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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Research: Modern European history with an emphasis on Germany. Historical implications of science and medicine for society and human values. Health humanities.

Teaching: Modern Europe / Germany. European gender, sexuality, and body history. First World War. Science, medicine, and society. Health humanities. World history of health and disease.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- William Eliot Smith Professor of History, Washington University in Saint Louis, 2022-present
- Chair, Department of History, Washington University in Saint Louis, 2021-present
- Professor (2019-present), Associate Professor (2009-2019), and Assistant Professor (2005-2009), Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis
- Assistant Professor of History, Wellesley College, 2001-2004
- Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Claremont-McKenna College, 2000-2001

EDUCATION

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| • Harvard University | Ph.D., History | June 1999 |
| • Indiana University (Bloomington) | MA, History and Philosophy of Science | May 1991 |
| • Carleton College | BA, Chemistry, <i>magna cum laude</i> | June 1988 |

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Current Projects

- *Gesundheit! Seeking German Health, 1750-2000* (book)
- *Health Humanities: An Introduction*, ed. with Sari Altschuler (under contract with NYU Press)
- *The Paths of German History from the Enlightenment to the Present*, ed. with Andreas Daum, Benjamin Hett, Eric Kurlander, Margaret Menninger, and Heidi Tworek (under contract with Bloomsbury Press)

Peer-reviewed Books

- *Eating Nature in Modern Germany: Food, Agriculture, and Environment, c. 1870-2000* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)
- *A Science for the Soul: Occultism and the Genesis of the German Modern* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004)

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- "The Healthy Child: Enlisting Hygienic Citizens in Interwar Germany," *Journal of Modern History* (in press)
- "German Nature on the Move," *The Paths of German History from the Enlightenment to the Present* (under review)
- "Circuits of German Health: Mahatma Gandhi, Naturopathy, and World Wellness," *Jahrbuch des Archivs der deutschen Jugendbewegung* (in press)
- "Natural," *Keywords for Health Humanities*, ed. Sari Altschuler, Jonathan Metzl, and Priscilla Wald (New York: NYU Press, 2023), 140-142

- "German Health Narratives between Life Reform and Medical Enlightenment, 1890-1930," *Seminar: A Journal of Germanic Studies* (2023), 69-93
- "Nutritional Modernity: The German Case," *Osiris* 35 (2020), 183-203
- "The Wife as Family Physician: Making and Moving a Health Epistemology for Women," *Social History of Medicine* 33 (2020), 1188-1210
- "How Vegetarians, Naturopaths, Scientists, and Physicians Unmade the Protein Standard" in *Setting Nutritional Standards: Theory, Politics, Practices*, eds. Elizabeth Neswald, David F. Smith, and Ulrike Thoms (Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2016), 52-73
- "Artificial or Biological? Nature, Fertilizer, and the Origins of German Organic Agriculture" in *New Perspectives on the History of Life Sciences and Agriculture*, eds. Denise Phillips and Sharon Kingsland (Cham: Springer, 2015), 183-203
- "Nature and the Nazi Diet," *Food and Foodways* 17 (2009), 139-158
- "Max Rubner and the Biopolitics of Rational Nutrition," *Central European History* 41 (2008), 1-25
- "The Culture of Knowledge in the Metropolis of Science: Spiritualism and Liberalism in Fin-de-Siècle Berlin" in *Wissenschaft und Öffentlichkeit in Berlin, 1870-1930/ Science and the Public in Berlin, 1870-1930*, ed. Constantin Goscler (Wiesbaden: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2000), 127-154

Edited Volumes

- Guest editor, *Frankenstein at 200: It's Alive!* (special issue, *The Common Reader*, October 2018)

MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- AAAS Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (2025-present)
- Faculty Fellowship, Humanities Center, Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2025
- Co-Leader with Sari Altschuler (Dept. of English, Northeastern University), Advanced Seminar on "Health Humanities," Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, May 2025
- Co-Leader with Talia dan-Cohen (Dept. of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis), Incubator for Transdisciplinary Futures Programmatic Grant for "Science in the Public Square," Washington University in St. Louis, 2022-4
- Co-Leader with Sari Altschuler (Dept. of English, Northeastern University), Exploratory Seminar on "Rethinking Health and the Humanities during / after COVID," Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, June 2022
- Faculty Fellowship, Humanities Center, Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2015
- Faculty Research Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2011-12
- Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values, Washington University in St. Louis, 2007-8
- Faculty Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2004-5
- Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant, American Historical Association, 2000
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1998-9

