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Education

Ph.D., European History, 2021

Purdue University—West Lafayette, IN

Dissertation Title: "Brotherlands to Bloodlands: Ethnic Germans and Jews in Southern Ukraine, Late Tsarist to Postwar"

Committee: Rebekah A. Klein-Pejsova (Chair), William G. Gray, Steven Seegel, Jennifer Foray, Michael G. Smith

MA, American History, 2013

University of Northern Colorado—Greeley, CO

Thesis Title: "Diaspora Evolved: The Germans from Russia, 1919-Present"

Committee: Nicholas L. Syrett (Chair), Steven Seegel, Aaron Haberman, Joan Clinefelter

BA, European History and Political Science, 2011

University of Northern Colorado—Greeley, CO

Thesis Title: "Starvation, Heresy, and Diaspora: The Pacification of Ethnic German Enclaves in the Soviet Union, 1921-1949"

Supervisor: Steven Seegel

AA, Liberal Arts, 2006

Aims Community College—Greeley, CO

Areas of Specialization

Modern Central and Eastern Europe (Major Preliminary Exam Field)
Transnational Germany (Minor Preliminary Exam Field)
Late Imperial and Soviet Borderlands (Minor Preliminary Exam Field)
Modern America (M.A.)
Human Rights (Ph.D. Human Rights Studies Concentration)
The Holocaust and Genocide
Diaspora and Migration
National and Transnational Theory
Spatial and Digital Humanities

Publications

Articles and Book Chapters

Amber N. Nickell, "From Babyn Yar to Bohdanivka: Topographies of Holocaust Memory in Post-Maidan Ukraine." (Under Review)

Amber N. Nickell, "A History of Russian Aggression in Ukraine," *ROAR Alumni Magazine* (2022): 38-40.

Amber N. Nickell, "'Time to Show the Kremlin America's Full House': The Committee for Human Rights in The Soviet Union, Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, and their Refusenik Adoptees, 1977-1992," In *Transnational Yearbook, Volume 1* (Vancouver: Farleigh Dickenson University Press, 2018): 189-216.

Amber Nickell, "Cultivating 'Roots': Towards a Diasporically Imagined Transnational Community: The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1968-1978," *Traversea: Journal of Transatlantic History* (2013): 4-16.

Book Reviews and Forums

Amber Nickell, forum on *In the Midst of Civilized Europe: The Pogroms of 1918-1921 and the Onset of the Holocaust* by Jeffrey Veidlinger, *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 41, no. 3 (November 2023). (forthcoming)

Amber Nickell, review *Unlikely Allies: Nazi German and Ukrainian Nationalist Collaboration in the General Government During World War II* by Paweł Markiewicz, *The Polish Review* (Fall 2022). (forthcoming)

Amber Nickell, review of "Our Work with the Masses is not Worth a Kopeck....": *A Document Collection on German and Polish Rural Soviets in Ukraine during the NEP, 1923-1929* by Frank Grelka and Stephan Rindlisbacher, *Revolutionary Russia* (Fall 2022). (forthcoming)

Amber Nickell, review of *Antisemitism and the Russian Revolution* by Brendan McGeever, *H-Judaic* (March 2022), <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28655/reviews/9895758/nickell-mcgeever-antisemitism-and-russian-revolution>.

Amber Nickell, review of *The Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine: An Anatomy of the Holodomor* by Stanislav Kulchytsky, *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 61:4 (2019): 457-59.

Amber Nickell, review of *Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History* by Steven J. Zipperstein, *H-Judaic* (10 June 2019), https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=53733&dfclid=IwAR0HRVp0_rzRCzPKyyZ8YvVMG2WuaNpcch0sYhu9OV5Oc6TxWPKO1m0VEyY.

Amber Nickell, review of *Stepmother Russia, Foster Mother America: Identity Transitions in the New Odessa Jewish Commune, Odessa, Oregon, New York, 1881-1891* by Theodore H. Friedgut, *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 34, no. 1 (Fall 2015): 136-138.

Digital

John Vsetecka and Amber Nickell, "Dissent in the Digital Age: A Review of the New HURI Books Website," *H-Ukraine* (22 Oct. 2020), <https://networks.h-net.org/node/4555727/discussions/6617485/dissent-digital-age-review-new-huri-books-website>.

