriously," keynote for the conference: "Beyond Disenchantment: Science, Technology, and New Religious Movements," Williams College, May 25-27, 2018
- "The World Is on Drugs: A History," for the exhibit "Pick Your Poison," McClung Museum, UTK, April 12, 2018
- "(Some of) Martin Luther's Twentieth-Century Legacies," for the Veritas Forum, "Will the Real Martin Luther Please Stand Up?" September 28, 2017, St. John XXIII Parish Auditorium, UTK
- "Evil after Nazism," European History Colloquium, Indiana University, March 3, 2017
- "In Sickness and in Health: Germany after Nazism," Max Kade Center for European and German Studies, Vanderbilt University, March 16, 2016
- "'Jewish Magic' in German Magic Books after 1945," for the conference "Rupture and Rapprochement: Jewish – Non-Jewish Relations in post-Shoah Germany," 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
- "Witchdoctors Drive Sports Cars, Science Takes the Bus: Theories and Practices of Popular Religion, the Occult, and Magical Healing in East Germany," for the conference "Science, Religion, and Communism in Cold War Europe," European Studies Centre, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, May 16-17, 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 Kruzok, 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

**Service (selected)**

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**To the profession**

- Editorial board, *German Studies Review*, 2016-2019
- Manuscript reader/proposal reviewer: Oxford University Press, Routledge, Bloomsbury, Berghahn Books; the *Journal of Modern History*, *Central European History*, *German History*, *Ethnicities*, *Austausch*, *Essays in History*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*; American Academy in Berlin, the Czech Science Foundation
- Chair, Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize Committee of the Friends of the German Historical Institute, 2017; committee member, 2016
- Selection committee, Central European History Society Travel & Research Grant, 2016, 2017

**University**

- Contemporary Issues and Solutions Working Group, to develop framework for component of new General Education curriculum
- Co-organizer, "An Anti-Nazi Teach-In: Fascism's Past & Present," Feb. 16, 2018
- Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Diversity & Inclusion, 2017-18, 2018-19; committee member, 2016-17
- Member, Faculty Senate Executive Council, 2017-18, 2018-19
- Member, Faculty Senate Appeals Committee, 2017-18
- President, UTK chapter of AAUP, 2017-18, Vice-President, 2016-17; Executive Committee member, 2016-
- Faculty Senator, UTK, 2016-19
- Haslam Scholars selection committee, UTK, 2015-16
- Search committee for Vice-Provost / Dean of the Graduate School, UTK, 2015-16
- Normandy Scholars Executive Committee, UTK, 2015-

**Departmental**

- Associate Head, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, History Department, 2013-14, 2015-
- Search committee chair, Russia and Eastern Europe search, 2016-17
- Tuning Project Workshop, American Historical Association, January 2-4, 2015
- Head's Advisory Committee, History Department, UTK, 2012-13; *ex-officio* 2013-14, 2015-
- Undergraduate Committee, History Department, UTK, 2012-13; *ex-officio* 2013-14, 2015-
- Civil War-era search committee, History Department, UTK, 2011-12
- Fellow, Center for the Study of War and Society, UTK, 2011-

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### Professional memberships & offices

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American Historical Association  
German Studies Association  
Central European History Society  
American Association of University Professors (since 2009); National Council representative, District V, 2018-2020  
H-Net (H-German, H-Soz-u-Kult, H-Memory, H-Society for the Anthropology of Europe, H-Death)

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### Research and teaching interests

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Modern Europe, cultural, social, intellectual  
Modern Germany, especially post-1945  
Historical ethnography, the history of everyday life  
Death and funerary practices  
The fantastic and the supernatural  
Folklore, memory, rumor, oral tradition  
War and culture  
Philosophy of history  
Cultural and social history of medicine  
Popular religion  
History of psychology  
History of sensibility and emotions