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### ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

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

Director of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Alabama in Huntsville (August 2010-2018)

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

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D.	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois <i>Fields:</i> Modern European History, Russian History, Comparative Women's History	May 2003
M.A.	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois <i>Field:</i> Modern European History	October 1997
B.A.	Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio <i>Majors:</i> History and German	June 1995

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### PEER-REVIEWED

- Co-Editor (with Heather L. Dichter). *Berlin Sports: Spectacle, Recreation, and Media in Germany's Metropolis*. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, forthcoming 2024.
  - o Co-author of "Introduction: Berlin as Germany's Sporting History," 3-25.
- "The 2015 European Maccabi Games: The Ambiguities of Historical Reconciliation in Berlin." In *Berlin Sports: Spectacle, Recreation, and Media in Germany's Metropolis*, edited by Heather L. Dichter and Molly Wilkinson Johnson, 177-197. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, forthcoming 2024.
- "The Legacies of 1936: Hitler's Olympic Grounds and Berlin's Bid to Host the 2000 Olympic Games." *German History* 40, no. 2 (June 2022): 258-277.

- “Mega-Events, Urban Space, and Social Protest: The Olympia 2000 Bid in Reunified Berlin, 1990-1993.” *Central European History* 52, no. 4 (December 2019): 689-712.
- *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.

#### NON-PEER-REVIEWED

- “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.

#### PUBLIC HISTORY AND DIGITAL PROJECTS

- 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](http://www.dora.uah.edu), a website to support the “Dora and the V-2” Exhibit (completed and published February 2010).

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Martin Sabrow, Tilmann Siebeneichner, and Peter Ulrich Weiß. *1989: Eine Epochenäsur?* Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2021, forthcoming in *Central European History*.
- Review of Hope Harrison, *After the Berlin Wall: Memory and the Making of the New Germany, 1989 to the Present* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), in *Central European History* 54:1 (March 2021): 244-246.

- Review of Alan McDougall, *The People's Game: Football, State and Society in East Germany* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), in *German Studies Review* 40: 1 (February 2017): 236-238.
  
- Review of Scott Moranda, *The People's Own Landscape: Nature, Tourism, and Dictatorship in East Germany* (Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2014), in *Slavic Review* 75:2 (Summer 2016): 481-482.
  
- Review of Thomas Schaufuss, *Die politische Rolle des FDGB-Feriendienstes in der DDR: Sozialtourismus im SED-Staat* (Berlin: Duncker and Humblot, 2011), in *The English Historical Review* 130: 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), in *Slavic Review* 73, no. 4 (Winter 2014): 958-960.
  
- Review of Malte Rolf, *Das sowjetische Massenfest* (Hamburger Edition, 2006), in *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), in *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), in *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), in *Women's History Magazine* 48 (Autumn 2004).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Civic Identity, Athletic Mega Events, and Post-Socialism: Leipzig’s 2012 Olympic Bid” (article under development).
- “Berlin’s Autonomist Movement, the Fight for Free Spaces, and State Responses in the Late 1980s and early 1990s” (series of articles under development).

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### EXTERNAL

- Alabama Holocaust Commission Programming Grant, to support the visit of Dr. Beth Wenger, Historian of American Jewish History, to UAH, Spring 2024.
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Faculty Visit Grant for Research in Germany, Summer 2008.
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC) / 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.
- Council for European Studies, Columbia University, Predissertation Research Fellowship, Summer 1997.

### UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

- Research and Creative Experience for Undergraduates Award, Summer 2024.
- UAH Humanities Center Faculty Research Grants, 2007, 2011, 2016, 2019.
- UAH Global Studies Travel Grants, 2005, 2007.
- UAH Research Mini-Grants for Travel to Germany, 2004, 2005.
- UAH Humanities Center Library Enhancement Grants: European Women’s History, German History, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, World History, East / Central Europe and Soviet Union, French Revolution and its Legacies, Russian Empire, Gender and

Sexuality in Modern Europe, and Women's and Gender Studies, History of the Modern Olympic Games, 2003-2024.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

- University Fellowship, Department of History, Spring 2001/Fall 2001.
- Nelle Signor International Studies Dissertation Research Fellowship, Fall 1998.
- Predissertation Research Fellowship, Department of History, Summer 1997.
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Russian Language, Summer 1996.

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Seventh Candle Award, Jewish Federation of North Alabama, Huntsville, AL, April 2023.
- UAH Distinguished Teaching Award, April 2021.
- UAH Women's and Gender Studies Program, Rose Norman Scholarship in Action Award, 2019.
- Outstanding Faculty Member for the College of Liberal Arts, chosen by UAH Student Government Association, March 2008.
- UAH Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, awarded April 2007.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Wittenberg University, 1994.
- Phi Alpha Theta, Wittenberg University, 1994.

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (SINCE 2014)**

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- Conference Paper: "'Jesse Owens, the 'Nazi Olympics,' and Alabama: Sports, Race, and Public History.'" Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 2022.
- Commentator for Panel: "European Interventionism in Africa and the Middle East, Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 2021.