Amber Nickell, "'The Evil Itself... Descended on the Earth': Mapping Manmade Famines and Ethnic Germans in the Soviet Union, 1921 and 1932-33," Purdue University Electronic Publications, 2015. (Published Conference Poster)
<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1062andcontext=purduegisday>.

Languages

- German: Limited Working Proficiency, Reading, Writing, and Speaking
- Russian: Limited Working Proficiency, Reading, Writing, and Speaking
- Ukrainian: Limited Working Proficiency, Reading, Writing, and Speaking
- Yiddish: Limited Working Proficiency, Reading, Writing, and Speaking

Digital Humanities

- Geographic Information Systems, Working Proficiency (Esri, QGIS, MapStory, Google)
- Programming and Code, Limited Working Proficiency (Python, R, VSCode, GitBash, HTML)
- Text Mining, Analysis and Annotation, Limited Working Proficiency (Python, R, Voyant, Annotation Studio)
- Twitter Scraping and Analytics, Limited Working Proficiency (Python)
- Digital Collaboration and Display Platforms, Working Proficiency (GitHub, Omeka)
- Network Analysis, Working Proficiency (Gephi)
- Data Management and Visualization, Working Proficiency (Excel, Tableau, CSS)
- Online Learning Platforms (Blackboard, Brightspace, Canvas)

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor of History, Fort Hays State University, Fall 2021-Current
 - *Fall 2021:*
 - HIST 111: Modern World History (2 Sections)
 - HIST 628: Europe Since 1914 (2 Sections: 1 Online)
 - *Spring 2021:*
 - HIST 111: Modern World History (2 Sections)
 - HIST 675: Seminar: Nationalism and Socialism in Eastern and Southeastern Europe (3 Sections: 2 Online)
 - *Fall 2022 (Scheduled):*
 - HIST 111: Modern World History (2 Sections)
 - HIST 627: The Soviet Union
 - HIST 379: Historical Methods (Online)
- Instructor of Record, History Department, Purdue University, Summer 2020
 - HIST 105: Introduction to Global History (Online)
- Instructor of Record, History Department, Purdue University, Summer 2018

- HIST 105: Introduction to Global History (Online)
- English Language Instructor, Dyvosvyt Tsentr Detskoho y Yunosheskoho Tvorchestva, Odesa, Ukraine, 2017-2018
- Instructor of Record, History Department, Purdue University, Spring 2017
 - HIST 105: Introduction to Global History
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Jewish Studies and History Departments, Purdue University, 2014-2017
 - JWST 330: Introduction to Jewish Studies
 - HIST 104: Introduction to the Modern World
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Northern Colorado, 2011- 2013
 - HIST 120: Western Civilization from Ancient Greece to 1689
 - HIST 121: Western Civilization from 1689 to Present
 - HIST 100: Survey of American History from Its Beginnings to 1877
 - HIST 101: Survey of American History from Reconstruction to Present

Other Relevant Professional Experience

- New Books Network, Jewish Studies, Ukrainian Studies, and Eastern Europe, Podcast Host, 2021-Current
 - New Books Network Host Digital Portfolio:
<https://newbooksnetwork.com//hosts/profile/fdb3ad66-b70f-4616-a051-1182d873c56c>
- Blavatnik Archives, Project Consultant and Writer, 2021- Current
- ETS College Board, World History AP Exam Reader, 2019-Current
- Editor and Board Member, H-Ukraine, 2019-Current
- Research Assistant, History Department, Purdue University, 2019-2021
- Editor, *Khroniky*, H-Ukraine, 2019-2020
- Archival Researcher, Neil Armstrong Film, Steve Rotfeld Productions, 2018
- Translation and Editing Assistance, *Strategic Culture and the Foreign Policy of Ukraine* (Odesa, Ukraine, 2018), 2017
- Research Assistant, History Department, Dr. Jennifer Foray, Purdue University, Summer 2017
- Research Assistant, Human Rights Program, Purdue University, 2015-2016

Awards

Fellowships and Scholarships

- Great Plains Fellow, The Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, The University of Kansas, 2021-2022
- Saul Kagan Fellowship in Advanced Shoah Study, 2020-2021
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Award, 2020-2021 (Awarded, but Declined)
- Mellon-Council for European Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2020-2021 (Awarded, but Declined)
- Yad Vashem Moshe Mirilashvili Center for Research on the Holocaust in the Soviet Union Researcher Grant, 2020
- Purdue Research Foundation Fellowship, Purdue University, 2018-2019

