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Washington University in Saint Louis, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures
Ph.D., 1995-2002

Dissertation: "Violence, Trauma, and The Return of the Literary Avant-Garde in West German During the 1960s"

Minor Field: Intellectual History

Humboldt Universität, Berlin, Germany, Seminar für Kulturwissenschaft. Annual DAAD Fellow, 1996 – 1997

Washington University in Saint Louis, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures
M.A., 1993 – 1995

University of Vermont, Department of German and Russian
B.A., German Literature, 1989 – 1993, Magna Cum Laude

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany, Department für Germanistik, Komparatistik, Nordistik, Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Wayne State University, Junior Year in Munich, 1990 – 1991

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
1988 – 1989

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Department of Germanic & Slavic Languages and Literatures

Department Chair, July 2022 – Present

Professor of German, July 2019 – Present

Associate Professor of German, July 2008 – Present

Assistant Professor of German, July 2002 – June 2008

Affiliated faculty member in:

Film Studies

Sexuality Studies

IV. ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Visiting Faculty Member, Graduate School, Universität Zürich, Summer 2022
Semester Research & Study Leave, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2019
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Summer 2016
Zachary Smith Distinguished Term Associate Professor, July 2014 – June 2018
Semester Research & Study Leave, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2013
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, August 2011-October 2012
German Film Institute, Fellow, University of Michigan, August 2008.
John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Recycling Seminar Fellow, Duke University, 2007-2008 (Irwin and Carol Belk/First Union Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities)
Semester Research & Study Leave, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2005
Spray-Randleigh Fellowship, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2003-2004

V. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books

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Edited Volumes

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Co-Edited Volumes

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Book Chapters

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"Vers une sonorité de communisme: Traces de Georg Simmel dans le Livre de Passages du XXI^e siècle d'Alexander Kluge." *Alexander Kluge: un auteur «global» pour une «Renaissance du XXI^e siècle.»* Eds. Wolfgang Asholt, Jean-Pierre Morel, Vincent Pauval. Paris: éditions Hermann, 2021. Forthcoming.

"Searching for the Young Soul Rebels: On Writing, New Wave, and the Ends of Cultural Studies." *Sounds German: Popular Music in Postwar Germany at the Crossroads of the National and Transnational*. Ed. Kirkland A. Fulk. New York: Berghahn Books, 2021. 144-163.

"The Guardian of Difference: The Essayist Alexander Kluge." *Difference and Orientation: Poetics, Film, Media, Theory*, by Alexander Kluge. Ed R. Langston. Trans. E. Woelk et al. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2019. 3-22.

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"Cruising as Spiritual Communism: Theatricality and the AIDS Spectacle in Hubert Fichte's *Roman Fleuve*." *Colloquia Germanica*. 2023. Under review.

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The Janus Face of the German Avant-Garde (2002) by Rainer Rumold. In: *The German Quarterly* 76.3 (2003): 343-4.

Mail-Orders: The Fiction of Letters in Postmodern Culture (2002) by Sunka Simon. In: *Gegenwartsliteratur: Ein germanistisches Jahrbuch* 2 (2003): 360-61.

Alexander Kluge: The Last Modernist (1998) by Peter C. Lutze. In: *Monatshefte* 94.2 (2002): 269-270.