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Faculty Positions

Director of the Global Studies Program

- Chair of the Global Perspective Committee
- Alfred University, Alfred NY, January 2021-Present

Associate Professor of History

- Chair of the Division of Human Studies (History, Philosophy, Religion), July 2025-Present
- Division of Human Studies, Alfred University, Alfred NY, July 2025-Present

Assistant Professor of History

- Division of Human Studies, Alfred University, Alfred NY, August 2020-July 2025

Visiting Lecturer of History

- Division of Human Studies, Alfred University, Alfred NY, August 2017-August 2020

Education

Ph.D. History, 2020, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

- Dissertation Title: *Infighting at the Front: Officers, Bureaucrats, and Politicians at War in German-Occupied Russian Poland, 1914–1915*
- Major Fields: Modern Germany; Modern Russia
- Minor Fields: Imperialism in East Asia; Global First World War

M.A. History, 2016, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

M.A. History, 2010, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

- Thesis Title: *Taking Their Place: Noncommissioned Officers in the Russian Revolution*

B.A. Majors in History and Political Science, 2008, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Books

- *Broken Ground: Building Germany's Occupation of Poland in the First World War*, Oxford, UK: Peter Lang, March 2025
- "Dangerous Duality: Experiencing and Remembering Civil-Military Conflict during Germany's Occupation of Poland, 1914-1918," in *German-Occupied Europe in the Second World War*, London: Routledge Press, 2019

Book Reviews

- *Przemysł, Poland: A Multiethnic City During and After a Fortress, 1867-1939*, by John E. Fahey, in *Central European History*, September 2024

Research Awards & Grants

- *Outstanding Dissertation Award* (Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences), University of Rochester, 2021; \$1,000 prize donated to the USO in memory of Captain Dave Lyon
- *Peter Lang 2020 Young Scholars Competition for German Studies in America*, winner in History category including a publication contract for a fully funded book
- *German Historical Institute Doctoral Fellowship*, research in German-American history at Rockefeller Archive Center, through the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, 2017
- (Declined) *Raymond N. Ball Dissertation Fellowship*, University of Rochester, 2017-2018
- *DAAD Research Grant – Kurzstipendium*, 4 months of dissertation research, based at the Bibliothek für Zeitgeschichte at the Württembergische Landesbibliothek Stuttgart, German Academic Exchange Service - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), 2016

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- *DAAD German Studies Research Grant*, 2.5 months of pre-dissertation research, German Academic Exchange Service - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), 2015
- *Sanford Elwitt Memorial Prize for Research in European History*, University of Rochester, 2015
- *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow*, Polish, US Dept. of Education, 2009-2010

Selected Panels & Presentations

- “*Foals, Farmsteads, and Forests: Ecological Encounters in First World War Russian Poland*” on the panel, *War and Diversity Beyond the Battlefield: Cultural Encounters in the Polish Lands, 1914–1923* at the 4th International Congress of Polish History in Kraków, Poland, 19–22 October 2022
- “*Ecological Encounters in First World War Poland*,” The Great(er) War of Military Occupations in Europe, Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society, Brussels, Belgium, 23-25 June 2022
- “*Transcultural China in the Classroom and Community*,” Panel Chair, ASIANetwork Conference, Geneva, NY, 8-10 April 2022
- “*Broken Ground: Building Germany’s Occupation of Poland in the First World War*,” New York State Association of European Historians, 16 October 2021
- “*Building Germany’s Occupation of Poland in the First World War*,” German Studies Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 1-3 October 2021
- “*Food Aid in the First World War: The American Rockefeller Foundation in German-occupied Poland, 1914-1916*,” German Studies Association Conference, Portland, OR, 3-6 October 2019
- “*Military or Civil-Military Occupation? Contradictory Priorities on Germany's First World War Eastern Front*,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH, 9-12 May 2019
- “*For us Americans of Polish descent, war broke out on September 1st, 1939*”: *The Divided Loyalties of the Sienkiewicz Youth Circle*,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, as part of the Polish-American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 5 January 2019
- “*Failure as an Option: The Tumultuous First Year of Germany's Occupation of Russian Poland, 1914-1915*,” Blockkolloquium of the Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Polenstudien (ZIP), Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, 6 July 2018
- “*The Magic Name of ‘Rockefeller’: American Philanthropists in German-Occupied Poland, 1914–1915*,” Society for German-American Studies Symposium, Indianapolis, IN, 20 April 2018
- “*Infighting at the Front: Officers, Bureaucrats, and Politicians at war in German-occupied Russian Poland, 1914-1915*,” German Historical Institute Colloquium, Washington DC, 18 January 2018
- “*Konferenz der Kreischefs, 26-27 April 1915: Civil-Military Clashes over the Future of German-Occupied Russian Poland*,” German Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, 5-8 October 2017
- “*German-occupied Europe in the Second World War*,” Seminar presenter, German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA, 29 September-2 October 2016