- United States Department of State Title VIII Fellowship for Research and Training, University of Illinois' Open Research Laboratory at the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, 2018
- Fulbright U.S. Student Program Research Fellowship, Ukraine, 2017-2018
- United States Department of State Title VIII Fellowship, Indiana University's SWSEEL Summer Language Workshop, Ukrainian, 2017
- Auschwitz Jewish Center Fellowship, Poland, 2016
- United States Department of State Title VIII Fellowship, Indiana University's SWSEEL Summer Language Workshop, Ukrainian, 2016 (Awarded, but Declined)
- Ross Fellowship, Purdue University, 2014-2015
- Graduate Dean's Scholarship, University of Northern Colorado, 2011-2013
- Oliver M. Dickerson Memorial Scholarship, University of Northern Colorado, 2011-2012

Teaching, Engagement, and Research

- Department of History Impact Award, Fort Hays State University, 2022
- Thought Leader Honoree, Engaged Scholars, Fort Hays State University, 2022
- My-Go-To Mentoring Award, Fort Hays State University, 2022
- Teaching Academy Graduate Teaching Award, Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University, 2021
- George Mayer award for History Leadership and Teaching, Purdue University, 2017
- M.L. Flaningam Graduate Scholarship for "'Time to Show the Kremlin America's Full House': The Committee for Human Rights in the Soviet Union, Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, and their Refusenik Adoptees," Purdue University, 2017
- Graduate Dean's Citation for Excellence, University of Northern Colorado, 2013
- Texas Tech's Annual Graduate Student Conference, awarded "Best M.A. Paper, Honorable Mention" for "Organizing Diaspora: The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia," 2013
- Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Awarded "Best Overall Paper" for "Starvation, Heresy, and Diaspora: The Pacification of Ethnic German Enclaves in the Soviet Union, 1921-1949," 2011

Travel and Research Funding

- External Advisor, National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, "Postcards from the Seige," Blavatnik Archives, https://www.blavatnikarchive.org/preview/story/eng/75?fbclid=IwAR336Rba1zOshk50LmZ2ORAVNy4xqHJK3AbOJ4w8VGOigBQvzTM9c_Pr4DA, 2022
- Faculty Research Experience Grant, Fort Hays State University, 2021-2022
- College of Liberal Arts Promise Grant, Purdue University, 2019-2020
- Kathryn W. Davis Grant, Association for Slavic, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian Studies, 2019
- College of Liberal Arts Promise Grant, Purdue University, 2018-2019
- Lotte Hirsch Grant, Purdue University, 2017-2018
- College of Liberal Arts Promise Grant, Purdue University, 2017-2018
- Woodman Graduate Research Award, Purdue University, 2017
- College of Liberal Arts Promise Grant, Purdue University, 2016-2017
- PGSG Research Grant, Purdue University, 2015-2016

- College of Liberal Arts Promise Grant, Purdue University, 2015-2016
- Graduate Student Conference Award, Midwestern World Historian's Association, 2015
- Graduate Student Incentive Grant, Purdue University, 2015
- Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, University of Northern Colorado, Spring 2013
- Graduate Student Association Research Grant, University of Northern Colorado, Summer 2012
- Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, University of Northern Colorado, Spring 2012

