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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2002-present    Research Fellow and Editor, German Historical Institute, Washington DC  
                    (Editor, *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*)  
2000-2002      Research Fellow, German Historical Institute, Washington DC  
1995-2000      Assistant Professor of History, University of Maryland, College Park  
1993-1995      Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for European Studies, Harvard University  
1991-1993      Assistant Professor of History, University of Maryland, College Park

**ADJUNCT TEACHING**

2008/2005      Adjunct Associate Professor, BMW Center for German and European Studies,  
                    Georgetown University

**EDUCATION**

1985-1991      STANFORD UNIVERSITY, *Ph.D.* in History (September 1991)  
                    Major field: Modern European History; minor field: Russian History  
1988-89        FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN  
                    Exchange student in the Department of History  
1984-85        COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, *Master of Arts* (May 1985)  
                    Major field: Modern European History  
1981-84        SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, *Bachelor of Arts* with High Honors (May 1984)  
                    History major; minors in English Literature and Political Science  
Spring 1983    UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE, Switzerland, Ecole de Langue et Civilisation Françaises  
                    *Certificat d'études françaises modernes* (July 1983)  
1980-81        UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE, Département des sciences économiques et sociales  
                    Passed 1st-yr exams for *Licence ès sciences politiques mention études internationales*

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2000-03      Research Fellowship, German Historical Institute, Washington DC  
1994-95      Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant  
1993-94      James Bryant Conant Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for European Studies,  
Harvard Univ.  
1993          National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend  
1992          General Research Board Summer Research Award, University of Maryland  
1991-92      Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Science Research Council Berlin Program  
(declined)  
1990-91      Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fund Dissertation Fellowship  
1989-90      Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center  
1989-90      Honorary Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellow, Woodrow Wilson National  
Fellowship Foundation  
1988-89      German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Fellowship in Berlin  
1988-89      Harris Travel Fellowship, Stanford University  
1987-88      Predoctoral Research Fellowship, Stanford University  
1985-87      History Fellow, Stanford University  
1984-85      Fellowship of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University  
1984          Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Second book in progress

*The Politics of Punishment in Modern Germany: Reforming Criminal Justice, 1870-1970*

Book manuscript in progress, under contract with University of North Carolina Press;  
manuscript delivery fall 2010.

### Edited books in progress

*Crime and Criminal Justice in Modern Germany*

edited by R. Wetzell, under contract with Berghahn Books; manuscript delivery 12/2009

*Engineering Society: The Scientization of the Social in Comparative Perspective, 1880-2000*

co-edited with Kerstin Brückweh (GHI London), Dirk Schumann (University of  
Göttingen) and Benjamin Ziemann (University of Sheffield); book proposal currently  
undergoing peer review at Palgrave-Macmillan.

### **Edited books in progress (continued)**

*Madness and Crime: Comparative Historical Perspectives on Forensic Psychiatry*

co-edited with Ivan Crozier (University of Edinburgh) and Harry Oosterhuis (Maastricht University); chapters currently being written by contributors for submission in spring 2010

*Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking Nazi Germany*

co-edited with Devin Pendas (Boston College) and Mark Roseman (Indiana University); currently assembling chapters and preparing book proposal for Cambridge UP, which has expressed interest in publishing the volume.

### **Articles in progress (selected)**

“Nazi Criminal Justice and the International Penal Reform Movement” to be submitted in 2010 to *Journal of Contemporary History*, for special issue on “Social Engineering and National Socialism: Transnational Perspectives”

“The Search for a Scientific Solution to the Crime Problem, 1880-1945,” to be published in *Engineering Society: The Scientization of the Social in Comparative Perspective, 1880-2000*, edited by Kerstin Brückweh, Dirk Schumann, Richard Wetzell and Benjamin Ziemann

“Biopolitics, Science, and Nazism,” to be published in *Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking Nazi Germany*, edited by Devin Pendas, Mark Roseman, and Richard Wetzell

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books: Monograph**

2000 *Inventing the Criminal: A History of German Criminology, 1880-1945*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000.

