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EDUCATION

PhD, History, Princeton University, since August 2015 (in progress).

Dissertation: “German Jurists and the Search for ‘Life’ in Modern Legal Science, 1900-1949” (tentative)

Committee: Hendrik Hartog, Michael Gordin

JSD, Law, Yale Law School, since August 2014 (in progress).

Dissertation: “Transatlantic Legal Realisms: On the German Free Law Origins of American Anti-Formalist Jurisprudence” (tentative)

Committee: James Q. Whitman, John Fabian Witt, Paul Kahn, Dieter Grimm

MA, History, Princeton University, May 2017.

Fields: Transatlantic Social & Political Thought, 1776-1968 (Daniel Rodgers & Anson Rabinbach), Germans and the World, 1740-1914 (Yair Mintzker), Cultures of American Law, 1776-2003 (Hendrik Hartog)

LL.M, Law, Yale Law School, May 2013.

BCL, Law, Oxford University, July 2011.

LL.B, Law, University College London, August 2010.

Baccalaureus Legum, Law, University of Cologne, August 2010.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

History of Science Certificate, Program in History of Science, Princeton University, since September 2017 (in progress).

Max-Planck Society for Legal History Summer School, Max Planck Institute for Legal History, Frankfurt, August 2015.

Certificate of Private International Law, The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, July – August 2011.

Extensive undergraduate and graduate-level coursework, English Language & Literature BA Program, University of Cologne, August 2004 - August 2006 (while in high school).

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress:

“Haskalah in Hoboken: Otilie Assing, Frederick Douglass, and New York’s German-Jewish Émigré Community, 1852-1884” (article in preparation).

“How Hermann Kantorowicz Changed His Mind on America and Its Law, 1927-1934” (article in preparation).

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“Henry Maine’s ‘Modern Law’: From Status to Contract and Back Again?,” *65 American Journal of Comparative Law* 145 (2017).

“Law, Modernity, Crisis: German Free Lawyers, American Legal Realists and the Transatlantic Turn to ‘Life,’ 1903-1933,” *39 German Studies Review* 121 (2016).

“Der ‘Formalismus-Mythos’ im deutschen und amerikanischen Rechtsdenken des frühen 20. Jahrhunderts,” *53 Der Staat* 445 (2014).

Chapters in Edited Collections:

“‘Many Shafts of Insight’: Reading Hermann Kantorowicz’s *The Definition of Law* (1958) alongside H.L.A. Hart’s *The Concept of Law* (1963),” in: *Kantorowicz’s Begriff des Rechts und der Rechtswissenschaft* (forthcoming, 2019).

“From Evolutionary Functionalism to Critical Transnationalism: Comparative Legal History, Aristotle to Present,” in *Oxford Handbook for Legal-Historical Research* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

Book Reviews:

Review essay of Kevin Butterfield, *The Making of Tocqueville’s America—Law and Association in the Early United States*, *14 International Journal of Constitutional Law* 769 (2016).

Review essay of Darin M. McMahon & Samuel Moyn (eds.), *Rethinking Modern European Intellectual History*, 3 *Comparative Legal History* 196 (2015).

Review of James Gordley, *The Jurists—A Critical History*, 33 *Law & History Review* 467 (2014).

Blog Posts and Interviews:

“Echoes of Weimar in American Cold War Politics: An Interview with Daniel Bessner,” *Toynbee Prize Foundation Blog* (May 2018).

“On American ‘Dilettantism’ and German ‘Pedantry’: A Comparative Look at Law Journal Culture and the Future of Legal Knowledge Production,” *Voelkerrechtsblog* (November 2014).

PRIZES & RECOGNITIONS

Graduate Student Paper Prize, Society for the History of the Humanities, October 2016.

Graduate Student Paper Prize, German Studies Association, October 2015.

Colin B. Picker Graduate Student Paper Prize, Young Comparativists at the American Society of Comparative Law, April 2015.

Faculty Prize, Oxford University Law Faculty, July 2011.

Richardson Prize, UCL Law Faculty, July 2008.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Dissertation Fellowship, Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, October 2019-October 2020.