Conferences, Workshops and Symposia

Panel and Roundtable Presentations

- “Fascists All?: Ethnic Germans and Jews in Southern Ukrainian OGPU/NKVD Files, 1928-1941,” Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention for the Association of Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies,” 2022, Chicago, Illinois (scheduled)
- “‘For the Sake of Our People’: Famine, Humanitarian Aid, and Diasporic Development,” Forty-Sixth Annual German Studies Association Conference, 2022, Houston, Texas (accepted, but declined)
- “‘Kyiv is Babi Yar’: Memorial Landscapes of the Holocaust in Contemporary Ukraine,” Understanding the Holocaust, Genocide, and Mass Violence in the Public Imagination, 2022, Metropolitan State University, Denver, Colorado (scheduled)
- “Topographies of Holocaust Memory in Contemporary Ukraine,” Kansas Association for Historians, 2022, Newman University, Kansas
- Discussant, “Living on the Borderland: A Swiss Village at the Black Sea,” Black Sea Region in Times of Crisis: New Theoretical Approaches and Research Methodologies, Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, 2021, St. Gallen (Zoom)
- “‘Killings! Killings! Killings!’: Jews, Ethnic Germans, and Pogroms in Revolutionary Southern Ukraine,” 53rd Annual Association for Slavic, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian Studies Conference, 2021, New Orleans, Louisiana (Panel Chair and Organizer)
- “H-Ukraine: Promoting the Diversity of Ukrainian Studies in Digital Humanities,” Roundtable, 53rd Annual Association for Slavic, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian Studies Conference, 2021, New Orleans, Louisiana (Zoom)
- “Antisemitism and the Myth of Judeo-Bolshevism / Capitalism: Historical Examples, Contemporary Implications and Pedagogical Approaches,” “The Blavatnik Archive: Collections and Tools” Roundtable, the International Council for Central and Eastern European Studies’ 10th Annual World Congress, “Bridging National and Global Perspectives,” 2021, Montreal, Canada (Zoom)
- Moderator, Justin Cammy, Lecture, “From the Vilna Ghetto to Nuremberg: Memoir and Testimony,” the International Council for Central and Eastern European Studies’ 10th Annual World Congress, “Bridging National and Global Perspectives,” 2021, Montreal, Canada (Zoom)
- “‘The Underlying Cause for all the Bad Things that Happened to Us’: Ethnic Germans and Jews in German and Romanian Occupied Southern Ukraine and Transnistria, 1941-1944”, The British Association for the Soviet, Slavonic, and East European Studies’ Study Group for Minority History Conference on “Being a Minority in Times of Catastrophe,” 2020, London (Zoom)

- "'Jew Shoes' and Hitler Help': Ethnic Germans, Jews and their Diasporas during the Famines of 1921/22 and 1932/33," 52nd Annual Association for Slavic, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian Studies Conference, 2020, Washington DC (Zoom) (Panel Chair and Organizer)
- "Teaching Historical Literacy in the Era of Fake News," at "Implementing New Scholarship and Research in the Classroom," Roundtable, 52nd Annual Association for Slavic, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian Studies Conference, 2020, Washington DC (Zoom)
- Untelling 'Peaceful Soviet Citizens': Encounters with the Holocaust in Post-Maidan Ukraine," Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 2020, Baltimore, Maryland (Zoom)
- "'Hunger, Hunger, Hunger, and again Hunger': Famine, Ethnic Germans, and Jews, 1921-1934," Transculturality in the Black Sea Region: New Theoretical Approaches and Research Methodologies, 2020, Chişinău, Moldova (Zoom)
- "A Valley of Hope and 'River of Blood': Ethnic German Imaginaries of the East and their Consequences in Romanian and German occupied Southern Ukraine," Haunted Landscapes of German Eastern Europe, 2020, Edinburgh (COVID-19 cancellation)
- "From Babi Yar to Bogdanovka: Encounters with the Holocaust in Contemporary Ukraine," Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian Studies Conference, 2020, Bloomington, Indiana
- "'After the Wolf comes the Bear': Ethnic Germans and Jews in Southern Ukraine, 1922-1931," 51st Annual Association for Slavic, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian Studies Conference, 2019, San Francisco, California
- "'Between the Old Father and the Angry Wife': Ethnic Germans and their Steppebrethren in Revolutionary Ukraine, The Association for the Study of Nationalities 24th Annual Convention, 2019, New York, New York
- "'Hungersnot!': Interwar Famines as Lived and Remembered by Ethnic Germans," the 40th Annual Northeast Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Conference, 2019, New York, New York
- "Brotherlands to Bloodlands: Ethnic Germans and Jews in Southern Ukraine, Late Tsarist to Postwar," Dissertation Lightning Round, The 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, 2019, Chicago, Illinois
- "'The Other Side': Ethnic Germans and their Neighbors in Southern Ukraine during the Russian Revolution and its Aftermath, 1917-1925," The 84th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, 2018, Birmingham, Alabama
- "Mapping 'No Place': Eastern and Central Europe's Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Phantom, Indifferent, and Alternative Geographies," Spatial Humanities Roundtable, Purdue University's GIS Day Conference, 2018, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "Islands of Germandom on the Eve of Revolution?: Ethnic Germans and their Jewish Neighbors in Southern Ukraine," European Studies Conference, 2018, Omaha, Nebraska
- "White Town, Normal School: The Colorado State College of Education's Study in Intergroup Relations, 1946-1949," Purdue HGSA's Seventh Biennial Conference, "Crafting Mosaics: Contextualizing Diversity across Space and Time," 2017, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "Around the Curtain: Human Rights, Soviet Jews, and the Greater Lafayette Community, 1977-1992," Human Rights in the Atlantic World Conference, 2016, Grand Rapids, Michigan