#### **Books: Edited**

2006 *Criminals and Their Scientists: The History of Criminology in International Perspective*, co-edited with Peter Becker (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006)

#### **Edited Special Issue**

2005 Special issue “Sexuality in Modern German History,” *German History*, vol. 23, issue 3 (Fall 2005), guest-edited by Edward R. Dickinson and Richard F. Wetzell.

## PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

### Articles and Chapters

- 2010 "Bio-Wissenschaften und Kriminalität: Eine historische Perspektive." In *Gefährliche Menschenbilder - Biowissenschaften, Gesellschaft und Kriminalität*, edited by Lorenz Böllinger, et al. Baden-Baden: Nomos, in press, forthcoming 2010.
- 2009 "Psychiatry and Criminal Justice in Modern Germany, 1880-1933." *Journal of European Studies* 39 (2009): 270-289.
- 2008 "Die Rolle medizinischer Experten in Strafrecht und Strafrechtsreformbewegung: Eine Medikalisierung des Strafrechts?" In *Experten und Expertenwissen in der Strafrecht von der Frühen Neuzeit bis zur Moderne*, edited by Alexander Kästner and Sylvia Kesper-Biermann, 57-71. Leipzig: Meine-Verlag, 2008.
- 2007 "Der Verbrecher und seine Erforscher: Die deutsche Kriminologie in der Weimarer Republik und im Nationalsozialismus." *Jahrbuch der Juristischen Zeitgeschichte* 8 (2006/2007): 256-279. [rev. translation of 2006 article "Criminology in Weimar and Nazi Germany"]
- 2006 "Criminology in Weimar and Nazi Germany." In *Criminals and Their Scientists: The History of Criminology in International Perspective*, edited by Peter Becker and Richard F. Wetzell, 401-423. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- 2006 (with Peter Becker) "Criminals and Their Scientists: Introduction." In *Criminals and Their Scientists: The History of Criminology in International Perspective*, edited by Peter Becker and Richard Wetzell, 1-22. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- 2005 (with Edward R. Dickinson) "The Historiography of Sexuality in Modern Germany". *German History* 23 (2005): 291-305.
- 2004 "From Retributive Justice to Social Defense: Penal Reform in Fin-de-Siècle Germany." In *Germany at the Fin de Siècle: Culture, Politics, and Ideas*, edited by Suzanne Marchand and David Lindenfeld, 59-77. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2004.
- 2003 "Kriminalbiologische Forschung an der Deutschen Forschungsanstalt für Psychiatrie in der Weimarer Republik und im Nationalsozialismus" [Criminal-biological research at the German Research Institute for Psychiatry in Weimar and Nazi Germany]. In *Rassenforschung an Kaiser-Wilhelm-Instituten vor und nach 1933*, edited by Hans-Walter Schmuhl, 68-98. Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2003.

### Articles and Chapters (continued)

- 2001 "Penal Reform in Modern Germany, 1880-1945." *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* 28 (Spring 2001): 83-89.
- 1996 "The Medicalization of Criminal Law Reform in Imperial Germany." In *Institutions of Confinement: Hospitals, Asylums and Prisons in Western Europe and North America, 1500-1950*, edited by Norbert Finzsch and Robert Jütte, 275-284. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

### Contributions to Reference Works

- 2010 "Gustav Aschaffenburg: German criminology." In *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, edited by Francis T. Cullen and Pamela Wilcox. Thousand Oaks: Sage, forthcoming 2010. (Ms. has been delivered)
- 1995 Main contributor, sections on "War and Revolution, 1914-1919" and "Weimar Republic" in *AHA Guide to Historical Literature*, 3d ed. (New York/Oxford, 1995), 984-986, 986-989.

### Conference Reports in *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*

Over a dozen conference reports published in the *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute* (1998-present), including: "German History in the Nineteenth Century," *Bulletin of the GHI* 45 (Fall 2009): 91-97; "Early Modern German History," *Bulletin of the GHI* 43 (Fall 2008): 158-162; "German History, 1945-1990," *Bulletin of the GHI* 41 (Fall 2007): 119-124; "German History, 1930-1960," *Bulletin of the GHI* 39 (Fall 2006): 158-163; "German History, 1890-1930," *Bulletin of the GHI* 37 (Fall 2005): 115-119; "Sexuality in Modern German History," *Bulletin of the GHI* 34 (Spring 2004): 137-146; "Commissioning History in the United States, Germany, and Austria: Historical Commissions, Victims, Restitution, and World War II," *Bulletin of the GHI* 32 (Spring 2002): 170-179.

