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Academic and Administrative Appointments:

Associate Professor of History, University of Alabama in Huntsville (August 2009 -)

Director of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Alabama in Huntsville (August 2010-)

Assistant Professor of History, University of Alabama in Huntsville (August 2003 – August 2009)

Teaching fields: Modern European History, German History, European Women's History

Research specialty: Twentieth-Century German Political, Social, and Cultural History

Education:

Ph.D.	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois	May 2003
M.A.	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois	October 1997
B.A.	Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio	June 1995

Courses Currently Taught at UAH:

History 103, "World History I."
History 104, "World History II."
History 290, "Historical Methods."
History 390, "Women in Modern European History."
History 399: "Munich, Nuremberg, Berlin: Legacies of the Third Reich" (taught in Huntsville and in Germany).
History 485/585, "Nazi Germany and the Holocaust."
History 486/586, "Europe During the Cold War"
History 498/598, "French Revolution and its Legacies"
History 605, "Recent Interpretations of Modern History."
History 690, "Studies in Modern Europe."
Women's and Gender Studies 200, "Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies"

Previous Teaching Experience:

Instructor, Wittenberg University, Department of History, Springfield, Ohio, Fall 2002.

Instructor, Lexia International, Berlin, Germany, May 2000-July 2001.

Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, Fall 1996-Summer 1998.

Publications:

Training Socialist Citizens: Sports and the State in East Germany. Leiden: Brill Academic

Publishers, 2008.

“The *Friedensfahrt*: International Sports and East German Socialism in the 1950s,” *International History Review* XXIX, vol. 1 (March 2007): 57-82.

“**Brot und Spiele: Die DDR-Turn- und Sportfeste in den 50er Jahren: Massenvergnügen oder Systemstabilisierung?**” (“Bread and Circuses: East Germany’s Gymnastics and Sports Festivals in the 1950s: Mass Amusement or System Stabilization?”) in *Sport-Schau: Deutsche Turnfeste 1860 bis 2002 (Sport Show: German Gymnastics Festivals from 1860 to 2002)*. Leipzig: Stadtgeschichtliches Museum Leipzig/Abt. Sportmuseum Leipzig, 2002, 107-110.

Works in Progress:

“The Olympia 2000 Bid and Competing Visions of Urban Planning in Reunified Berlin, 1991-1993,” (article manuscript close to submission).

“*Vergangenheitsbewältigung* and the 1936 ‘Nazi Olympics’: Memory Politics and Berlin’s Contested Olympia 2000 Bid.” (article manuscript in progress).

"Cold War Era and Post-Cold War Era Representations and Self-Representations of East German Female Athletes" (article manuscript in progress).

Exhibitions:

Co-Organizer, “Dora and the V-2: Slave Labor in the Space Age,” an exhibition incorporating photographs and artwork from La Coupole History and Remembrance Center in Saint-Omer, France, and historical posters and artifacts from the Mittelbau-Dora Concentration Camp Memorial in Nordhausen, Germany.
UAH Salmon Library, February-April 2010.

Co-Author of www.dora.uah.edu, a website to support the “Dora and the V-2” Exhibit (completed and published February 2010).

Book Reviews:

Review of Scott Moranda, *The People’s Own Landscape: Nature, Tourism, and Dictatorship in East Germany* (Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2014), forthcoming in *Slavic Review*.

Review of Alan McDougall, *The People’s Game: Football, State and Society in East Germany* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), forthcoming in *German Studies Review*.

Review of Thomas Schaufuss, *Die politische Rolle des FDGB-Feriedienstes in der DDR: Sozialtourismus im SED-Staat* (Berlin: Duncker and Humblot, 2011), *The English Historical Review* 130, no. 542 (February 2015): 256-258.

Review of Susan Grant, *Physical Culture and Sport in Soviet Society: Propaganda, Acculturation, and Transformation in the 1920s and 1930s* (London: Routledge, 2013), *Slavic Review* 73, no. 4 (Winter 2014): 958-960.

Review of Malte Rolf, *Das sowjetische Massenfest* (Hamburger Edition, 2006), *Slavic Review* 67, no. 2 (Summer 2008): 504-05.

Review of Barbara J. Keys, *Globalizing Sport: National Rivalry and International Community in the 1930s* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006), *International History Review* xxx, no. 1 (March 2008): 167-69.

Review of Katarina Witt, *Only With Passion: Figure Skating's Most Winning Champion on Competition and Life*. With E.M. Swift (New York: Public Affairs, 2005), *H-German Reviews*, June 2007.

Review of Ben Shephard, *After Daybreak: The Liberation of Bergen Belsen, 1945* (New York: Schocken Books, 2005), *Oral History Review* 34 (Winter/Spring 2007): 165-67._

Review of Elizabeth Harvey, *Women and the Nazi East: Agents and Witnesses of Germanization* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), *Women's History Magazine* 48 (Autumn 2004).

Conferences and Presentations:

Paper, "*Vergangenheitsbewältigung* and the 1936 'Nazi Olympics': Memory Politics and Berlin's Contested Olympia 2000 Bid," presented at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Arlington, VA, October 2015.

