

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC PREPARATION

- 2006 Ph.D. in History, The University of Toledo; Toledo, Ohio  
General Field: Europe from 1600  
Major Field: Germany since 1648  
Minor Field: Modern Middle East  
Dissertation: *The Holocaust's Forgotten Victims? Jews, Suicide, and Resistance*  
Advisor: Professor Larry D. Wilcox
- 2000 M.A. in History, The University of Toledo; Toledo, Ohio  
General Field: Modern Europe  
Thesis: *From Disarmament to Rearmament: American Occupation Policy and the Influence of Internal Conditions on German Public Opinion, 1945-1950*  
Advisor: Professor Larry D. Wilcox
- 1994 B.A. in History, B.S. in Microbiology, Minor in Philosophy, The Ohio State University;  
Columbus, Ohio

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2015 Acting Chair, Department of History  
Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
- 2013-present Associate Professor, Department of History  
Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
- Summer 2014 Acting Chair, Department of History  
Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
- 2007-2013 Assistant Professor, Department of History  
Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
- 2006-2007 Full-Time Instructor, Department of History  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
- 2006 Part-Time Instructor, Social Sciences Department  
Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan

2004-2006 Part-Time Instructor, Department of History  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio

2000-2004 Graduate Assistant / Instructor, Department of History  
The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

1998-2000 Teaching Assistant, Department of History  
The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### Lamar University

U.S. History I: 1763-1877 – 2007-2012; undergrad  
U.S. History II: Since 1877 – 2007, 2009, 2012-2014; undergrad  
Historical Research – 2014; undergrad  
The Holocaust – 2012; undergrad/grad  
Nazi Germany – 2008, 2010, 2014, 2015; undergrad/grad  
Seminar in European History: The Holocaust – 2010; grad  
Historiography – 2011, 2013, 2015; grad  
19<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe – 2009, 2010, 2013; undergrad/grad  
20<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe – 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014; undergrad/grad  
Issues in World Cultures Since 1660 – 2008; undergrad  
Middle East in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century – 2008, 2012; undergrad/grad  
Discussion leader for Honors Philosophy 1360: Philosophy of Knowledge – 2007, 2008; undergrad  
Independent Study – 2011, 2012, 2014

#### Bowling Green State University

World Civilizations (world history from antiquity to 1500) – 2004-2007;  
undergrad  
The Modern World (world history from 1750 to the present) – 2004-2007;  
undergrad  
Hitler's Germany – 2007; undergrad  
A Century of Genocide (comparative genocide in the twentieth century) – 2006;  
undergrad  
Supervised advanced undergraduate student in readings on Nazi Germany – 2007

#### Washtenaw Community College

The Holocaust – 2006; undergrad

#### The University of Toledo

The Contemporary World (twentieth-century world history) – 2000-2003; undergrad  
America from 1865 – 2004; undergrad  
Gunpowder, Galleons, and Clerics (team-taught course on world history from 1400-1800) – 2003;  
undergrad

### **GRADUATE STUDENT THESIS AND EXAM COMMITTEES – LAMAR UNIVERSITY**

#### Thesis Committee Chair (Advisor)

Bruce Hodge – “Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long and American Immigration Policy, 1940-1944.” Graduated May 2012.

### Thesis Committee Member

Kevin Broussard – “Reconsidering the Military Revolution in the Italian Wars, 1494-1512.”  
Graduated May 2015.

Cassandre Durso – “Of Seeds and Sorrow: The Italian Immigrant Experience in Texas and  
Louisiana, 1880-1925.” Graduated August 2012.

James Burnes – “The People’s Zoo: William Mann, The National Zoo, and the Birth of American  
Wildlife Conservation, 1889-1960.” Graduated August 2012.

### Examination Committee Member

Sharon Courmier. Graduated December 2011.

### **UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTED READINGS/INDIVIDUAL STUDIES/HONORS CONTRACTS – LAMAR UNIVERSITY**

Cody Dailey – “History of the Palestinian-Jewish Conflict.” Spring 2014

Whytnee Shattuck – “20<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe.” Spring 2014.

Emily Kosh – “The Duality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The Complexity of a Righteous Gentile.” Fall 2012.

Kyle McCarver – “The German Blitzkrieg of World War II.” Fall 2011.

### **OTHER STUDENT-CENTERED SERVICE**

Mentor – SMART Program (Support & Mentoring to Advance Research and Teaching), sponsored by the  
Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement, Lamar University, 2014-2015.

Mentor – Texas Academy for Leadership in the Humanities (TALH), Lamar University, 2012-2013.

### **NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2004-2005      Office Assistant, Multicultural Student Center  
The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH  
-- Coordinating center’s Brown Bag seminar series; assisting in coordinating special  
monthly art exhibits in the center’s gallery; assisting in preparation for the annual Martin  
Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Benefit Dinner; operating center’s informational booth at  
various Freshman student orientation sessions; light clerical work including answering  
phones, filing, greeting visitors, and organizing reception area

### **PUBLICATIONS: CURRENT PROJECTS**

In progress. *Jews, Suicide, and the Holocaust*. (working title, book-length project – currently  
revising and rewriting dissertation for eventual publication.

### **PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLE**

“Behind Enemy Lines with Leif Oistad: An East Texas Resident Recalls World War II,” *Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record* 46 (November 2010): 19-31.

### **PUBLICATIONS: ANTHOLOGY CHAPTERS**

“Aligning Formative Assessments with Summative Assessments and Learning Outcomes,” in Melissa Hudler and Amy Smith, eds., *Active and Collaborative Learning across the Curriculum at Lamar University*. Forthcoming.

“Holocaust Memory and the Heavy Metal Sub-Culture, 1980-Present,” in Sara Towe Horsfall, Jan-Martijn Meij, and Meghan Probstfield, eds., *Music Sociology: An Introduction to the Role of Music in Social Life*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2013.

“Suicide in Alexander Donat’s *The Holocaust Kingdom: Recovering ‘Unrecorded Voices,’*” in Nancy Rupprecht and Wendy Koenig, eds., *World War II and the Holocaust in History and in Memory*. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013.

“Holocaust Survivor Attitudes toward Jewish Suicide: A Preliminary Examination,” in Beth Griech-Poelle and Christina Guenther, eds., *Trajectories of Memory: Intergenerational Representations of the Holocaust in History and the Arts*. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008.

### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS**

*The Oxford Illustrated History of World War II* edited by Richard Overy. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Forthcoming.

*A Jewish Kapo in Auschwitz: History, Memory, and the Politics of Survival* by Tuvia Friling. For *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*. Forthcoming.

*Wilhelm II: Into the Abyss of War and Exile, 1900-1941* by John C.G. Röhl. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. November 2014.

*Operation Barbarossa: Nazi Germany’s War in the East, 1941-1945* by Christian Hartmann. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. March 2014.

*Survivors: Jewish Self-Help and Rescue in Nazi-Occupied Western Europe* by Bob Moore. For *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 27 (2013): 334-336.

*The Second World War* by Antony Beevor. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. November 2012.

*Why Germany Nearly Won: A New History of the Second World War in Europe* by Steven D. Mercatante. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. August 2012.

*Imperial Germany Revisited: Continuing Debates & New Perspectives* edited by Sven Oliver Müller, and Cornelius Torp. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. April 2012.

*Tirpitz and the Imperial German Navy* by Patrick J. Kelly. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. January 2012.

*Nationalism in Germany, 1848-1866: A Revolutionary Nation* by Mark Hewitson. For *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. May 2011.

*Suicide in Nazi Germany* by Christian Goeschel. For *German Studies Review* 33 (February 2010): 45-46.

*Robbery and Restitution: The Conflict over Jewish Property in Europe* edited by Martin Dean, Constantin Goschler, and Philipp Ther. For *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 23 (Winter 2009): 496-498.

*The Holocaust: Roots, History, and Aftermath* by David M. Crowe. For *German Studies Review* 31 (October 2008): 628.

#### **PUBLICATIONS: ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

Wayne, Anthony (1745-1796) in Stanley Sandler, editor. *Ground Warfare: An International Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2002.

Battle of the Marne (France, 5-10 September 1914), in Stanley Sandler, editor. *Ground Warfare: An International Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2002.

#### **PUBLICATIONS: OTHER**

1998-2003 I wrote abstracts for all of the journal articles appearing in the scholarly journal *History and Memory*. The abstracts appear in the two ABC-CLIO publications: *America: History and Life* and *Historical Abstracts*.

#### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter. "The Rise of Fascism." Cardinal Conversations: An Evening of Discussion – A joint presentation with Dr. Amy Smith, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Modern Languages, Lamar University. "Virginia Woolf, the Politics of Myth, and the Rise of Fascism." 16 October 2013.

#### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY:**

Presenter. "“Are You Well?” When Studying the Holocaust Becomes a Problem." Latinos and the Change of a Nation: Implications for the Social Sciences. Southwestern Historical Association at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Denver, Colorado, 8-11 April 2015.

Panel Chair/Discussant/Commentator. "Diversity in History: Phi Alpha Theta Session." Latinos and the Change of a Nation: Implications for the Social Sciences. Southwestern Historical Association at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Denver, Colorado, 8-11 April 2015.

- Panel Chair. "Diversity in History: Phi Alpha Theta Session." New Social Media and Life, Politics, and Society in the Early 21st Century. Southwestern Historical Association at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana, 27-30 March 2013.
- Panel Chair. "Perceptions of Antiquity and Early-Medieval Europe." New Social Media and Life, Politics, and Society in the Early 21st Century. Southwestern Historical Association at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana, 27-30 March 2013.
- Presenter. "'I had come to the end of my rope: 'Contemplating Suicide in Nazi Camps.'" Striking Gold in the Social Sciences: Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity. Southwestern Historical Association at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. San Diego, California, 4-7 April 2012.
- Presenter. "Suicide in the Holocaust Context: Searching for a Definition." The Transformative Power of the Social Sciences. Southwestern Historical Association at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Las Vegas, Nevada, 16-19 March 2011.
- Presenter. "Holocaust Representation in Heavy Metal Music Lyrics." The Transformative Power of the Social Sciences. Southwestern Sociological Association at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Las Vegas, Nevada, 16-19 March 2011.
- Presenter. "Hitler, the Holocaust, and Heavy Metal: Holocaust Memory in the Heavy Metal Subculture, 1980-2000." E Pluribus Unum: Integrating Our Scholarship. Southwestern Historical Association at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Houston, Texas, 31 March-3 April 2010.
- Presenter. "Suicide in Alexander Donat's *The Holocaust Kingdom*: Recovering 'Unrecorded Voices.'" The Holocaust and World War II: Perspectives from 70 Years. Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 22-24 October 2009.
- Workshop Participant. "Author Meets Teacher" Workshop on using Holocaust survivor memoirs in the classroom. My contribution of this panel discussion was an examination of Alexander Donat's *The Holocaust Kingdom* and how to use it in the undergraduate classroom. Lessons and Legacies X. Northwestern University, 30 October-2 November 2008.
- Presenter. "By Their Own Hand: Jewish Suicide as Resistance to Nazi Persecution?" The Ohio Academy of History Annual Meeting. Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, 7-8 April 2006.
- Presenter. "Jewish Suicide in the Concentration and Death Camps." Beyond Numbers, Beyond Names: The Experience of Holocaust Victims. Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, 2-4 April 2006.
- Presenter. "Holocaust Survivor Attitudes toward Jewish Suicide: A Preliminary Examination." Trajectories of Memory: Intergenerational Representation of the Holocaust in History and the Arts. Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 23-26 March 2006.
- Presenter. "The Portuguese Expedition to Abyssinia, 1541-1543: An Early Case Study of the Military Revolution Abroad." History: The Military and Society VI. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 5-6 November 1999.

## INVITED LECTURES

Guest Speaker. "American Entry into World War I: Wilson, U-Boat Warfare, and Public Opinion." Presented to Mr. E.P. Garth's World History Course, Jasper High School. Jasper, Texas, October 18, 2011.

Guest Speaker. "The 'Good Doctor:' The Life and Death of Janusz Korczak." Presented to Spindletop Unitarian Church. Beaumont, Texas, August 21, 2011.

Guest Speaker. "Behind Enemy Lines: Leif Oistad and the Norwegian Operations Group in World War II." Presented to the Webb Society Annual Chili Supper. Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, February 4, 2010.

Guest Speaker. "The Trials and Tribulations of a Graduate Student: Tips on Surviving Graduate School." Presented to Mu Chi Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta meeting. Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, October, 13, 2009.

Guest Speaker. "Problems and Perspectives on Researching Suicide during the Holocaust." Presented to Dr. Pamela Saur's class – Honors 3161: The Nazi Era in German Literature and Film. Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, September 22, 2009.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2013-2014 Lamar University Office of the Quality Enhancement Plan, ACES (Active and Collaborative Engagement for Students) Fellow, Cohort 5, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX.

2011 Lamar University Faculty Development Leave, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, Spring Semester 2011.