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Essays, Invited Articles, and Book Sections

- "Medicine Unbound," *Modern Intellectual History* (2019), 1-10
- "Triumph of the Till: The Organic Food Movement's Nazi Past," *World Policy Journal* (Summer 2018), 83-87
- "Vegetarianism" in *The Cambridge Wagner Encyclopedia*, ed. Nicholas Vazsonyi (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 613-614
- "What the Occult Reveals," *Modern Intellectual History* (2009): 611-625

- "Food Science / Food Politics in Fin-de-Siècle Berlin" in *Food and the City in Europe*, eds. Peter Atkins, Derek Oddy, and Peter Scholliers (London: Ashgate, 2007), 51-61
- "Franz Hartmann" in *Germany and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2005), 487.
- *Feminist Research Methods: An Annotated Bibliography*, with C. Miller (Greenwood 1991)

Book Reviews

- Dagmar Herzog, *The Question of Unworthy Life* in *Times Literary Supplement* (February 28, 2025)
- Thomas Lekan, *Our Gigantic Zoo: A German Quest to Save the Serengeti*, Roundtable Review for H-Environment (April 2021)
- Mary Cox, *Hunger in War and Peace: Women and Children in Germany, 1914-1925* in *Central European History* (March 2020)
- Egil Asprem, *The Problem of Disenchantment: Scientific Naturalism and Esoteric Discourse 1900-1939* in *ISIS* (2016)
- Nitzan Lebovic, *The Philosophy of Life and Death: Ludwig Klages and the Rise of a Nazi Biopolitics* in *Journal of Modern History* (2016)
- Geoffrey Cocks, *The State of Health: Illness in Nazi Germany* for *Journal of Modern History* (March 2014)
- Jeffrey Wilson, *The German Forest: Nature, Identity, and the Contestation of a National Symbol* for *Central European History* (December 2013)
- Heather Wolfram, *The Stepchildren of Science: Psychical Research and Parapsychology in Germany c. 1870-1939* for *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* (Fall 2010)
- Sander Gilman, *Fat: A Cultural History of Obesity* for H-German (April 2010)
- Alex Owen, *The Place of Enchantment: British Occultism and the Culture of the Modern* for *The Journal of Modern History* (March 2006)
- Pamela Swett, *Neighbors and Enemies: The Culture of Radicalism in Berlin, 1929-1933* for H-German (June 2005)

INVITED LECTURES

- "Health as Performance: Hygienic Theater in Interwar Germany," Performing Arts Department, Washington University in St. Louis (March 2026)
- "Kreisläufe der Weltmedizin," Invited paper for a special conference on "Jugend- und Lebensreformbewegungen inter- und transnational" at the Archiv der deutschen Jugendbewegung in Wittenhausen, Germany (October 2024)
- "Modernity's Laboratory," Keynote address for a special conference on "Negotiating Modern Ways of Life: Life-Reform Movements in Central and Eastern Europe since 1800" at the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe in Marburg, Germany (September 2023)
- "Nature and the Nazi Diet," *Historia Medica*, Medical School, Washington University in St. Louis (February 2018)
- "Why Natural Food? Answers from the German Past," Keynote Address, Southeast German Studies Workshop (February 2018)
- "Enchanting the Farm," Conference on Enchanted Modernities, Columbia University (October 2015)
- "Global Health Humanities," Humanities Center, Duke University (April 2015)
- "Culture and Contagion: A Conversation about Ebola," Humanities Center, Washington University in St. Louis (March 2015)
- "Humans Are Only Plants in Nature's Garden: Inventing Organic Agriculture in Modern Germany," Max Kade Center for European Studies, Vanderbilt University (October 2012)