- "'Beloved Brothers in America': Transnational Famine Relief and the Soviet Germans, 1919-1922," The Indiana Academy of Social Sciences Annual Meeting, 2016, Westville, Indiana
- "'Time to Show the Kremlin America's Full House': The Committee for Human Rights in the Soviet Union, Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, and their Refusenik Adoptees, 1977-1992," The Indiana Association of Historians' "1816 and All That: History/Memory/Commemoration" Conference, 2016, Bloomington, Indiana (Panel Organizer)
- "'The Evil Itself... Descended on the Earth': Manmade Famines and Ethnic Germans in the Soviet Union, 1921 and 1932-33," The Midwestern World Historian's Association's "Feast and Famine" in World History Conference, 2015, Crawfordsville, Indiana
- "'The Evil Itself... Descended on the Earth': Mapping Manmade Famines and Ethnic Germans in the Soviet Union, 1921 and 1932-33," GIS Day, 2015, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "Starving America, Feeding Europe: An Analysis of Herbert Hoover's Legacy," The Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery's Image of the Hero Conference, 2014, Colorado Springs, Colorado (Panel Organizer)
- "Starvation Bound: Towards a Diasporically Imagined Transnational Community," Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, 2013, Denver, Colorado
- "Circle of Readers: Towards a Diasporically Imagined Transnational Community," Purdue University's "Crooked Lines: Connection and Conflict in History, Past and Present" Conference, 2013, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "Bordering on Outside: Organizing White Ethnic Diaspora in America," The Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery's Image of the Outsider Conference, 2013, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- "Organizing Diaspora: The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia," Texas Tech University's Annual History Graduate Student Conference, 2013. Lubbock, Texas
- "Mobilizing a Network: Organizational Roles in Diaspora Development," University of Toronto's Annual Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Graduate Research Conference, 2013, Toronto, Canada
- "The Hunger Connection: Towards a Diasporically Imagined Transnational Community," University of Northern Colorado's Research Day, 2013, Greeley, Colorado
- "Establishing 'Roots': The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1968-1978," University of Texas at Arlington's Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History, 2012, Arlington, Texas
- "Starvation, Heresy, and Diaspora: The Pacification of Ethnic German Enclaves in the Soviet Union, 1921-1949," Twenty-First Annual Kentucky Bluegrass Symposium, 2012, Lexington, Kentucky (Panel Organizer)
- "Establishing 'Roots': The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 1969-1979," University of Northern Colorado's Research Day, 2012, Greeley, Colorado
- "Starvation, Heresy, and Diaspora: The Pacification of Ethnic German Enclaves in the Soviet Union, 1921-1949," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, 2011, Grand Junction, Colorado

Invited and Public Lectures

- “Russia’s War in Ukraine: A Conversation with Dr. Amber Nickell,” College of Charleston, Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture and the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program, 2022, Charleston, NC (Zoom)
- “‘We knew by then that none of our relatives in Ukraine survived’: Soviet Jewish Experiences of the Holocaust,” Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, 2022, Kansas City, Kansas
- Recent Developments in the Russian War of Aggression in Ukraine, Lions Club, 2022, Hays, Kansas
- Public Q&A Sessions: Recent Developments in the Russian-Ukrainian War, First Methodist Church, 2022, Hays, Kansas
- “Putin’s Memory Holes: Historical Revisionism and Russian Aggression in Ukraine,” University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, McAllen, Texas (Zoom)
- “The Russian War of Aggression in Ukraine,” Fort Hays State University Online, 2022, Hays, Kansas (Zoom)
- “A Special Human Rights Forum—The Russian Invasion of Ukraine,” The Goldstein Center for Human Rights, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 2022, Omaha, Nebraska (Zoom)
- “The Russian War of Aggression in Ukraine,” Hays Public Library, 2022, Hays, Kansas
- “Ukraine in Crises?,” Times Talk, Forsyth Library, 2022, Hays, Kansas
- “Holocaust Collaboration and Perpetration in Ukraine,” Intensive Research Seminar, Comparative Holocaust Studies, 2022, University of Rijeka, Croatia (Zoom)
- “Russian and Ukrainian History: Why it Matters for the Current Russian-Ukrainian Border Crisis,” Joint Presentation with Dr. David Goodlett, Lions Club, 2021, Hays, Kansas
- Fulbright Alumni Panel, Purdue University, 2021, West Lafayette, Indiana (Zoom)
- “Why Fulbright?,” Fulbright Information Session, Fort Hays State University, 2021, Hays, Kansas
- Resume/CV Workshop, Phi Alpha Theta/History Club, 2021, Fort Hays State University
- “Holubsi, Bierock, and Green-Bean Dumpling Soup: The Curious Culinary Tastes of the Germans from Russia,” Western Ladies Association, Hays, Kansas
- "Famine as an Instrument of Terror: The 1921/22 and 1932/33 Famines in the Soviet Union", World Famine Course at Purdue University, 2020, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "'Wine is Culture': The Shabo Winery and Centuries of Ethnic Coexistence, Confluence, and Conflict on the Black Sea," 2018, Wine Appreciation Course at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Wine is Culture': The Shabo Winery and Centuries of Ethnic Coexistence, Confluence, and Conflict on the Black Sea," History on Tap Public Lecture Series, 2018, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "Brotherlands to Bloodlands: Jews and Ethnic Germans in Southern Ukraine, Pre-Revolution to Postwar," The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center's Noontime Lecture Series, 2018, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
- "From Babi Yar to Bogdanovka: Encounters with the Holocaust in Contemporary Ukraine," Purdue Human Rights Lab, 2018, West Lafayette, Indiana