2008 Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty: *The Holocaust: Perpetrators, Victims, and Bystanders*, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Washington, D.C..

2006 Fellow, Leo Baeck Institute/DAAD Fellowship, Leo Baeck Institute for the Study of the History and Culture of German-Speaking Jewry, New York.

2005 Participant, Bradley University Berlin Summer Seminar. Held at the Europäische Akademie Berlin in cooperation with the Checkpoint Charlie Stiftung.

2005 Lloyd and Betty Lapp Travel Grant, The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio.

2004 Alternate, Fulbright Fellowship Program.

2004 Who's Who Among America's Teachers – nominated by a former student

2003 Robert N. Whiteford Memorial Achievement Scholarship, The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio.

2003 Lloyd & Betty Lapp Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in History, The University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

- 2002 Fellow, The Seventh Annual Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, Northwestern University. Sponsored by the Holocaust Educational Foundation.
- 1989-1994 Phi Beta Kappa, *cum laude* (both undergraduate degrees), With Honors (College of Biological Sciences), Alpha Lambda Delta / Phi Eta Sigma, Outstanding Sophomore Award, Golden Key National Honour Society, Dean's List, The Ohio State University; Columbus, Ohio.

### **DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

#### ***Departmental***

Department of History Undergraduate Advisor, 2011-  
 Department of History Graduate Studies Committee, 2007-  
 Department of History Scholarship Committee, 2007-2008, 2010-2011, 2013  
 Department of History Core Curriculum (HIST 1301-1302) Committee, 2007-2010  
 Department of History 3321-3322 Committee, 2007-  
 Department of History Department Chair Search Committee, 2008-2009  
 Department of History Departmental Advisory Committee, 2009-2010, 2011-2013  
 Department of History Asian Historian Search Committee, 2009-2010  
 Department of History Webpage Committee, 2007-  
 Department of History Publicity Coordinator, 2010-  
 Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2008-  
 Department Representative, Lamar University Open House/New Student Orientation, 2011-present

#### ***College and University***

Mentor for SMART (Support & Mentoring to Advance Research and Teaching) program, Center for Teaching and Learning Enhancement, 2014-2015  
 University Grade Review Committee, Chair, Summer and Fall 2014  
 Lamar University Faculty Senate, 2012-  
 Faculty Senate Distinguished Faculty Lecture Committee, 2012-  
 College of Arts & Sciences, Arts & Sciences Council, 2010-2012  
 College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Researchers and Teachers Committee, 2008, 2009  
 College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009  
 Lamar University Honors Council, 2008-2009  
 Faculty Advisor, Lamar Cycling Club, 2011-2012  
 Mentor, Texas Academy for Leadership in the Humanities (TALH), 2012-2013  
 Texas History Day Judge, 2010-present

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Peer Reviewer. *Lamar Journal of Humanities*. Summer 2014.

Peer Reviewer. *Global Americans: A History of the United States* by Maria Montoya, Laura Belmonte, Carl Guarneri, Steve Hackel, Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor, and Lon Kurashige. Textbook in development for Cengage Learning, June-July 2014.

Peer Reviewer. World History survey textbook. Wadsworth/Cengage Learning. June-August 2010.



Peer Reviewer. *The British Journal of Sociology*. Spring 2012.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE**

Interviewed in December 2012 by Kevin King, for “Ten Years Later,” an article on Saddam Hussein’s fall. Appeared in *University Press*, March 21, 2013.

Guest on Jack Pieper Radio Show (AM 1300 KSET): April 2010 – “World War II: European Theatre of Operations”

Guest on Jack Pieper Radio Show (AM 1300 KSET): May 2010 – “World War II: Pacific Theatre of Operations”

Interviewed Mr. Leif Oistad, World War II veteran and resident of Village Mills, TX, on 31 October 2009. Videotaped interview and related materials deposited in the Special Collections of the Mary and John Gray Library, Lamar University.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Historical Association  
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum  
Holocaust Museum Houston  
Dallas Holocaust Museum  
Southwestern Social Sciences Association  
Southwestern Historical Association  
German Studies Association  
Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society  
Delta Phi Alpha, Theta Upsilon Chapter, (National German Honor Society)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Holocaust survivor testimony  
Holocaust memory  
Genocide in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
The Nazi concentration camp experience  
Heavy metal music and historical representation

### **LANGUAGES:**

Fluent in English; basic reading and speaking competence in German.