- "What's going on with the body?," Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on Japan Embodied, Washington University in St. Louis (November 2011)
- "The Creative Unconscious," Keynote Address, Color of Dissonance Symposium, Southwestern University (April 2009)
- "A Tour of the Modern German Occult Movement," Departments of History and Art / Design, Honors College, Southwest Texas State University (April 2002)
- "Modernity and Its Pressures," History Department and Program in History and Philosophy of Science, Northwestern University (April 2001)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Five Million Schoolchildren Don't Own Their Own Toothbrush," German Studies Association (September 2025)
- "The Transparent Person as Global Diplomat," German Studies Association (September 2024)
- "Circuits of German Health," German Studies Association (October 2020)
- "Globalizing German Epistemologies of Health," German Studies Association (September 2018)
- "Eating Nature in Modern Germany," German Studies Association (October 2017)
- "Biodynamics in Interwar Germany," Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts (November 2016)
- "Physiology, Economics, and *Volksernährung*," German Studies Association (October 2016)
- "Life Reformers and Laboratories," History of Science Society (November 2014)
- "Rethinking Life Reform as Biopolitics," Midwest German History Workshop (October 2014)
- "Nature as Practice: Food, Agriculture, Environment," German Studies Association (October 2013)
- "Ecological Agriculture in Germany between Science, Politics, and Practice," invited paper, Life Sciences, Agriculture, Environment Workshop, Johns Hopkins University (June 2013)
- "Cooking with Nature," American Historical Association (January 2013)
- "Diet and Democracy in Nineteenth-Century Germany," Danforth Center for the Study of Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis (November 2012)
- "The Biopolitics of Nature in Modern Germany," Agricultural History Society (June 2011)
- "Unmaking the Protein Standard: Nutritional Networks and Social Politics in Modern Germany," invited paper, Conference on Setting Nutritional Standards, Brock University, Canada (August 2010)
- "Self Help for Rich and Poor: Republicanism and Vegetarianism in Nineteenth-Century Germany," German Studies Association (October 2009)
- "The New Religions and the Old," American Historical Association (January 2009)
- "The Biopolitics of Diet," American Historical Association (January 2007)
- Invited participant, European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism (June 2006)
- "Radical Politics and Natural Foods in Modern Germany," Association for the Study of Food and Culture (June 2006)
- "Meat Makes Meat? Debating Diet and the Social Question in Wilhelmine Germany," German Studies Association (October 2005)
- "Food Science / Food Politics: Max Rubner and 'Rational Nutrition' in Fin-de-Siècle Berlin," International Commission for Research into European Food History, Berlin (September 2005)
- "The Occult Self," German Studies Association (September 2003)
- "Doctors, Artists and the Occult in Fin-de-Siècle Germany," American Association for the History of Medicine (May 2003)
- "Religion in a Secular Age: The Occult in Germany and Britain circa 1900" and "Questions of German Modernity," German Studies Association (October 2001)
- "Liberalism and the Occult in Fin-de-Siècle Germany," invited paper, Conference on Germany at the Fin de Siècle, Louisiana State University (September 2000)

- "To Heal and To Harm: Official and Occult Medicine in Modern Germany," American Association for the History of Medicine (May 2000)
- "Art and the Occult in Imperial Germany," Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts (April 2000)
- "Liberalism and Spiritualism in Berlin circa 1900," invited paper, Conference on Science and the Public in Berlin, Humboldt University (January 2000)
- "The Creative Unconscious," German Studies Association (October 1999)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

Conferences organized

- "Frankenstein at 200," Washington University in St. Louis (October 2017)
- "Ethics of Diet," Washington University in St. Louis (September 2008)

Panels organized at conferences

- "Hygiene in the Public Square," German Studies Association (September 2025)
- "Food Studies, German Studies," German Studies Association (October 2017)
- "Nature as Practice," American Historical Association (January 2013)
- "Food, Politics, Identity," German Studies Association (October 2009)
- "Beyond Separate Spheres: Science, Technology, History," American Historical Association (January 2007)
- "The Culture of Hypnosis," German Studies Association (October 1999)