- "The Cartographic and Methodological Challenges of 'Southern Ukraine': Mapping Ethnic Germans and Jews in the Region from the late 19th-mid Twentieth Century," Fulbright Retreat, 2018, Kyiv, Ukraine
- "What do Historians Do?: An Introduction to the Historical Method and the Archives," Next Generation Scholars, 2016, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "The Holocaust in the Soviet Union," Jewish Studies Noon Lecture Series, 2016, West Lafayette, Indiana

Workshop Participation and Presentations

- Participant, European Union Erasmus+ Training Seminar for Program and Partner Countries, 2022, Lublin, Poland (Funded)
- Participant, "HEFNU Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization," The Holocaust Education Foundation of Northwestern University, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (funded) (scheduled)
- Participant, "Transnational Germans: Local Actors and Global Spaces, Global Actors and Local Spaces" Seminar, German Studies Association, 2021, Indianapolis, Indiana (Zoom)
- "'A Cauldron of Nationalist Passions': Ethnic Germans and Jews in Southern Ukraine, Crimea, and the Moldavian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic," Kagan Scholars' Summer Workshop, 2021 Jerusalem, Israel, (Zoom)
- "Counterrevolutionary," "Fascist," "Trotskyite," "Spies"?: Ethnic Germans and Jews in Southern Ukraine, 1928-1941," Young Scholars Workshop, "Deutsche und Juden im östlichen Europa," 2021, Lüneberg, Germany (Zoom)
- "From Lab Work to Field Work: Managing Research with Children," Parenting in Academia Workshop, Graduate Parent Support Network, 2021, West Lafayette, Indiana (Zoom)
- "'Der Bose Selber': Ethnic Germans and Jews in Southern Ukraine, 1928-1941," Young Scholars Workshop on Germans and Jews in Eastern Europe, 2020, Lunenburg, Germany (COVID-19 cancellation; Rescheduled 2021)
- "'The Villages we have Lost': The Global Imagination of a German-Russian Diaspora, 1921-1922," Human Rights Program Works in Progress, 2020, West Lafayette, Indiana
- "Bloody Steppes: Ethnic German Collaboration in Romanian and German Occupied Southern Ukraine, 1941-1944," United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's, "Jewish Experiences and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union Workshop," 2019, Washington D.C. (Funded)
- The Leonid Nevzlin Research Center for Russian and Eastern European Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Columbia's Harriman Institution and the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University, and the Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture—Simon Dubnow's "International Forum of Young Scholars on East European Jewry," 2019, New York, New York (Funded)
- South Bend Digital Humanities Research Institute at Notre Dame, 2019, South Bend, Indiana (Funded)
- The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure's "The Study of the Holocaust in Romania: Current State and Trends," 2019, Bucharest, Romania (Funded)