Political Philosophy Research and Travel Grant, Princeton University Center for Human Values, May 2019.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University Center for Human Values, September 2018-May 2019.

Summer Research Grant, Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, April 2018.

Dissertation Graduate Research Funding, Princeton University History Department, April 2018.

Graduate Language Funding, Princeton University History Department, March 2017.

Pre-Dissertation Graduate Research Funding, Princeton University History Department, March 2016.

Graduate Associate, Law & Public Affairs Program, Princeton University, since September 2015.

Merit Grant, Princeton University Center for Human Values, September 2015 – May 2016.

University Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton University History Department, September 2015 (five-year duration).

Prize Research Grant in Exchanges of Economic, Legal and Political Ideas, Center for History and Economics at Harvard University/Cambridge University, May 2015.

Graduate Fellowship, Yale Law School, August 2014 – May 2015.

Visiting Researcher, Comparative Legal History & Thought, Yale Law School, August 2013-May 2014.

Fellow & Research Scholarship, German National Merit Foundation, September 2012 – May 2014.

LL.M Scholarship, Walter W. Oberreit Memorial Fund, Yale Law School, October 2012 – May 2013.

Fellow & Research Scholarship, Cusanuswerk, September 2010 – July 2011.

Finalist, Telders International Law Moot Court, April 2010.

Exchange Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service, September 2006 - August 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecture: “Nazi Visions of International Order” for Professor Natasha Wheatley’s undergraduate course HIS350 – History of International Order, Princeton University (March 2018).

Preceptor, Princeton University History Department (Professor Natasha Wheatley, HIS350 - History of International Order), February 2018 – May 2018.

Preceptor, Princeton University History Department (Professor Hendrik Hartog, AMS390/HIS 382 - American Legal Thought), September 2017 - January 2018.

Teaching Fellow, Yale University History Department (Professor Paul Freedman, HIS 246 – History of Food), January 2015 - May 2015.

Lead Instructor, Yale Young Global Scholars Program (seminar: Topics in American Legal History & Thought 1865-2015), Yale University, July 2014.

Teaching Assistant (Contract Law, Property Law, Legal Theory, Legal Sociology, Legal Philosophy), University of Cologne, September 2011 - August 2012.

CONFERENCE TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Critical Legal Studies: Intellectual History and the History of the Present, Princeton University, 27-28 February 2020; TBD (invited conference presentation; forthcoming).

American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 21 November-24 November 2019: *“From Free Law to Free Love: On Theodor Sternberg’s Sexological Explorations in Imperial Japan, 1935-1937”* (refereed Student Research Colloquium presentation; forthcoming).

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 30 May-2 June 2019; *“But American Legal Science is Terribly Backward’: On Hermann Kantorowicz’s Attempt to Infuse “Realism” with “Some Rationalism”* (refereed conference presentation).

The Making of a World Order: A Reappraisal of the Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of Versailles, the American University of Paris, 23-25 May 2019: *“On Illiberal Internationalism and the Rise of Nazi “Life”-Law”* (refereed conference presentation).

History of Sexuality & Erudition: Institutions, Texts, Practices, Princeton University, 9-10 May 2019: *“From Free Law to Free Love: On Theodor Sternberg’s Sexological Explorations in Imperial Japan, 1935-1937”* (refereed conference presentation).

Hermann Kantorowicz (1877-1940): The Battle for Legal Science Conference, University of Helsinki, 25-26 October 2018: *“But American Legal Science is Terribly Backwards: On Hermann Kantorowicz’s Attempt to Infuse “Realism” with “Some Rationalism”* (invited conference presentation).

American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 4-7 January 2017: *From “Rechtsleben” to “Lebensrecht”: On Life’s Victory over Law in the Pages of the Archive for Legal and Economic Philosophy, 1907–33* (refereed conference presentation).

