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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D., Cornell University 2005  
M.A., Cornell University 1999  
B.A., St. Jerome's College, Waterloo, Canada 1996

**RESEARCH AREAS**

**TEACHING AREAS**

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The European Catholic revival (19<sup>th</sup>  
century)  
Religion and Modernity  
History of Philosophy

Modern European intellectual and  
cultural history  
Religion in the modern world  
Modern German history  
Holocaust Studies  
History and literature

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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State University of New York at Plattsburgh,  
➤ Chair, Department of History, 2018 – present.  
➤ Professor, 2018 – present.  
➤ Associate Professor, 2013 – 2018.  
➤ Assistant Professor, 2007- 2013  
➤ Lecturer, 2006-7

Cornell University, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2005-6  
State University of New York at Cortland, Instructor (adjunct), 2004-5  
Cornell University, Writing Instructor, 2002-4

**BOOKS**

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*The Teaching of Jesus*. Translation of Franz Brentano's *Die Lehre Jesu*. (under contract with Springer Verlag, manuscript submitted & being copy-edited)

**ARTICLES/CHAPTERS (refereed)**

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“Political restoration and its Effects on Theology, 1815-30,” *The Oxford Companion to German Theology*, Eds. David Lincicum, Judith Wolfe and Johannes Zachhuber (under contract).

- “Learning from Lasaulx: The Origins of Brentano’s Four Phases Theory,” *Franz Brentano and Austrian Philosophy*, Eds. Guillaume Fréchette, Denis Fisette and Friedrich Stadler (Springer Verlag) – forthcoming.
- “A Critique of Everyday Reason: Johann Michael Sailer and the Catholic Enlightenment in Germany,” *Intellectual History Review* 30 (2020).
- “Hopes and Dreams in *Fin-de-Siècle* Vienna: Brentano, History and the Jews,” *Brentano Studien* 16, Eds. Guillaume Fréchette and Denis Fisette, 2018.
- “A Genealogy of Protestant Reason,” *Archaeologies of Confession: Writing the German Reformation 1517-2017* Ed. Carina L. Johnson, David M. Luebke, Marjorie E. Plummer, and Jesse Spohnholz, New York: Berghahn, 2017.
- “Brentano’s Philosophy of Religion,” *Routledge Handbook of Brentano and the Brentano School* Ed. Uriah Kriegel, New York: Routledge, 2016.
- “Our Direction is Forward not Backward”: German Catholics and the Revolution of 1848,” *Selected Papers of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850* (2016).
- “Uncertainty: Reflecting on the Limits of Culture,” *Journal of Religion and Society* 17 (2015).
- “A.D. White and the History of a Religious Future,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 50.1 (March 2015).
- “Political Theology and Nineteenth Century Catholicism,” *Nineteenth Century Contexts* 36.3 (2014)
- “The Madness of Franz Brentano: Secularization and the History of Philosophy,” *History of European Ideas* 39.2 (2013).
- “True and False Enlightenment: German Scholars and the Discourse of Catholicism in the Nineteenth Century,” *Catholic Historical Review* 97.1 (January 2011).  
\*Awarded the Bailey Prize by the New York State Association of European Historians.
- “Religion, Culture and the Intellectuals,” *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions* 6 (2010).  
(Republished in *Cultural Clash and Religion* Ed. William Sweet, 2015)
- “Catholics and the First World War: Religion, Barbarism and the Reduction to Culture,” *First World War Studies* 1.2 (October 2010).
- “Restoring Faith in the Humanities: The Return of Religion,” *Journal of Contemporary Thought* 29 (Summer 2009).
- “Program for a New Catholic *Wissenschaft*: Devotional Activism and Catholic Modernity in the Nineteenth-Century,” *Modern Intellectual History* (November 2007).
- “Infallibility and Intentionality: Franz Brentano’s Diagnosis of German Catholicism” *Journal of the History of Ideas* (July 2007). \*Awarded the Selma Forkosch Prize for the best article published in the *JHI* in 2007.

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**ESSAYS (refereed)**

“Memory and Morality,” *Explorations in Media Ecology* 11.3/4 (2012).

“Intellectual History and the Return of Religion,” *Historically Speaking* 12.2 (2011).