- University of Illinois Russian, East European, and Eurasian Centers' Open Research Laboratory, 2018, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois (Funded)
- "Rethinking the 'Ethnic German Enclaves' of Ukraine's Southern Borderlands on the Eve of Revolution," Summer School, "Borderlands Studies in East Central Europe and the Black Sea Regions," 2018, Kharkhiv, Ukraine (Funded)
- "Brotherlands to Bloodlands: Jews and Ethnic Germans in Southern Ukraine, Pre-Revolution to Postwar," "Graduate Research Workshop in Human Rights," 2018, Budapest, Hungary
- "International Academia as a Contact Zone" Roundtable, Winter Academy, "Revisiting the Nation: Transcultural Contact Zones in Eastern Europe," 2018, Bucharest, Romania (Funded)
- "'We Wander' Together: Jews and Ethnic Germans in Southern Ukraine, Pre-Revolution to Postwar," Winter Academy, "Revisiting the Nation: Transcultural Contact Zones in Eastern Europe," 2018, Bucharest, Romania (Funded)
- "A Dissertation Prospectus: Journeys into the Whirlwinds: Ethnic Germans and Jews on the Eurasian Steppes, 1917-1979," Indiana University and Purdue University Joint Jewish Studies Workshop, 2017, West Lafayette, Indiana
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's "Holocaust in the Soviet Union" Seminar for Advanced Students, 2016, Washington D.C. (Funded)
- Third Midwest Historians of East Central Europe Workshop, 2015, Chicago, Illinois
- Teaching the Past: Dissenting Histories in the Classroom, 2014, West Lafayette, Indiana
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Belfer First Step: A Workshop for Teaching about the Holocaust, University of Northern Colorado, 2012, Greeley, Colorado

Workshop, Conference, and Event Organization

- Co-Organizer, First Annual Hays Holocaust Remembrance and Education Month, 2022, Hays, Kansas
- Co-Organizer, The Human Rights Program's "Thirty Years After" Symposium, Purdue University, 2019, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Co-Organizer, "Teen Talk" English Language Club, Window on America, 2017-2018, Odesa, Ukraine
- Organizer, The Human Rights Program's Refugee Symposium, Purdue University, 2016-2017, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Chair, 2017 HGSA Conference Planning Committee, Purdue University, 2016-2017, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Organizer, "Glass House" Job Application Workshop for History PhDs, Purdue University, 2015, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Organizer, Geographic Information Systems Mini-Series for Historians, Purdue University, 2015, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Co-Organizer, National History Day, Northern Colorado Regional Competition, 2012, Greeley, Colorado
- Presenter and Organizer, Phi Alpha Theta Workshops for History Students, "Read What You Need," "How to Write a History Paper," and "How to Take a History Exam," University of Northern Colorado, 2011-2012, Greeley, Colorado

- Discussion Facilitator and Organizer, Public Discussions about History "Never Again?," "History and Memory," "Space and Identity," "Diaspora and Migration," "Identities across Borders," and "Do Well Behaved Women Really Ever Make History?," University of Northern Colorado, 2012-2013, Greeley, Colorado

Conferences Attended

- American Historical Association, 2020, New York, New York
- Society for French Historical Studies, 2019, Indianapolis, Indiana
- American Historical Association, 2019, Chicago, Illinois
- National Council on Public History's Careers in History Symposium, 2019, Indianapolis, Indiana
- American Historical Association, 2017, Denver, Colorado
- Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, 2015, St. Louis, Missouri
- Third Midwest Historians of East Central Europe Workshop, 2015, Chicago, Illinois
- Teaching the Past: Dissenting Histories in the Classroom Conference, 2014, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Thirty-Seventh Annual German Studies Association Conference, 2013, Denver, Colorado

Professional Service and Engagement

Institutional and Departmental Service

- JEDI Advisor, Fort Hays State University, 2022-Current
- Co-Organizer, Online History Student Social Hour, 2022-current
- Member, Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of History, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, 2021- current
- Member, Student Professional Development Committee, Department of History, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, 2021- current
- Member, Nominations Committee, Department of History, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, 2021- current
- History Faculty Representative, Student Recognition Program, Fort Hays State University, Wichita, Kansas, 2022
- History Faculty Representative, Tiger Day, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, 2021
- Reviewer, Graduate Scholarly Experience (GSE) Grant Proposals, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, 2021-2022
- Judge, Purdue Undergraduate Research Symposium, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2021
- Member, Fulbright U.S. Student Advisory Group, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2019-2021
- Fundraising Coordinator, Purdue Day of Giving, Human Rights Program at Purdue, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2019
- Chair, Graduate Student Government Social Committee, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2016-2017