Panel Chair, "Germany and the Faces of Fascism in Modern European Public Discourse," at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Arlington, VA, October 2015.

Paper, "Cold War Era and Post-Cold War Era Representations and Self-Representations of East German Figure Skater Katarina Witt," presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at Davidson College, February 2015.

Paper: "From Death Strip to Petting Zoos: The Complexities of Converting East Berlin's Former Borderlands into Recreational Spaces," presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at Davidson College, March 2014.

Paper: "Between Objectification and Self-Empowerment: Representations and Self-Representations of Figure Skater Katarina Witt's Performing Body," presented at the National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH, November 2013.

Paper: "Für eine lebenswerte Umwelt: Opposition to Olympia 2000 in Berlin," presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, March 2013.

Paper: "Violence in the Protests Against the Olympia 2000 Campaign in Berlin," presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, March 2012.

Paper, "'NOlympic City': Protests and Demonstration against the Olympia 2000 Campaign

in Berlin,” presented at the German Studies Association Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, September 2011.

Paper, “Using Visual Images and On-Site Encounters in Teaching about Nazi Germany,” presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, February 2011.

Paper: “Disciplining the Individual and Collective Bodies through Sports in Socialist East Germany,” presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, March 2010.

Paper: “Communal Living Experiments, Municipal Authorities, and Urban Renewal during the Wende and in Reunified Berlin.”

German Studies Association Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN, October 2008.

Commentator for Panel: “**Interpreting Rebellion and Repression in East Germany.**”
German Studies Association Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN, October 2008.

Presentation: “Die Friedensfahrt, Täve Schur, und der Aufbau des Sozialismus in den 50er Jahren in der DDR,” Forschungskolloquium des Instituts für Europäische Ethnologie der Humboldt Universität in Berlin, Germany, July 2008.

Commentator for Panel: “Consideration of the Third Reich and the Holocaust.”
Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Birmingham, AL, February 2008.

Paper: “‘Ein Tor ist ein Tor, egal wer an der Regierung ist’? Oral History-Interviews mit ehemaligen DDR-Bürgern zum Thema Sport.”
Deutschlandtagung, “Das geteilte Deutschland im Europa des 20. Jahrhunderts.” Sponsored by the Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam, the Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur, the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, and *Deutschland Archiv*.
Wittenberg, Germany, November 2007.

Paper: “‘The Largest Unauthorized Construction Project in East Germany’? Oral Interviews with Citizens of the Former German Democratic Republic.”
American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Conference,
Washington, D.C., November 2006.

Roundtable Participant: “**Representing Dictatorship: The Third Reich and the GDR.**”
German Studies Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2006.

Commentator for Panel: “**Engaging the Audience: Popular and Elite Reception of Socialist Culture in the Early GDR.**”
German Studies Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2006.

Paper: “‘A Goal is a Goal No Matter Who Is In Power’: Interviews with Citizen-Athletes from the Former East Germany.”
Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, November 2005.

Paper: “Voluntary Work Actions and Socialist Competitions: Managing Shortage and Mobilizing Citizens in Communist East Germany.”

Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2004.

Panel Organizer: “Consumer Citizenship in Twentieth-Century Germany.”
Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2004.

Commentator for Panel: “Ideology and Complicity in the Third Reich.”
Southern History Association Annual Conference, Memphis, TN, November 2004.

Paper: “Sex and Steroids: Female Sports Stars in the GDR.”
German Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2004.

Paper: “‘His Rise is the Rise of Our Entire State’: Champion Cyclist Tāve Schur as Socialist Hero in 1950s East Germany.”
German Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 2003.

Paper: “Narrating the Past through the Lens of the Present? The Advantages and Disadvantages of Oral History.”
Midwest German History Workshop, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, November 2002.

Paper: “Voluntary Campaigns, Sports, and Mass Participation in the ‘Building of Socialism’ in Leipzig in the 1950s.”
Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History, Potsdam, Germany, May 2002.

Paper: “‘Reach Out to Each Other in Brotherhood’: History and Identity at the 1956 German **Gymnastics and Sports Festival in Leipzig.**”
American Historical Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, California, January 2002.

Paper: “Voluntarism and Public Culture in the German Democratic Republic: The Building of the Leipziger *Zentralstadion*, 1955-56.”
German Studies Association Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, October 2000.

Paper: “Socialism Between Tradition and Innovation: Celebrating Father Jahn in the German Democratic Republic.”
Midwest Slavic Conference, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, April 2000.

Paper: “Sports and the Creation of the New Socialist Person in the German Democratic Republic.”
Humboldt Universität, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Berlin, Germany, January 1999.

Fellowships and Honors

- UAH Humanities Center Research Grant for Travel to Germany, \$3000.000, awarded December 2015.
- UAH Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grants, 2003-2015: European Women’s History (\$2935.78), German History (\$3762.01), Nazi Germany and the Holocaust (\$3261.49 and \$2710.00), French Revolution and its Legacies (\$1983.87), World History (\$5168.16 and \$5020.29 -- together with Dr. Virginia Martin), East / Central Europe and Soviet Union (\$2142.04), and Women’s and Gender Studies (\$1993.65 and \$6482.07 – coordinated with the support of other

Women's and Gender Studies faculty).