BLOGS, INTERVIEWS, PODCASTS, PUBLIC TALKS

- *Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis* (March 2025), "How To Be Healthy"
- *Food, Fatness, and Fitness: Critical Perspectives* (October 2024), "Beyond Meat Takes a Historian Back Then"
- *School of Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis* (September 2023), interview for "The Responders: An Oral History of Covid-19 in Saint Louis" (podcast) and panelist for "Journey to Healing: Creativity in the Time of Covid-19" (symposium and exhibit)
- *Baltic Worlds XV* (June 2022), interview with Julia Malitska for a special issue on "Baltic Worlds: Dietary Reform in the Baltic and East Central Europe"
- *Counterpoint, ABC* (Australian Broadcasting Corporation), radio interview with Amanda Vanstone, "Organic Food and Its Nazi Past," 3 September 2018
- *POLITICO.EU*, interview with Irina Dumitrescu, "Bio-Nazis Go Green in Germany," 12 July 2018
- *St. Louis on the Air, KWMU St. Louis Public Radio*, interview with Don Marsh about the WUSTL Frankenstein Bicentennial, 3 January 2018
- *Hold That Thought Podcast, WUSTL*, "Eating Organic in Nazi Germany," 7 September 2016
- "Nature and the Nazis," *Science on Tap*, 29 March 2016
- *Center for the Humanities Blog, WUSTL*, "Happy Birthday, Frankenstein," 7 December 2015
- *Institute for Public Health Blog, WUSTL*, "Contagion! Back to the Past," 13 July 2015
- *Center for the Humanities, WUSTL*, "Organic Origin Story" interview, 23 April 2015

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Leader of the Frankenstein Bicentennial, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2018)
- Co-founder in 2015 of the Medical Humanities minor, Washington University in St. Louis
- Co-founder / Convener of the Health Humanities Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis (2026-present)

- Co-founder / Convener of the Medical Humanities Reading Group, Washington University in St. Louis, 2014-2021

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University Service at Washington University in St. Louis

- Selection Committee, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Modeling Interdisciplinary Inquiry, Center for the Humanities (2026)
- Organizing Committee, Landau Symposium on “Pre-Natal Genetic Testing: Past, Present, Future” (School of Medicine, 2024-2025)
- Member, Health Communication Collaborative (School of Public Health, 2025-present)
- Undergraduate Public Health Major Committee (2022-2024)
- Dean's Advisory Committee (2022-4)
- Chair, Department of History (2021-present)
- Review Committee on Faculty Personnel Procedures (2020-2023)
- Executive Committee, Center for the Humanities (2020-2023)
- Executive Committee, Center for the History of Medicine (2018-present)
- Director of the Medical Humanities Minor (2018-2021)
- Advisory Board, Center for Teaching and Learning (2019-2021)
- Member of the Holocaust Lecture Committee (2019-2022)
- Member of the Provost's Teaching Center Director Search (2018)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies (2016-2018)
- Chair of History of Medicine Search Committee, Department of History (2014-2016)
- University Library Committee (2015-2018)
- Faculty Council, School of Arts and Science (2012)
- Executive Board & Co-chair, Association of Women Faculty (2007-2015)
- Work / Life Committee, Office for Diversity (2012-2013)
- Minor Adviser, History Department (2012-2013)
- German Studies Search Committee, Department of German (2012-2013)
- Chair of Modern Western Europe Search Committee, Department of History (2010-2011)
- Provost's Committee on Exit Interviews (2010-2011)
- Special Majors Committee, Faculty of Arts & Sciences (2007-2011)
- Co-chair, Colloquium Committee, Department of History (2007-2011)
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History (2005-2006 and 2012-2013)
- Curriculum Committee, College of Arts & Sciences (2005)

Professional Service

- Member, Committee on the George L. Mosse Prize in European Intellectual and Cultural History, American Historical Association (2025-2027)
- Co-founder and convener of the Body History Working Group (an international research seminar for German historians, 2021-present)
- Barclay Book Prize Committee, German Studies Association (2023)
- Reviewer of articles, books, and book proposals for *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*; *Central European History*; *Cultural and Social History*; *Food, Culture, and Society*; *Gender & History*; *German History*; *H-NET*; *ISIS*; *Journal of Global History*; *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*; *Journal of Modern History*; *Modern Intellectual History*; Bloomsbury, Johns Hopkins UP, Norton, Northern Illinois UP, and Oxford UP

- Member of the Modern European Section Committee, American Historical Association (2020-present)
- Team reviewer for *The West: A New History* (Norton) by David Bell and Anthony Grafton (2013-7)
- Grant reviewer for the Berlin Academy, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, FNRS (National Fund for Scientific Research, Belgium), and the Israel Science Foundation (2006-present)
- Faculty Mentor, Trans-Atlantic Doctoral History Seminar, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC (May 2009)
- Nominating Committee Member, Section on History and Philosophy of Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science (2005-2007)