- Member, Graduate Student Library Advisory Council, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2015-2017
- Member, University Library Committee, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2015-2017
- Member, Human Rights Curriculum Development Committee, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2015-2016
- Member, Graduate Student Government Social Committee, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2014-2016
- Graduate Student at Large, Graduate Academic Appeals Committee, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado, 2013
- Member, Provost Curriculum Series Committee, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado, 2012-2013
- Member, Library Advising Committee, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado, 2012-2013

Shared Governance

- President, History Graduate Student Association, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2016-2017
- Representative, Graduate Student Government Executive Board, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2016-2017
- Vice President, History Graduate Student Association, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2015-2016
- History Senator, Graduate Student Government, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2014-2017
- New Student Representative, History Graduate Student Association, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2014-2015
- Representative, History Graduate Student Association, Purdue University, 2014-2016
- Representative of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Graduate Student Association, University of Northern Colorado, 2011-2013
- President, History Club, University of Northern Colorado, 2012-2013
- Secretary, German Club, University of Northern Colorado, 2012-2013
- Treasurer, History Club, University of Northern Colorado, 2012

Service to the Profession

- Member, Blavatnik Archives Education Advisory Council, 2021-Current (Stipend)
- Member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies' Pedagogical Working Group, 2020-Current
- External Reviewer, Ukrainian Fulbright Graduate Student Program Review Committee, 2020-2021
- External Reviewer, Ukrainian Fulbright Research and Development Program Review Committee, 2019
- External Reviewer, Ukrainian Fulbright Graduate Student Program Review Committee, 2018
- External Reviewer, Ukrainian Fulbright Faculty Development Program Review Committee, 2017

- Alumni Resource, Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation, Kansas City, Missouri, 2019,

Community Education and Engagement

- Facilitator, Film Showing and Discussion, *Everything is Illuminated*, Hays Public Library, 2022, Hays, Kansas
- Host, Book Club, *The Dressmakers of Auschwitz* by Lucy Adlington, Hays Public Library, Hays, Kansas, 2022
- Judge, The American History Contest, Eighth Grade, American National History National Committee of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Hays, Kansas, 2021
- Chair, Hays Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Hays, Kansas, 2021-Current
- Independent Researcher, Lafayette Urban Ministries Immigration Clinic, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2019-2021
- Member, Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference Planning Committee, Lafayette, Indiana, 2015-2021
- Judge, Odesa Region Olympiad Competition, English, Form 11, Odesa, Ukraine, 2018
- Volunteer, High School GIS Day, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 2015
- Panel Judge, History Day, Northern Colorado Regional Competition, Greeley, Colorado, 2014
- Panel Judge, National History Day, Northern Colorado Regional Competition, Greeley, Colorado, 2013
- Volunteer, University District Oral History Project, City of Greeley Historic Preservation, Greeley, Colorado, 2012

Media Appearances and Interviews

- “Hays Holocaust Remembrance Events, April 2022,” *Tiger Media Network*, 4 April 2022, <https://tigermedianet.com/?p=64457>
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- “FHSU Professor Shares Perspective on War in Ukraine,” *KWCH12*, 28 March 2022, <https://www.kwch.com/2022/03/29/fhsu-professor-shares-perspective-war-ukraine/>
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- Preston Burrows, “Crisis in Ukraine: Contextualizing Russia’s Invasion,” *Tiger Medias Network*, 28 February 2022, <https://tigermedianet.com/?p=63715>

Professional Memberships and Honors

- Member, The German Studies Association, 2021-Current
- Member, The Association for the Study of Nationalities, 2018-Current
- Member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2017-Current
- Member, American Historical Association, 2011-Current
- Member, Oral History Association, 2020-2021
- Member, The Southern Historical Association, 2018-2019
- Lifetime Member, Phi Alpha Theta, Inducted in 2010
- Member, Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, 2016-2017
- Member, Indiana Association of Historians, 2015-2016
- Member, Midwestern World Historians Association, 2015-2016
- Member, Organization of American Historians, 2014-2016
- Member, Western Social Sciences Association, 2012-2014

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- Dr. Rebekah A. Klein-Pejsova, Associate Professor of History and Jewish Studies, Director of the Human Rights Program, Purdue University
- Dr. Steven Seegel, Professor of History, University of Northern Colorado
- Dr. William G. Gray, Associate Professor of History, Purdue University
- Dr. Jennifer L. Foray, Associate Professor of History, Purdue University