### Published Interviews in *Bulletin of the GHI*

- 2008 (with Carola Dietze), "The Early Years of the German Historical Institute in Washington: Interview with founding director Hartmut Lehmann," *Bulletin of the GHI* 42 (Spring 2008)
- 2006 (with Christof Mauch), "Contemporary History in Germany: Interviews with the Directors of German Institutes of Contemporary History", *Bulletin of the GHI* 38 (Spring 2006): 59-79.
- 2004 (with Christof Mauch), "The Historical Profession in Germany and America: Interviews with the Presidents of the American Historical Association and the German Historikerverband." *Bulletin of the GHI* 34 (Spring 2004): 49-63.

**PAPERS PRESENTED, SINCE 1999 (SELECTED)**

- 2009 "Psychiatry, Penal Reform, and the Transformation of Criminal Responsibility in Germany, 1880-1933," Workshop *Historical Approaches to Criminal Responsibility*, University of Sydney Law School, June 23, 2009  
"Homosexuality under National Socialism," Health Science Humanities Program Series, Emory University, Atlanta, March 18, 2009
- 2008 "Die Erfindung des Verbrechers: Zur Geschichte der biowissenschaftlichen Kriminologie in Deutschland, 1890-1945," plenary lecture at the conference *Gefährliche Menschenbilder: Bio-Wissenschaften, Gesellschaft und Kriminalität*, Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZiF), Universität Bielefeld, March 27-29, 2008  
"The Relationship between Criminology and Penal Reform in Germany, 1880-1930: Science versus Law?" European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), Lisbon, Feb. 26- March 1, 2008
- 2007 "The Politics of Punishment: Penal Reform in Modern Germany, 1880-1945," Dept. of History, City University of New York (CUNY), Graduate Center, New York, November 29, 2007  
"Psychopathic Personalities' in German Psychiatry and Criminal Justice, 1880-1945", 30th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Padua, June 25-30, 2007  
"Medikalisierung des Strafrechts? Zur Rolle der Medizin in Strafrecht, Strafrechtsreformbewegung und Kriminologie in Deutschland, 1870-1933," Conference *Experten und Expertenwissen in der Strafjustiz von der Frühen Neuzeit bis zur Moderne*, Arbeitskreis Historische Kriminalitätsforschung, Stuttgart-Hohenheim, June 21-23, 2007  
"Psychiatry and Criminal Justice in Modern Germany, 1890-1945," Conference *Criminality and Madness in Modern Germany*, Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 27-28, 2007
- 2006 "Kriminalitäts- und Rechtsgeschichte: Neue Perspektiven," Conference *Kriminalitätsgeschichte im Wandel*, University of Göttingen, November 2-4, 2006
- 2005 "Der 8. Mai 1945," lecture at the German School of Washington DC, May 11, 2005  
"Punishment and Politics in Modern Germany," Faculty Seminar, BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, April 25, 2005  
"Penal Reform in Modern Germany," Modern German History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, March 10, 2005.
- 2004 "Civil Liberties and the Rule of Law in the Fight against Terrorism," Harvard CES-Berlin Dialogues, organized by the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, June 26, 2004.

