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**Academic and Administrative Appointments:**

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

Director of Women's 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 Taught at UAHuntsville:**

History 101, "Western Civilization I."

History 102, "Western Civilization II."

History 103, "World History I."

History 104, "World History II."

History 290, "Historical Methods."

History 390, "Women in Modern European History."

History 392, "Europe Since 1789."

History 399: "Berlin: Crossroads of the Twentieth Century" (taught in Huntsville and in Germany).

History 399: "Munich, Nuremberg, Berlin: Legacies of the Third Reich" (taught in Huntsville and in Germany).

History 479/579, "Europe in the Twentieth Century."

History 485/585, "Nazi Germany and the Holocaust."

History 605, "Recent Interpretations of Modern History."

History 690, "Studies in Modern Europe."

Women's Studies 200, "Introduction to Women's 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:**

“Popular Protest in West Berlin and Reunified Berlin, 1970s-1990s.”

**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, [www.dora.uah.edu](http://www.dora.uah.edu), website to support “Dora and the V-2” Exhibit.

**Book Reviews:**

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: “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, February 24 and 25, 2011.
- Paper: “Disciplining the Individual and Collective Bodies through Sports in Socialist East Germany.” Southeast German Studies Consortium Workshop, Atlanta, GA, March 2010.
- Paper: “Communal Living Experiments, City Authorities, and Privatization 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 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.
- UAH Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grants for Books on European Women's History (\$2935.78), German History (\$3762.01), Nazi Germany and the Holocaust (\$3261.49 and \$2710.00), World History (\$5168.16 and \$5020.29 -- together with Dr. Virginia Martin), and Materials on Women's and Gender Studies (\$6482.07 – coordinated with the support of other Women's Studies faculty).
- 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.

### **UAHuntsville Service (History Department):**

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-.

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

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

Department Reappointment Committees, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

**UAHuntsville Service (College of Liberal Arts and University):**

Director, Women's Studies, Fall 2010+

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.

Guest Lectures in Women's Studies 200, "Introduction to Women's Studies," UAH, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Summer 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2010.

Guest Lectures in Global Studies 200, "Global Systems and Cultures," UAH, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Fall 2007.

Member, Education Department Reappointment Committee, Spring 2010, Spring 2012.

Member, English Department Reappointment Committee, Spring 2012.

Member, Art and Art History Department Tenure Committee, Fall 2011.

Invited Participant, Faculty Workshops on Developing Assessment Objectives in the Global Studies Program, August 2007.

Guest Lecture on "Nazi Olympics" to German Club, April 6, 2007.

Guest Lecture on "Sports in Communist East Germany" to UAH German Club, November 12, 2004.

Co-Facilitator, "Teaching Matters," on "Course Objectives, Student Assessment, and SACS Accreditation," October 15, 2004.

UAH Faculty RELACS Lecture: "Sports and Socialist Patriotism in East Germany," March 12, 2004.

Co-Presenter (with Mr. Troy Skinner), Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award Lecture Series (“Tales from the Trenches on Both Sides of Campus”), September 2008.

Member, Distance Learning Implementation Committee, Spring 2010-.

Member of Gender Equity Committee, Fall 2008-.

Member, Foundation Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee, 2008, 2009.

Member, University Women’s Club Scholarship Selection Committee, 2008, 2009.

Participant in Focus Group on Creating a Positive Student Environment, Spring 2009.

Participant in Provost Roundtable on Tenure and Post-Tenure Review, Spring 2009.

Panelist, New Faculty Survival Skills, UAH New Faculty Orientation, August 2005, August 2006, August 2007.

Member, Campus Fulbright Interview Committee, Fall 2007.

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Luminis Web Portal, Spring 2007.

**Community and Professional Service:**

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, Lockheed Martin Diversity Lunch, “The New Woman and the Suffrage Movement, 1890s-1920s,” March 2008 (in Huntsville).

Guest Lecture, “The New Woman and the Suffrage Movement, 1890s-1920s,” for “Topics in History,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Spring 2006 (in Huntsville).

Invited Speaker, Northrop Grumman Diversity Lunch, “The New Woman and the Suffrage Movement, 1890s-1920s,” March 2005 (in Huntsville).

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

European History Section of the Southern Historical Association

North Alabama Society, Archaeological Institute of America

Phi Alpha Theta