- UAH Humanities Center Research Grant for Travel to Germany, \$3000.000, awarded December 2010.
- Guest Scholar, Humboldt Universität, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Berlin, Germany, May-July 2008.
- Outstanding Faculty Member for the College of Liberal Arts, chosen by UAH Student Government Association, March 2008.
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Faculty Visit Grant for Research in Germany, \$5400.00, awarded December 2007.
- UAH Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, awarded April 2007.
- UAH Global Studies Travel Grant, \$460.00, awarded April 2007.
- UAH Humanities Center Research Grant for Travel to Germany, \$3000.00, awarded December 2006.
- UAH Global Studies Travel Grant, \$700.00, awarded April 2005.
- UAH Research Mini-Grant for Travel to Germany, \$2390.00, awarded January 2005.
- UAH Research Mini-Grant for Travel to Germany, \$4117.00, awarded January 2004.
- Graduate College Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois (for travel to present at the American Historical Association Annual Convention, January 2002).
- University Fellowship, University of Illinois, Department of History, Spring 2001/Fall 2001.
- Social Science Research Council/Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, Dissertation Research Fellowship, Berlin, Germany, 1999-2000.
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Dissertation Research Fellowship, Berlin, Germany, 1998-1999.
- Nelle Signor International Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Illinois, Berlin, Germany, Fall 1998.
- Council for European Studies, Columbia University, Predissertation Research Fellowship, Summer 1997.
- University of Illinois, Department of History, Predissertation Research Fellowship, Summer 1997.
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Russian Language, University of Illinois, Summer 1996.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Wittenberg University, 1994.
- Phi Alpha Theta, Wittenberg University, 1994.

Selected UAH Service (History Department)

Member, Department SACS-COC Committee, Fall 2014-.

Chair, History Department Curriculum Revision Committee, Fall 2010.

Coordinator, UAH History Forum, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary, Spring 2007-Spring 2009.

Chair, History Department Web Committee, 2006-2007.

Member, History Department Web Committee, 2007-2012.

Faculty Advisor, UAH History Club, Spring 2004-Spring 2007.

Department Search Committees, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2015-2016.

Department Reappointment Committees, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Selected UAH Service (College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and University):

Director, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Fall 2010-.

Dean Search Committee, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Spring-Fall 2015.

University Representative to AAUW (American Association of University Women), July 2013-.

SACS-COC Student Services Committee, August 2014-May 2015.

Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee (PTAC), College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Fall 2014, Fall 2015.

Member, Sexual Violence Prevention Committee, Fall 2011-.

Faculty Senate, History Department Representative, Spring 2007-Spring 2010, Spring 2012.

Chair, UAH "RELACS" (College of Liberal Arts Research Colloquia), Spring 2008-Fall 2010.

Member, UAH "Teaching Matters" Planning Committee, Fall 2006-Spring 2008.

Member, UAH Women's Studies Program Advisory Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2009.

Co-Chair, UAH Women's Studies Essay Competition, Fall 2006-Spring 2008.

Selected Community and Professional Service:

Marketing Director and Steering Committee Member, "Tech Trek" STEM Camp for Girls (co-sponsored by AAUW and UAH), October 2013-.

Volunteer, Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (lead book discussions and facilitate discussions), April 2015-.

Chairperson, Alabama Women Student Leaders Conference, Spring 2014 (co-sponsored by UAH Women's and Gender Studies, UAH Office of Diversity, AAUW-Huntsville).

Chairperson, University Relations, AAUW-Huntsville Branch, July 2013-June 2014.

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Speakers Bureau, Fall 2013-

Member, Organizing Committee, North Alabama Society of the Archaeological Institute of America Fundraisers, Fall 2008, Fall 2010.

Reader for *Oral History Review* and *Diplomatic History*.

Steering Committee Member, "Southeast German Studies Consortium," Fall 2006-Spring 2009 (together with colleagues from universities in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama).

Invited Speaker for "German History" and "Women's History" Topics: Magnolia Trace Senior Living Community, Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 2006-2015.

Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Southeast World History Association Conference, October 22-23, 2004 (co-hosted by UAH and Alabama A&M University).

Instructor, "Humanities in the Classroom and Community: An Interdisciplinary Holocaust Curriculum for Illinois Educators," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, July 2002 and July 2003.

Co-Organizer, Teaching Workshop, "Remembering the Holocaust in Germany and the United States." Memorial House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin, Germany, November 2000.

Volunteer Discussion Leader for "English Tables," Gesamtschule Hoppegarten, Dahlwitz-Hoppegarten, Germany, October 2000-July 2001.

Foreign Languages:

Fluent German, reading proficiency in Russian

Professional Affiliations:

American Historical Association

German Studies Association

National Women's Studies Association

European History Section of the Southern Historical Association

North Alabama Society, Archaeological Institute of America

Phi Alpha Theta