## PAPERS PRESENTED (CONTINUED)

- 2004 "Criminal Justice between Democracy and Dictatorship: The Politics of Penal Reform from the Weimar Republic to the Nazi Regime," European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), Berlin, March 24-27, 2004
- 2002 Keynote address, 9th Annual German Graduate Studies Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, March 1-3, 2002  
"Inventing the Criminal: German Criminology 1880-1945," Department of History, State University of New York at Buffalo, February 4, 2002
- 2001 "How to Punish in the Age of Science: German Debates on the Implications of Science for Criminal Justice, 1880-1914," Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Washington DC, October 4-7, 2001
- 2000 "From Retributive Justice to Social Defense: Penal Reform in Fin-de-Siècle Germany," conference on "Germany at the Fin de Siècle: Society, Science, and Ideas", held at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, September 15-16, 2000
- 1999 "Kriminalbiologische Forschung an der Deutschen Forschungsanstalt für Psychiatrie in der Weimarer und NS-Zeit," conference *Rassenforschung im Nationalsozialismus: Konzepte und wissenschaftliche Praxis unter dem Dach der Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft* at the Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin, December 3-4, 1999  
"German Psychiatry and the Problem of Explaining Criminal Behavior, 1880-1945," Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Atlanta, October 7-10, 1999

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Editorships

2002-present Editor, *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*

### Service in Professional Organizations

- 2005-08 Member, Executive Committee, Conference Group for Central European History of the American Historical Association
- 2001-02 Member, Program Committee (for 2002 Annual Meeting), American Society for Legal History (ASLH)

### **Service on Editorial Boards**

2006-            *Journal für Juristische Zeitgeschichte*

1999-2002     *Revue d'Histoire des Sciences Humaines*

### **Guest Lecturer, Scholar-in-Residence**

2000-present   Guest lecturer, U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute  
(about 20 lectures, 2000-2009)

1999            Visiting Associate and Scholar-in-Residence, Carnegie Endowment for  
International Peace, International Migration Policy Program, Washington DC  
(June to Dec. 1999)

### **Advising for Museums**

2001-02        Member, Academic Advisory Committee, special exhibition "Nazi Persecution  
of Homosexuals, 1933-1945," United States Holocaust Memorial Museum,  
Washington DC

### **Service on Selection Committees**

1995, 2000-09   Member, Selection Committee for Transatlantic Doctoral Seminars sponsored by  
German Historical Institute , Washington DC

1994, 1995     Member, Selection Committee for James Bryant Conant Post-Doctoral  
Fellowships, Center for European Studies, Harvard University

### **Referee for Academic Journals, University Presses, Tenure Reviews**

Peer-reviewed article manuscripts for:

*Central European History; History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences;  
Journal of the History of Ideas; Osiris; Social Science History*

Peer-reviewed book manuscripts and proposals for:

Cambridge University Press, University of California Press  
University of North Carolina Press, Berghahn Books, Palgrave-Macmillan

Referee for tenure and promotion reviews at:

University of Cincinnati; Hunter College, City University of New York

**Organization of Conferences (as convener or co-convener)**

- 2010 "Crime and Punishment in Modern Europe, 1870-1970," Conference at the German Historical Institute, Washington DC, September 16-18, 2010
- 2009 "Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking Nazi Germany," Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, October 22-25, 2009
- 2008 "Engineering Society: The Scientization of the Social in Comparative Perspective," Conference at the University of Sheffield, November 20-22, 2008
- 2003 "Nazi Crimes and the Law," Conference at the University of Amsterdam, August 16-18, 2003
- 2002 "Commissioning History in the United States, Germany and Austria: Historical Commissions, Victims, Restitution, and World War II." Conference at the D-Day Museum, New Orleans, November 21-24, 2002  
"Sexuality in Modern German History." Conference at the German Historical Institute, Washington DC, October 25-27, 2002
- 2001 "Crime and Criminal Justice in Modern Germany, 1870-1960." Conference at the German Historical Institute, Washington DC, May 11-12, 2001
- 2000 "The Claim to Social Resources: A Contested Issue in Transatlantic Perspective." Conference at the German Historical Institute, September 22-24, 2000

**Commentator, Moderator at Conferences, since 2000 (Selected)**

- 2009 Commentator, panel on "Urban Pleasures and Urban Panics," Social Science History Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, November 12-15, 2010  
Commentator, panel on "Race in Science and Scholarship," Conference "Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking Nazi Germany," Indiana University, Bloomington, October 22-25, 2009  
Chair, panel on "Germany History in Documents and Images," Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, Washington DC, October 8-11, 2009  
Commentator, panel on "Interdependencies between Law and Science," 15<sup>th</sup> European Forum of Young Legal Historians, European University Institute, Florence, April 1-4, 2009
- 2008 Commentator at conference "Engineering Society: The Scientization of the Social in Comparative Perspective," University of Sheffield, November 20-22, 2008