Hermann Kantorowicz's Concept of Law, University of Kiel, 17-18 November 2017: *"Many Shafts of Insight": Reading Hermann Kantorowicz's 'The Definition of Law' alongside H.L.A. Hart's 'The Concept of Law' (invited conference presentation).*

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, 20-23 June 2017: *'Lücken im Recht'—On the Quest for 'Life' in German Legal Science, 1848-1946 (refereed conference presentation).*

Modern Europe Workshop, Princeton University, 20 October 2016: *From "Rechtsleben" to "Lebensrecht"—On Life's Victory over Law in the Pages of the Archive for Legal and Economic Philosophy, 1907-1933 (refereed workshop presentation).*

The Making of the Humanities V Conference, Johns Hopkins University, 5-7 October 2016: *From Evolutionary Functionalism to Critical Transnationalism: Comparative Legal History, 1780s to Present (refereed conference presentation).*

Transatlantic Studies Association Conference, Plymouth, 4-6 July 2016: *Transatlantic Legalisms: Between German "Life" and American "Experience" in Early Twentieth Century Legal Thought (invited panelist D.C. Watt Panel).*

European Society for Comparative Legal History Biennial Conference, Gdansk, 28 June-1 July 2016: *A Tale of Two Naturalisms: Law's Instrumentality in the Minds of Early 20th Century German and American Alternative Jurists (refereed conference presentation).*

ICON, Humboldt University Berlin, 17-19 June 2016: *Between "Life" and "Experience": German Free Lawyers, American Legal Realists, and the Transatlantic Turn to Jurisprudential Naturalism, 1903-1945 (refereed conference presentation).*

Law and Jewish Biography—Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Jewish Legal Theorists, Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Culture, Leipzig, 30 May 2016 (via Skype): *On the Jewish Roots of the German Free Law Movement: Kantorowicz, Ehrlich, Fuchs (referred workshop presentation).*

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2-5 June 2016: *On German "Life" and American "Experience": German Free Law, American Legal Realism, and the Transatlantic Turn to Jurisprudential Naturalism, 1903-1934 (refereed conference presentation).*

Forging Bonds Across Borders: Mobilizing for Women's Rights and Social Justice in the 19th-Century Transatlantic World, German Historical Institute, Washington D.C., 28-30 April 2016: *Strategically Navigating the Publicist Sphere: Otilie Assing and America's German-Intellectual Communities, 1865-1884 (refereed conference presentation; forthcoming).*

Futures of Intellectual History Conference, Remarque Institute at New York University, 23-24 October 2015: *Towards a "Legal Turn" in Modern Intellectual History (refereed conference presentation).*

German Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C., 1-4 October 2015: *De-Naturalizing “American Jurisprudential Exceptionalism:” German Free Lawyers, American Legal Realists and the Transatlantic Turn to “Life,” 1903-1933* (refereed conference presentation).

International Conference “A Great Divide? America between Exceptionalism and Transnationalism,” German Historical Institute Washington D.C. & Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, May 2015: *De-Naturalizing “American Jurisprudential Exceptionalism:” German Free Lawyers, American Legal Realists and the Transatlantic Turn to “Life,” 1903-1933* (refereed conference presentation).

Younger Comparativists Conference, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 16-17 April 2015: *Unmasking “American legal Exceptionalism”: German Free Lawyers, American Legal Realists and the Transatlantic Turn to “Life”, 1903-1933* (refereed conference presentation).

Annual Comparative Law Works-in-Progress Workshop, Princeton University, 6-7 March 2015: *Unmasking “American legal Exceptionalism”: German Free Lawyers, American Legal Realists and the Transatlantic Turn to “Life”, 1903-1933* (refereed conference presentation).

Yale Law School Latin American Linkages Program, Yale Law School, 13 February 2015: *On American “Dilettantism” and German “Pedantry”: A Comparative Look at Law Journal Culture and the Future of Legal Knowledge Production* (invited talk).

2nd Tel Aviv University Workshop for Junior Scholars, Tel Aviv University, 10-11 November 2014: *Anti-Formalism as “Jurisprudence of Crisis”: German Free Lawyers and American Legal Realists Between Normativity and Pragmatism* (refereed conference presentation).