Professional Awards and Development

- Faculty Fellow, "Women Faculty Leadership Institute," Washington University in St. Louis (2017)
- Member, Inclusive Teaching and Learning Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis (2017-2018). Group convened to write an inclusive syllabus template for use across the university.
- Member, Faculty Leadership Development Seminar, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2019)
- Invited Participant, "Inclusion and Diversity to Engage All," Faculty Institute on Teaching, Washington University in St. Louis (May 2016)
- Faculty Fellow, "Women's Leadership Forum," Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis (2013-2014)

TEACHING, STUDENT ADVISING, AND SUPERVISION

Courses

Health and Disease in World History. Entry-level course that uses experiences of health and disease from the ancient period to the present to introduce the field of world history.

Modern Europe, 1650-Present. Entry-level course on the major personalities, events, and themes of European history from Louis XIV to the European Union.

The Art of Medicine. Entry-level interdisciplinary course that introduces students to the field of Medical Humanities. Taught collaboratively.

The First World War. Survey of the causes, course, and long-term consequences of the First World War.

Modern European Women. Survey of European women from 1700 to the present. Emphasis on comparison between the British, French, and German cases.

Modern Germany. Survey of major issues in German history since 1800, particularly debates over Germany's "special path to modernity."

Nazi Germany. Uses case of Nazi Germany to introduce history majors to primary source analysis, historiographical awareness, writing conventions, and historical research methods.

What is Medical Humanities? Core course for Medical Humanities minors on central questions, themes, and methods in this emerging field.

Food in History. Graduate core seminar on new research in European food history.

Frankenstein: Origins and Afterlives. Investigates the novel and its many afterlives through text, visual media, and political discourse. Co-taught.

History of the Body. Seminar on the Western body since 1500. Readings draw on the history of medicine, European cultural history, and gender studies.

Modern German History. Supervised readings for graduate students preparing field exams.

Seminar in Modern European History. Graduate seminar on key questions and debates in European history since the French Revolution.

Graduate Advising in History

Kathleen Walsh (primary adviser, 2021-present)

Chang Xu (dissertation committee co-chair, May 2024)

Joohee Suh (dissertation committee member, June 2019)

Jacob Labendz (dissertation committee member, August 2014)

Amber Aragon (dissertation committee member, August 2011)

Janek Wassermann (dissertation committee member, August 2010)

Jill Storm (dissertation committee member, May 2010)

Matt Brown (dissertation committee member, September 2006)

Graduate Advising in Other Departments

Annika Nilssen (dissertation committee member in Anthropology, May 2025)

Jacob Eaton (dissertation committee member in Brown School, April 2020)

Rose Miyatsu (dissertation committee member in English, April 2019)

Jenny Epstein (dissertation committee member in Anthropology, September 2016)

Gail Wolfe (dissertation committee member in Education, August 2013)

Faruk Pasic (dissertation committee member in German, August 2013)

Brooke Taylor (dissertation committee member in English, January 2010)

Alberto Sahagun (dissertation committee member in German, December 2009)

Nancy Richardson (dissertation committee member in German, April 2007)

Jason Baker (dissertation committee member in German, April 2007)

Graduate Examination Fields

Modern Germany / Central Europe

Europe since 1750

History of the Body

Medicine in World History

Undergraduate advising

Conner Yamnitz (primary adviser, honors thesis in History, 2025-2026)

Matthew Layden (primary adviser, honors thesis in History, 2022-2023)

Kiegan Baranski (primary adviser, independent capstone in Medical Humanities, 2019-2020)

John Kemp (primary adviser, honors thesis in History, 2017-2018)

Nikhil Dharan (primary adviser, honors thesis in History, 2015-2016)

Wes Sebring (primary adviser, honors thesis in WGSS, 2010-2011)

Teaching awards

- American Library Association, 2019 RBMS Leab Exhibition Award for "The Monster's Library" (student-curated exhibit, "Frankenstein, Origins and Afterlives," co-taught with Amy Pawl in 2018)
- Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award, November 2018