**Commentator, Moderator at Conferences (continued)**

- 2007 Commentator, panel "Rethinking Histories of Sexuality: Sexual Knowledges," Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, San Diego, October 4-7, 2007  
Commentator at conference "Pleasure, Power and Everyday Life under National Socialism," organized by Institut d'histoire du temps present, at GHI Paris, September 13-14, 2007
- 2006 Moderator, panel on "Sexualized Bodies from Weimar to the Federal Republic," Annual Meeting, German Studies Association, Pittsburgh, September 28-October 1, 2006  
Commentator, panel on "Criminal Justice, Politics and Everyday Life in Modern Germany and Italy", European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, March 22-25, 2006
- 2005 Panelist, "Authors Meet Critics: Eric A. Johnson and Karl-Heinz Reuband, *What We Knew: Terror, Mass Murder, and Everyday Life: An Oral History*," Social Science History Association 2005 Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, November 3-6, 2005  
Commentator, panel on "Verwissenschaftlichungsprozesse in der deutschen Gesellschaft nach 1945," Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, Milwaukee, September 29-October 2, 2005  
Commentator, conference "Wissenschaftliche Deutungsmacht und die gesellschaftliche Konstruktion von Kriminalität und Strafe: Neue Forschungsansätze zur Geschichte von Strafrecht und Strafvollzug im 19. und frühen 20. Jahrhundert," University of Cologne, March 3-5, 2005  
Commentator, conference "Die Internationalisierung von Strafrechtswissenschaft und Kriminalpolitik (1870-1930): Deutschland im Vergleich," Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin, February 17-18, 2005
- 2005 Moderator, panel on "Modern German Historiography," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Seattle, January 8, 2005
- 2004 Commentator, panel on "Athleticism, Sexuality, and Celebrity in Twentieth-Century Germany," Annual Meeting of German Studies Association, October 7-10, 2004.
- 2003 Moderator, conference "Gendering Modern German History," Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, March 21-23, 2003
- 2002 Moderator, panel on "Citizenship in Comparative Perspective," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, San Diego, Nov. 7-9, 2002

## **Organization of the Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History**

on behalf of the German Historical Institute, in cooperation with Roger Chickering,  
BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University

- 2010 "German History in the Twentieth Century," 16th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History, University of Jena, May 12-15, 2010
- 2009 "German History in the 19th Century," 15th TDS, Washington, April 29-May 2, 2009
- 2008 "Early Modern German History," 14th TDS, Free University of Berlin, May 2-5, 2008
- 2007 "German History, 1945-1990", 13th TDS, Washington DC, May 2-5, 2007
- 2006 "German History, 1930-1960," 12th TDS, University of Freiburg, April 26-29, 2006
- 2005 "German History, 1890-1930," 11th TDS, Washington DC, April 13-16, 2005
- 2004 "German History in the Short 19th Century, 1790-1890," 10th TDS, Univ. of Tübingen, April 28-May 1, 2004
- 2003 "German History in the Early Modern Era, 1490-1790." 9th TDS, Washington DC, April 9-12, 2003
- 2002 "German History, 1945-1990." 8th TDS, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam, May 1-3, 2002
- 2001 "Germany in the Age of Total War, 1914-1945." 7th TDS, Washington, April 25-28, 2001

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

at Stanford University, University of Maryland, Georgetown University

### **Undergraduate courses**

- Modern Europe since 1789
- European Intellectual History of the 19th and 20th Centuries
- German History in the Nineteenth Century
- German History in the Twentieth Century
- Weimar and Nazi Germany
- Nazi Germany
- History of Crime and Criminal Justice in Modern Europe

### **Graduate courses**

- Colloquium on Modern European History
- Colloquium on Modern German History
- Crime, Law and Politics in Modern Europe

## LANGUAGES

German/English: native bilingual

French: fluent

Russian: fair

Latin: fair

11/2009