“Let’s Talk About Religion,” *Perspectives on History* (American Historical Association), May 2010.

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### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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“Modern Philosophy,” *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (Berkshire, 2010).

“Catholic Cult of Miracles in France, Italy and Spain,” *World History Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2010).

“Erich Fromm,” *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to the Present*, ed. Immanuel Ness (Blackwell Press, 2009).

“The European Revolutions of 1848,” *The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest, 1500 to the Present*, ed. Immanuel Ness (Blackwell Press, 2009).

*Das Große China Lexikon* (WBG, Darmstadt, 2003). I was a member of a team translating this multi-volume work from German into English for Brill Academic Publishers (Leiden, Netherlands).

Regular Contributor to *German Culture News* (published by the Institute for German Culture Studies, Cornell University), 1996-2005

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### REVIEWS

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Review of Raymond Guess, *Politics and the Imagination* (Princeton University Press, 2010) in: The European Legacy 18.3 (2013).

Review of Oliver Cnyrim, *Aspekte eines konservativen Weltbilds. Hermann Wagens Staats- und Gesellschaftslexikon* (Mannheim: Mannheimer Historische Forschungen, 2005) in: H-German April 15, 2010.

Review of Suzanne Vromen, *Hidden Children of the Holocaust*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008) in: The European Legacy 15.2 (2010).

Review of Siegfried J. Schmidt, *Histories&Discourses. Rewriting Constructivism*. (Charlottesville, VA: Imprint Academic, 2007) in: The European Legacy 14.6 (2009).

Review of Babette E. Babich, *Words in Blood, Like Flowers. Philosophy and Poetry, Music and Eros in Hölderlin, Nietzsche, and Heidegger* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2006) in: The European Legacy 14.2 (2009).

Review of Gerald Stourzh, *From Vienna to Chicago and Back. Essays on Intellectual and Political Thought in Europe and America* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007) in: H-German March 21, 2008.

Review of Evelyn Cobley, *Temptations of Faust: The Logic of Fascism and Postmodern Archaeologies of Modernity* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2002) in: University of Toronto Quarterly 73.1 (Winter 2003) pp. 281-83

Review of Michael Steinberg, ed., *Walter Benjamin and the Demands of History* (Ithaca: Cornell U.P., 1996) in: German Culture News 5.2 (May 1997) pp.6, 19-20

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**ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (refereed)**

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“Camus and the Problem of God: Memory and Post-Secularity in *The Fall*” *The Problem with God: Christianity and Literature in Tension* An International Meeting of the Conference on Christianity & Literature (CLL), Cambridge Mass., March 29-30, 2019.

“Learning from Lasaulx: The Origins of Brentano’s Four Phases Theory” *Franz Brentano Centenary (1838-1917), Conference and Summer School*, Prague & Vienna, May 27-June 3, 2017. (invited)

“Just Another Luther? History, Repetition and the Production of Confessional Difference” *New York Association of European Historians Annual Meeting*, Albany, September 30-October 1, 2016.

“Portrait of a Recovering Catholic: Dante in 19th century German Catholic Scholarship” *American Society of Church History Annual Conference*, New York City, January 2-5, 2015.

“Rethinking Catholic Intellectual History” *International Society for Intellectual History Annual Conference*, Toronto, June 25-27, 2014.

“A Catholic Public Sphere?” *German Studies Association 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Milwaukee, October 4-7, 2012.

“A Genealogy of Protestant Reason” *German Studies Association 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Milwaukee, October 4-7, 2012.

“Poetry Wars: The Battle for Shakespeare, Dante, and Goethe” *New England Historical Association Annual Conference*, Boston, October 29, 2011.

“Why is Religion Always about Something Else?” delivered in conjunction with the panel “Uncovering the ‘Religious’ in Religious History.” *125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association*, Boston, January 6-9, 2011.

“Religion, Culture and the Intellectuals,” *Religion, Philosophy and the Question of a Clash of Cultures*, A Symposium sponsored by the Canadian Jacques Maritain Society in association with the Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities, Montreal (Canada), May 32 – June 1, 2010.