- Paper, “Weimar- and Nazi-Era Germany in Contemporary Discussions of Gender and Sexuality,” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, November 2019.
- Commentator for Panel, “Cultural Diplomacy, Commerce, and Censorship in the GDR,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2017.
- Commentator for Panel, “Nations, Nationalism, and Immigration,” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, November 2017.
- Roundtable Participant, “Gender Still Matters: A Roundtable on Teaching European Women’s and Gender History in the Decade following *Gender Matters: Patriarchy and the Challenge of Feminism* (Judith M. Bennett),” Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, November 2017.
- Paper, “Spatial Justice: Perspectives on Urban Activism in Reunified Berlin, presented at the Southeast German Studies Workshop, held at College of Charleston, March 2017.
- 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: “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.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, 2003-.

Courses in Current Rotation:

- World History to 1500 (introductory survey)
- World History Since 1500 (introductory survey)
- The Craft of History (methods course for majors and minors)
- Gender and Sexuality in Modern European History (upper-division undergraduate)

- History of the Modern Olympic Games (upper-division undergraduate)
- Nazi Germany and the Holocaust (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- Empires and Nations: Russia (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- Research Seminar in History (capstone research course for majors)
- Recent Interpretations of Modern History (graduate seminar)
- Studies in Modern Europe (graduate seminar)

#### Courses Taught in the Past:

- Western Civilization I (introductory survey)
- Western Civilization II (introductory survey)
- Europe Since 1815 (upper-division undergraduate)
- Munich, Nuremberg, Berlin: Legacies of the Third Reich (study abroad course taught in Huntsville and in Germany).
- French Revolution and its Legacies (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- Europe During the Cold War (advanced undergraduate / graduate)
- Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (introductory course for the Women's and Gender Studies Program)

#### OTHER 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.

#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

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##### SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- Program Committee, European History Section of the Southern Historical Association, 2019-2022.
- Reader for *Journal of Social History*, *Sport in History*, Bloomsbury Academic Press, American Academy in Berlin, *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).

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

#### UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

- CAHS Curriculum Committee, Fall 2022-.
- CAHS Humanities Center Steering Committee, Fall 2023-
- UAH Faculty Appeals Committee, Fall 2020-2022, 2024-.
- Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee (PTAC), College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2023.
- Member, CAHS Awards Committee, Fall 2021-Spring 2023.
- Member, University Awards Committee, Spring 2023, Spring 2024.
- Search Committee for New Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Director, Fall 2023.
- Director, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Fall 2010-Summer 2018.
- Chair, Department Advising Committee, 2015-2018.
- Member, Comparative Conflicts and Cultures Certificate Committee, 2016-2022.
- Coordinator, UAH History Forum, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary, Spring 2007-Spring 2009.
- Faculty Advisor, UAH History Club, Spring 2004-Spring 2007.
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- Online Instructional Designer Search Committee, Summer-Fall 2017.
- Dean Search Committee, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Spring-Fall 2015.
- University Representative to AAUW (American Association of University Women), July 2013-July 2017.
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- SACS-COC Student Services Committee, August 2014-May 2015.



- Faculty Senate, History Department Representative, 2007- 2010, 2012.
- UAH “RELACS” (College of Liberal Arts Research Colloquia) Planning Committee, Spring 2008-Fall 2010.
- Member, UAH Women’s Studies Program Advisory Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2009, 2018-present.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Coordinator of Dr. Beth Wenger, Historian of American Jewish History, to UAH (included events at UAH and at Temple B’Nai Sholom), Spring 2024.
- Alabama Holocaust Commission, Appointed by Governor Kay Ivey, 2022-.
- Presenter and Coordinator of UAH Student Volunteers, Jesse Owens Museum 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Oakville, AL, Fall 2023.
- Coordinator of Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Program for Jewish Federation of North Alabama, Spring 2023
- “Ukraine and Russia: Nationalism, Empire, and War,” UAH Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Fall 2022.
- Media Interviews for WHNT and WAFF about Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Spring 2022.
- Guest Lecture, "Children's Artworks of the Terezin Ghetto" at Academy for Academics and Arts Middle School, Spring 2022.
- Department Liaison for National History Day activities in North Alabama, 2016-2023.
  - o Helped facilitate NHD Teacher Workshops at UAH: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021.
  - o Judge at Hampton Cove Middle School: 2017-2021.
  - o Judge at Westminster Christian Academy, 2023.
- Department Liaison to Birmingham Holocaust Education Center
  - o Helped facilitate Continuing Education Workshops for North Alabama Teachers at UAH, 2016, 2017, 2018.

- Marketing Director and Steering Committee Member, “Tech Trek” STEM Camp for Girls (co-sponsored by AAUW and UAH), October 2013-2016.
- Chair, Alabama Women Student Leaders Conference, Spring 2014 (co-sponsored by UAH Women’s and Gender Studies, UAH Office of Diversity, AAUW-Huntsville).
- Chair, University Relations, AAUW-Huntsville Branch, July 2013-June 2014.
- Talks at Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Magnolia Trace Senior Living Community, Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 2003-present.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Central European History Society of the American Historical Association

German Studies Association

European History Section of the Southern Historical Association

North American Society for Sport History