Postgraduate & Early Careers Conference, University College London, 3 November 2014, *Sheltered from the Noise: The Curious Case of the Missing Realist Turn in Modern English Legal Thought* (refereed conference presentation).

United Kingdom IVR Conference, London School of Economics, 24-25 October 2014: *Anti-Formalism as “Jurisprudence of Crisis”: German Free Law, American Legal Realism and the Curious Case of the Missing Anti-Formalist Turn in England* (refereed conference presentation).

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 29 May – 1 June 2014, Minneapolis: *American Legal Realism and the Equality-Enhancing Function of Anti-Formalist Jurisprudence: Lessons from Modern French and German Legal Thought* (refereed conference presentation).

Inaugural Young Researchers Conference, Stanford University, 16-17 May: *Sir Henry Maine’s “Modern Law”: From Status to Contract and Back Again?* (refereed conference presentation).

20th Annual Forum of Young Legal Historians, University of Cambridge, 2-5 April 2014
Beyond Necessary Connections: The Common Law Tradition and Anti-Formalist Jurisprudence
(refereed conference presentation).

Fourth International Young Researchers Conference, University of Frankfurt, 5-7 December 2013: *Der Formalismus-Mythos im deutschen und amerikanischen Rechtsdenken des frühen 20. Jahrhunderts* (refereed conference presentation).

Advanced Legal Studies Seminar Series, Yale Law School, 3 October 2013: *The “Rise” and “Fall” of the German Free Law Movement: Lessons from Modern American Legal Thought* (invited speaker).

Works in Progress Symposium, Yale Law School, 10 April 2013: *Sir Henry Maine’s “Modern Law”: From Status to Contract and Back Again?* (refereed conference presentation).

Global Conversations Speaker Series, Yale Law School, 14 March 2013: *Law and Interdisciplinarity* (invited panelist).

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer Law Clerk, Clifford Chance LLP, Washington DC, May – July 2015 (received and declined offer of employment).

Research Assistant to Professor David Blight, Yale History Department, November 2014 – May 2015 (for *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*, Simon & Schuster, 2018)

Research Assistant to Professor John Fabian Witt, Yale Law School, August 2014 – May 2015.

Freelance Legal Consultant, Lexidale, Tel Aviv, September 2013 – May 2014.

Research Assistant, Chair for Private Law and Legal Theory, University of Cologne, September 2011 – August 2012.

Research Assistant, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg), November 2010 – April 2011.

Research Assistant, Clifford Chance, Düsseldorf, September 2008 – September 2010.

Intern, German Foreign Office, Berlin, February 2009 – April 2009.

UNIVERSITY & ACADEMIC SERVICE

Mentor, Program in Values and Public Life, Princeton University, since October 2018.

Book Proposal Reviewer, Cambridge University Press, April 2018.

External Referee, Yale Journal of Law & Humanities, since September 2017.

Legal History Fellow, Yale Law School Legal History Forum, August 2017 – May 2018.

Co-Organizer, Yale Doctoral Scholarship Conference 2017, Yale Law School, November 2017.

Graduate Liaison, Yale Law School Mental Health Alliance, February 2015 - August 2015.

Chair, J.S.D. Policy for the Future Committee, August 2014 – May 2015.

Co-Organizer, Yale Doctoral Scholarship Conference 2014, Yale Law School, November 2014.

Convenor, Yale Law School Visiting Researchers Speakers Series, August 2013– May 2014.

Student Representative, Yale Law School Visiting Researchers, August 2013 - May 2014.

Editor, Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities, September 2012 – January 2013.

Associate Editor, Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, September 2010 – July 2011.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

German (native)

English (native level)

French (good reading and speaking ability, Princeton language examination)

Italian (good reading and conversational speaking ability, Princeton language examination)

Portuguese (good reading and conversational speaking ability, Princeton language examination)

Spanish (good reading and conversational speaking ability, Princeton language examination)

Dutch (good reading and conversational speaking ability, Princeton language examination)

Latin (*Latinum*, fair reading ability)

Hebrew (Tel Aviv University Ulpan, conversational speaking ability)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Legal History

European Society of Comparative Legal History

German Studies Association

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