“History and the War between Science and Religion,” *Venice Summer School on Science and Religion*, Venice (Italy), May 25 – 28, 2010.

- “A New Time for Religion?” *Cultural Pluralism Revisited: Religious and Linguistic Freedoms* (12<sup>th</sup> Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality) sponsored by the Irmgard Coninx Foundation, Berlin (Germany), April 7 – 12, 2010.
- “Catholicism, Culture, and the Great War,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, Montreal, November 7-10, 2009.
- Commentator for session on “Religion,” *30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on New York State History*, Plattsburgh NY, June 4-5 2009.
- “Our Direction is Forward not Backward”: German Catholics and the Revolution of 1848” *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era*, Savannah Georgia, February 19-21, 2009.
- “The Catholic Revolutions of 1848?” *New York Association of European Historians, 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*, Syracuse NY, Sept. 19-20, 2008.
- “Catholic Revival, Devotional Activism and Political Theology.” *Third Annual International Symposium, Sussex Centre for the Individual and Society*, Paris (Institute for Political Studies), July 9-11, 2008.
- “Putting Enlightenment on Trial: German Scholars and the Discourse of Catholicism in the Nineteenth Century.” *American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Worcester Mass., April 7-8 2006.

#### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Listening for the Rhythms of the Past,” *Montreal Central European Studies Workshop*, Montreal, April 4, 2019.
- “Europe: Unity and Disunity in a Global Age,” Webinar, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, October 25, 2018.
- “Clarifying the Record,” *Holocaust Days of Remembrance*, SUNY Plattsburgh, April 12, 2018 (by invitation)
- “Approaches to Teaching Jewish Studies in the Twenty-first Century: Examining Best Practices in Curricular Design” (Panelist), Plattsburgh, October 18-19, 20017.
- “Program Assessment” (Panelist). *Tuning Talks. A Tuning Conference for SUNY Historians*, SUNY Cortland, September 22-23, 2017
- “Converting to Science: Faith and Reason in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.” *Student Association Faculty Showcase*, SUNY Plattsburgh, September 25, 2012 (by invitation)
- “Memory and Morality.” *Holocaust Days of Remembrance*, SUNY Plattsburgh, April 28, 2011 (by invitation)
- “Religious Uncertainty: New Perspectives on Faith and Reason for the Twenty-First Century.” *Karl Cron Lecture*, SUNY Plattsburgh, April 11, 2011 (by invitation)
- “Teaching Dangerously: Conscience and Controversy in the Classroom.” *The Joy of Teaching*, Plattsburgh NY, April 4, 2009

- “Converting to Contingency, or how I learned to stop worrying and love history”  
SUNY Plattsburgh History Association Lecture, October 25, 2007
- “The Munich Meeting of Catholic Scholars.” European History Colloquium  
(Cornell), September 2004
- “Catholic Revival: New Interpretations and Possibilities.” Society for the  
Humanities (Cornell), September 2003
- “Johann Michael Sailer and the Language of Catholic Theory.” German Studies  
Colloquium (Cornell), March 2003
- “The Project for a ‘Catholic Science’ in 1848.” European History Colloquium  
(Cornell), February 2002
- “Protestantism, Polemic and Catholic Self-articulation.” European History  
Colloquium (Cornell), October 2000
- “Karl Jaspers and the Question of German Guilt.” German Studies Colloquium  
(Cornell), March 1999
- “Walter Benjamin, Baroque Allegory and the Question of Philosophy.” Conference  
paper, Trent University: “Navigating the Future of Theory,” March 1997

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#### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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- SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2016.
- Summer Seminar, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Cornell  
University (2012)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Annual Seminar for Seminary and  
Religious Studies Faculty, June 18-22, 2012.
- Rabin Fellowship, SUNY Plattsburgh (Jewish Studies), 2012.
- Charles R. Bailey Memorial Prize for the best article in history produced by a  
member of the New York State Association of European Historians (2011)
- Winner, Essay Competition sponsored by the Irmgard Coninx Foundation for the  
12<sup>th</sup> Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality (April 7-11, 2010).
- Regional Visiting Fellow, Cornell Institute for European Studies, June 2009-present.
- PDIAP Grant(s), SUNY Plattsburgh, 2010-11 & 2011-12
- German Historical Institute Fellowship (for research at the Joseph P. Horner  
Memorial Library in Philadelphia, June 14-28, 2009).
- Selma Forkosch Award for the best article published in the *Journal of the History of  
Ideas* in 2007
- Messenger-Chalmers Dissertation Award (Cornell), 2006
- John S. Knight Institute Fellowship, Study of Student Writing (Cornell), 2003-4
- Mellon Fellowship, Dept. of History (Cornell), 2001-2
- Bowmar Fellowship (Cornell), Summer 2001
- Doctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), 1999-  
2001
- Doctoral Fellow, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), 1999-2000