Selected Teaching

- Independent studies and senior thesis supervisions: *Interwar European Authoritarianism, Civil War Leadership, Gender in Tudor England, Ukraine and Russia, Taiwan, Yemeni Civil War, Looting Art: WWII to Present, The Holocaust, Women and War*
- HIST 340 *Ukraine: Between Putin and Trump*
- HIST 330 *Southern Africa*
- HIST 388 *Nation and Empire in Eastern Europe*
- HIST 107 *The World in the 20th Century*
- HIST/POLS 321 *The History of Fascism*
- HIST/ARTH 391 *Looting Europe: How Hitler Stole the Continent’s Art*
- HIST 300 *West Africa*
- HIST 300 *Modern Warfare*
- HIST 304 *Historians Craft: The Past*

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- HIST 300 *Putin's Russia*
- HIST 358 *Modern China*
- HIST 162: *Modern East Asia*
- GLBS 101 *Intro to Global Studies*

Selected Faculty Fellowships, Funding, and Grants

- *Alfred University International Fellowship for Faculty Development*, for “Taiwan: Crossroads of East Asian History,” travel to Taiwan, Summer 2024
- *AsiaNetwork Speaker's Bureau Grant* to bring St. Olaf Professor Karil Kucera to AU, Spring 2022
- *Alfred University International Fellowship for Faculty Development*, for “Connecting Past and Present in Southern Africa,” travel to Namibia and Botswana, Spring 2020

Alfred University Community Presentations

- “*Art and the U.S. Army*,” Bergren Forum, 23 February 2023
- “*World War 2 in the Balkans*,” 12 April 2022
- “*Ukraine Roundtable*,” 28 February 2022
- “*Alfred Students in Germany (Travel in Covid Times)*,” Bergren Forum, 17 February 2022
- “*'Monuments Men' of the 21st Century*,” Bergren Forum, 7 October 2021
- “*9/11 and Afghanistan: Twenty Years Later Roundtable*,” 9 September 2021
- “*Origins of World War II Roundtable*,” 10 September 2019
- “*The First World War and its Eastern Front*,” Bergren Forum, 21 February 2019
- “*Human Flow, Globalization, and Artists' Interventions*,” Roundtable, 20 February 2019
- “*First World War Roundtable*,” 11 November 2018
- “*Socialism: Then and Now Roundtable*,” 8 November 2017

International Academic Programs

- Co-Leader, German Autos and History, Cooperative State University Baden Württemberg (DHBW), Heidenheim, Germany, January 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- NAFSA Workshop Certification for 1. Managing the Education Abroad Office, and 2. Risk Assessment and Crisis Management in Ed. Abroad Programming, Washington D.C., May 2019
- European University Viadrina Summer School of Interdisciplinary Polish and German Studies, Frankfurt (an der Oder) / Slubice, Summer 2018
- Varia Polish Language Center, Krakow, Poland, Summer, 2018
- Varia Polish Language Center, Krakow, Poland, Summer, 2015
- German School, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, Summer, 2014
- Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, Polish for Foreigners, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
- Syracuse University Strasbourg Center, Strasbourg, France, Alsatian family homestay, Fall 2007
- Cambridge University International Summer School, Cambridge, UK, Summer 2006

Military Service

May 2022-Present, U.S. Army Reserve Civil Affairs Officer

- U.S. Army Monuments Officer Training (AMOT), Smithsonian Institution, August 2022, 2023
- UK Ministry of Defense Cultural Property Protection Practitioner Course, April 2024

2008-2016, U.S. Army Reserve Combat Engineer Officer

- Deployed to Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan, March 2013-February 2014
- Deputy Engineer Chief of an Infrastructure Training Advisory Team of 20 American, Canadian, and German advisors, who trained Afghan National Security Forces
- Liaison Officer in the NATO Regional Command-North (German Bundeswehr) Headquarters
- Awarded: Bronze Star Medal, NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal