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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, U.C.L.A. (September 1994)

Dissertation: *Implicit meanings and self-representations in official correspondence and accounting: Regensburg, 1467-1561*

Dissertation Committee: Claus-Peter Clasen (co-chair), David Sabean (co-chair), Robert Brenner, and Jeffrey Alexander

M.A. in History, U.C.L.A. (June 1987)

Master's Papers:

Conceptions of poor relief in sixteenth-century Strasbourg (for David Sabean)

Recent literature on German urban history (for Claus-Peter Clasen)

Presuppositions in history (for Peter H. Reill)

B.A. in English, August 1981, and in **French**, June 1985, University of Wisconsin-Madison

BOOKS

Third Edition of *History in Crisis? Recent Directions in Historiography*, New York: Pearson International, 2014.

The European Renaissance and Reformation (1350-1600), volume one of *World Eras*, Detroit: Gale Group, 2001. Volume Editor.

Authored: *Editor's Introduction*

Geography (Chapter 2)

Communication, Transportation and Exploration (Chapter 4)

Co-authored: *Politics, Law, and the Military* (Chapter 6)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Politics, Law, and the Military" (co-author of Chapter 6) in *Medieval Europe (814-1350)*, volume four of *World Eras*, Detroit: Gale Group, 2002, pp. 187-244.

"Conceptions of Poor Relief in Sixteenth-Century Strasbourg" in the *UCLA Historical Journal*, Volume 8, 1987, pp. 4-25.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Marxism, Modernism, and Postmodernism

Contested Meanings of Community in Early-Modern Germany: Citizenship, the 1519 Expulsion of the Jews, and the 1542 Adoption of Lutheranism in the Free Imperial City of Regensburg.

SPECIALIZATION

European History: European History from the Renaissance-Reformation Era through the twentieth century, Historiography, and Western Civilization

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007- Professor of History, Messiah College
- 2003-2007 Associate Professor of History, Messiah College
- 2001-2003 Associate Professor of History, Methodist College
- 1998-2001 Assistant Professor of History, Methodist College
- 1992-1998 Assistant Professor of History, Xavier University
- 1991-1992 and 1986-1988 UCLA Teaching Assistant

AWARDS

- 2014 Recipient of a one-semester Research Sabbatical from Messiah College for the 2014-2015 academic year
- 2004 Recipient of a Messiah College *Vocation Grant*
- 2003 Methodist College *Professor of the Year*
- 2002 Winner of an *Editors' Choice Award* from *Booklist*. The editors of *Booklist*, a publication of the American Library Association, awarded *Editors' Choice Awards* to a total of 154 books published in 2001. Awards were given to outstanding books in seven different categories. My volume of *World Eras, European Renaissance and Reformation* was one of twenty-nine books under the *Reference* category.
- 2002 The series *World Eras*, of which my book *European Renaissance and Reformation* was the first volume, was named as one of the "Twenty Best Bets for Student Researchers" by *Booklist* (American Library Association).
- 1996 Recipient of a Fall Semester Research Sabbatical from Xavier University
- 1995 Xavier University Nominee for NEH Summer Stipend
- 1991-92 Nominee for a UCLA Teaching Award
- 1991-92 UCLA Teaching Fellow
- 1990-91 UCLA University Fellowship
- 1988-90 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service Dissertation Scholarship)
- 1987-88 Nominee for a UCLA Teaching Award
- 1987 Theodore Saloutos Award (*outstanding* graduate student publication)
- 1986-88 UCLA Teaching Assistant
- 1985-86 UCLA University Fellowship
- 1985 National Finalist for a Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities
- 1983 DAAD Summer Scholarship (German Academic Exchange Service)

PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator and Commentator for Sarah Gross's presentation *Sustainable Development in Eastern Congo: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of the Relationship Between Development, Peace, and Sustainability* at the Messiah College Spring 2014 Humanities Symposium
- The Discursive Practices of Faith and History* the Annual History Department Faith and History Lecture at Messiah College (November 2013)
- Textbook Redux* as part of a panel entitled *Not Your Grandfather's Book: The Transforming History Textbook* at the Messiah College Spring 2012 Humanities Symposium
- Moderator and Commentator for a panel on *Public Friendship and Civility in the Humanities* at the Messiah College Spring 2011 Humanities Symposium

- Fictive Friends and Acquaintances* as part of a panel entitled *Becoming Acquainted with the History of Friendship* at the Messiah College Spring 2011 Humanities Symposium
- German Life and the Nazi Rise to Power* a Lecture for the *One Book for One County* Program at Simpson Public Library (October 2010)
- Moderator for *Who is Afraid of American Religion?* by Alan Wolfe at Messiah College (February 2009)
- Moderator for *Reflections of a Holocaust Survivor* by Hilda Mantelmacher at Messiah College (November 2008)
- Imagining the Unimaginable: Genocide in Germany and Rwanda* at the Messiah College Spring 2006 Humanities Symposium
- Moderator and Commentator for *Award-Winning Student/Graduate Student Papers on 20th Century Europe* panel at the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society's 2006 Biennial Convention (Philadelphia, January 2006)
- Bürgerschaft and Bürgerrecht in the Free Imperial City of Regensburg, Frühe Neuzeit* Interdisziplinär (The Conference Group for Early Modern German Studies) Fourth International Interdisciplinary Conference on Orthodoxies and Diversities in Early Modern German-Speaking Europe (Duke University, April 2005)
- Responses to European History and the Postmodern Turn*, Conference on Faith and History (Hope College, October 2004)
- Commentary on Edward B. Davis's paper *Is There a Christian History of Science?* Faith in the Academy Conference (Messiah College, September 2004)
- Postcolonialism and the Future of History* (Messiah College, April 2004)
- The Curtailment of Lutheranism in Bavaria*, American Society of Church History Spring Meeting (Harrisburg, PA, March 2004)
- History in Crisis?* Fayetteville State University (November 1999)
- Religious Resistance from Above: The 1542-1546 Economic Embargo Against the Free Imperial City of Regensburg*, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference (Toronto, October 1998)
- Late-Medieval Communalism Reconsidered*, American Society of Church History Spring Meeting (Vanderbilt Divinity School, April 1997)
- Private Interest, Civic Virtue, and the Communal Ideal*, Cincinnati Seminar on the City co-sponsored by the Cincinnati Historical Society and the University of Cincinnati History Department (March 1997)
- Political Vicissitudes and the Ideal of Community: The Attribution of Political and Financial Responsibility during a Fifteenth-Century Feud*, Ohio Academy of History Annual Meeting (Ohio Wesleyan University, April 1996)
- Regensburg's Anti-Jewish Politics, 1470-1519*, Midwest Association of Medieval Studies' 34th Annual Meeting (Northern Illinois University, October 1995)
- Chair of "Late Medieval Apocalypticism and Popular Piety," Midwest Association of Medieval Studies' 33rd Annual Meeting (Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, October 1994)
- The Myth of Ritual Murder*, Faculty Research Forum (Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 1994)
- Round-table discussant at "Exploring the Early Modern City" an NEH funded conference held at The William Andrews Clark Memorial Library in Los Angeles (October 1993)

FOREIGN RESEARCH AND STUDY

- Director of Xavier University's Summer Program in Strobl, Austria** (1996 and 1997)
- University of Regensburg, Germany** (1988-1990 and 1983-1984)

Archival research in Regensburg, Munich, and Vienna funded by a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) dissertation scholarship under the supervision of Professor Heinz Angermeier of the University of Regensburg (September 1988 - August 1989 and April 1990 - August 1990)

General Studies in the Departments of History and German (1983-1984)

University of Oulu, Finland (September 1989 - March 1990)

Studied Finnish and Linguistics in the Departments of Finnish and German

University of Helsinki, Finland (language courses, summer 1986 and 1987)

Institute d'Études Françaises de Touraine (University of Tours), France (summer 1980)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Member of the Executive Board of the Center for Public Humanities, Messiah College (2004-2008 and 2013-present)

Member of the Messiah College Community of Educators Senate (2005-2011 and 2014-present)

Adviser for Kappa Nu, the Messiah College chapter of Phi Alpha Theta [International Honor Society in History] (2003-present)

Judge for Pennsylvania History Day (2004-present)

Member of the Messiah College Curriculum Committee (2011-2013)

Coordinator of the Cultural Studies Dialogue, a Humanities Roundtable Reading Group supported by the Center for Public Humanities, Messiah College (2010)

Chair, Department of History, Messiah College (2006-2010)

Interim Director of the Center for Public Humanities, Messiah College (2008-2009)

Member of the Messiah College General Education Committee (2004-2008)

Chair, Department of History, Methodist College (2001-2003)

Founding Adviser of the Methodist College chapter of Phi Alpha Theta [International Honor Society in History] (2003)

Secretary of the Parent Teacher Association at Cumberland Road Elementary School (2002-2003) and coach of Fayetteville Youth Soccer (1999-2003)

Coordinator of the International Studies Program at Methodist College (1998-2001)

Member of Methodist College Program Planning Committee (1999-2003), Affirmative Action Committee (2001-2002), and Publications Committee (1999-2000)

Member of Methodist College Search Committee for a World History Historian (Summer 2000 and Spring 2001) and Modern European Historian (Spring 1999)

Coordinator of Xavier University's 1996 United Way Campaign and Assistant Coordinator of 1995 United Way Campaign

Adviser for Kappa Nu, the Xavier University chapter of Phi Alpha Theta [International Honor Society in History] (1994-1997), instituted an annual Phi Alpha Theta Student Colloquia (since 1994) and an annual Recognition Ceremony for Graduating Seniors (since 1993)

Member of Xavier University's Search Committees for African/Asian Historian (1997), U.S. Women's Historian (1995), and Modern France Historian (1993)

Member of the Xavier University Commencement Committee (1995-1997)

Member of the Xavier University "President's Task Force on Student Athletes" (1994-1995), chaired Group #3 of the "President's Task Force" and participated in a 1996 video concerning Xavier's "Strategic Plan for Academic/Athletic Advising"

Executive Council "Member at Large" of the Xavier University chapter of the American Association of University Professors (1994-1996), and member (1993-1997)