Mario Einaudi Fellowship (Cornell), 1999-2000 (declined)  
Fellow, School of Criticism and Theory, 1998  
Sage Fellowship, Dept. of History (Cornell), 1996-7  
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 1996-7 (declined)  
University of Waterloo Prize for Philosophy (Waterloo), 1996

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### **COURSES DEVELOPED/TAUGHT**

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The Holocaust in History	Senior Capstone
Christians and Jews	Coming to America: Foreign Views of the United States
Germany, 1870-present	Western Civilization 1715 - Present
Modern Intellectual History	The Uses and Abuses of Historical Thinking
European Civilization 1815 – present	The Best of All Possible Worlds? History, Criticism, Satire
European Civilization 1400 – 1815	History, Memory, Forgetting
Religion in the Modern World	
European History, 1900 – 1939	
European History, 1939 – present	
Historical Practices	
Advanced Historical Practices	

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### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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Research Ambassador, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), 2010-present.  
Peer reviewer for Berghahn publishers.  
Peer reviewer for *ZYGON. Journal of Religion and Science*.  
Peer reviewer for *Journal of the History of Ideas*.  
Special Guest and Liaison, German Academic Exchange Service Conference (DAAD, Bonn), January 20-21, 2000.  
Conference Organizer, “Tracing the Temporal: New Trajectories in Intellectual and Cultural History” Graduate Student Conference, Cornell University, April 20-22 2006  
Conference Organizer, “The Culture of Politics; The Politics of Culture” Graduate Student Conference, Cornell University, November 1997

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### **SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE**

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Member, Assessment Committee (Middle States Review), 2020 – present.  
Member, Search Committee for Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences, 2019.  
Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Committee, 2018 – present.  
Co-Chair, Feinberg Library Research Prize, 2016 – present.  
Member, Faculty Senate Committee to Review By-Laws, 2016 – 2018.  
Member, External Review Panel, 2015 – 2018.  
Member, CAS Audit Committee, 2015 – 2019.

Member, Board of Directors, CAS (College Auxiliary Services), 2013 – 2019 & 2020 – present.

Member, Campus Plan Action Committee “Strengthen the Support for Student Services,” 2012 – 2013.

Chair, Faculty Senate Committee for Curricula and Programs, 2012 – 2014.

Member, Senate Executive Committee, 2012 – 2014.

Faculty Senator, 2012 – 2014.

External Member, Search Committee for Lecturer in Geography, 2012.

Member, Search Committee for Dean of LIS, 2011 – 2012.

Member, Honors Council, 2012 – present.

Member, TLTAG (Teaching and Learning Technology Advisory Group), 2011 – 2012.

Faculty Senate Committee for Curricula and Programs, 2010 – 2014.

Coordinator, Religious Studies Minor 2010 – 2019.

Instructional Technology Mentor, SUNY Plattsburgh, 2008 – 2010.

Member, Faculty Taskforce on Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence, SUNY Plattsburgh, 2008 – 2011.

#### **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

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Dept. Chair, 2018 – current.

Dept. Representative to the UUP, 2017 – 2018.

Member, Peer Review Group, 2015 – 2018.

Assessment & Retention Committee, 2012 – 2018.

Student Awards Committee, 2011 – 2015.

Search Committee, History Department, 2011-12

Web Coordinator, History Department, 2009 – 2018.

Search Committee, History Department, 2008-9.

Faculty Advisor, The History Association, 2008 – 2012.

#### **LANGUAGES**

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German (fluent)

French (good reading comprehension)

#### **REFERENCES**

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