

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD (*Dr. Phil*) with highest honors in History 2017 – 2021

Heidelberg University, Germany

Dissertation: “Conservative Mujahideen. Young Americans for Freedom’s Crusade for Conservatism”

Advisors: Prof. Dr. Manfred Berg, PD Dr. Martin Thunert, Darren Dochuk, PhD (Notre Dame University)

M.A. in History 2014 – 2017

Heidelberg University, Germany

Master’s thesis: “Sock it to the Left! Young Americans for Freedom in the Sixties and early Seventies” („*Sock it to the Left! ‘Young Americans for Freedom in den 60er- und frühen 70er-Jahren*“)

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Manfred Berg

B.A. in History and Political Science 2011 – 2014

Heidelberg University, Germany

Bachelor’s thesis: “Concepts and images of history in *Civilization* and *Total War*” („*Geschichtsdarstellung und Geschichtsbilder in Civilization und Total War*“)

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Cord Arendes

Kurfürst-Friedrich-Gymnasium Heidelberg 2002 – 2011

Research Experience

Doctoral Researcher 2017 –

Heidelberg University, Germany

Research Associate at the Curt-Engelhorn-Chair for American History 2020 –

Member of the DFG Research Training Group 2244 “Authority and Trust” 2017 – 2020

Archival Research in the United States 2018 – 2019

Hoover Institution at Stanford, Sterling Memorial Library at Yale et al.

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| (Graduate) Research Assistant | 2014 – 2016 |
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Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Created and organized a database of photographs taken at the Assur Excavations 1903 – 1913.

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Stefan M. Maul

Administrative Experience

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| Science and Research Management | 2020 – |
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Heidelberg University, Germany

Planned and directed events (both on-site and digital) such as the History Department's contribution to Prospective Student Information Day, Freshmen Orientation Week and Exam Preparation courses. Administered the Schurman Library for American History.

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| Academic self-government | 2014 – 2016 |
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Heidelberg University, Germany

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| Student member of the advisory committee of the rectorate on distribution of Quality Assurance Funds (Qualitätssicherungsmittel) | 2014 – 2015 |
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Reviewed proposals, coordinated administrative processes with student body and held contact with applicants. Participated in the decisions on distribution of the funds.

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| Student member of the board of the Faculty of Philosophy | 2016 |
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| Deputy student member of the board of the History department | 2014 – 2016 |
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| Student government | 2013 – 2021 |
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Heidelberg University, Germany

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| Chairman of the student body (as independent candidate) | 2013 – 2014 |
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Established institutional basis of the newly founded student government, including hiring and supervising several student and non-student employees. Organized and led sessions of the executive committee. Collaborated and coordinated with the university administration, the public, and the rectorate.

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| Member of the student body arbitration committee (<i>Schlichtungskommission</i>) | 2014 – 2018 |
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Resolved internal conflicts within the student body. Directed the scrutiny of elections.

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| Active member of the student body at the History Department | 2013 – 2021 |
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Planned and conducted different events for the student body, most notably the commencement ceremonies of the department.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

2019 –

Heidelberg University, Germany

Courses:

“Native Americans in the History of North America” (*„Native Americans in der Nordamerikanischen Geschichte“*), 2022

“The American Constitution” (*„Die Amerikanische Verfassung“*), 2021

“American Conservatism since World War II” (*„Der Amerikanische Konservatismus seit dem Zweiten Weltkrieg“*), 2020

“Whither America. The ‘Long Sixties’ as a crossroads in American history” (*„Whither America? Die „Langen Sechziger“ als wegweisende Epoche der amerikanischen Geschichte“*), 2019

Conference Talks & Publications

“Civil Rights & Civil Wrongs.” How the Right Responded and Responds to Demands by Civil Rights Activists. *HCA Graduate Blog* (ISSN: 2628-278X), 1/12/2022.

“Vietnam as a Transformative Moment for U.S. Authority – a Historical Case Study”, presented at the workshop “The Shifting Patterns of Global Authority: Driving Foreign Policy Change?” at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies, 9/17/2018.

“You Can’t Put a Price Tag on Freedom.” Challenging East-West trade policy in the 1960s. *HCA Graduate Blog* (ISSN: 2628-278X), 5/6/2020.

„Young Authoritarians and Lazy Fairies. Konservative Grabenkämpfe zwischen Traditionalisten und Libertären in den 1960er-Jahren“, presented at the Klausurkolloquium Lehrstuhl für Amerikanische Geschichte Heidelberg/Zeitgeschichte Mannheim, Löwenstein 10/24/2019.

Grants & Awards

Ruprecht-Karls Prize 2022

Doctoral Fellow at Notre Dame University, USA (via the Max-Kade-Foundation New York, cancelled because of the pandemic) 2020

Doctoral Fellow at the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C. 2018

Other Skills & Experiences

IT

Proficient in using video conference tools (BigBlueButton, WebEx, Zoom, MS Teams). Partook in international scholarly video conferences as Technical Supervisor.

Competent at all prevalent Office applications like MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, etc.

Basic working knowledge in programming and scripting languages like Visual Basic for Applications (VBA), Lua, etc.

Languages

Native German. Full Professional English. Elementary Spanish, Russian, and Japanese.

Latin (*Großes Latinum*), Ancient Greek (*Graecum*), Biblical Hebrew (*Hebraicum*), Akkadian.

Other

Substitute teacher for Recorder, School of Music Heidelberg (2021).

Church Organist at St. Thomas, Heidelberg and St. Michael, Mannheim (since 2013); St. Paul, Heidelberg (2012–2022); Seniorenresidenz Augustinum, Heidelberg (2017–2022); Hope Lutheran Church, Fremont, USA (2018).

Chairman of Hexenturm e.V. (since 2020), a voluntary association supporting scientific and social exchange between students of History and related subjects.