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APPOINTMENTS

2022–present Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, Boston College

EDUCATION

2022 PhD, History, Boston College, Dr. Devin Pendas, Dr. Nicole Eaton, Dr. Erin Hochman

Dissertation: *An Intra-National Borderland: Regional Conflicts & Affinities Across the Austro-Bavarian Border, 1918–1955*

Second Place, Radomír Luža Prize for Best Manuscript in Austrian/Czechoslovak Studies in the World War II Era, 2023. Awarded by *American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance, Center Austria: The Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies, German Studies Association*

2017 MA, History with Distinction, *Boston College*

2014 BA, History with High Distinction, *University of Virginia*

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Brotherlands: Nazis versus Fascists across Austria & Germany, 1918–1955

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

2025 “Austria & Japan as Cultural Nations? Photography & Art in the Occupied Axis Powers, 1945–1955,” Co-Authored Chapter in *Austrian Art, Culture, and Literature of the 20th/21st Century* (Istanbul: Istanbul University Press, 2025), Series: *Interdisciplinary Studies in German Philology*, Co-Author: Dr. Emily E. Cole. Forthcoming.

2025 “From Bavaria to the Brenner: Austria as a Fascist Borderland, 1933–1936,” *German Studies Review* 48, no. 2 (2025): Forthcoming.

2024 “Making Austria German Again: Austrofascist ‘Home Guards’ Against Nazi ‘Austrian Legionaries,’ 1933–1934,” *Fascism: Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies* 13, no. 1 (2024): 99–121.

2023 “Borderland Brothers: Austrofascist Competition & Cooperation with National Socialists, 1936–1938,” *Journal of Austrian Studies* 56, no. 1 (2023): 1–24.

Max Kade Prize for Best Article in the *Journal of Austrian Studies* in 2023. Awarded by the Austrian Studies Association, the *Journal of Austrian Studies*, & the Max-Kade Foundation

- 2019 “Casualties of War? Refining the Civilian–Military Dichotomy in World War I,” *Madison Historical Review* 16, Article 5 (2019): 1-36.
- 2017 “Racist Limitations on Violence: The Nazi Occupation of Denmark,” *Essays in History* 50 (2017): 1-18.

NON-PEER REVIEWED

- 2023 “Pro-Fascist, Anti-Nazi: Austrian Catholics weaponized religion against Hitler but for fascism,” *Commonweal: Religion, Politics, Culture*, 10 October.
- 2014 “Historical Alternatives in the First World War: German Conceptualization, Creation, and Loss of its Central Europe,” *The James Blair Historical Review* 5, 1 (2014): 73-90.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2025 Review of *Servants of Culture: Paternalism, Policing, and Identity Politics in Vienna, 1700-1914*, by Ambika Natarajan. *German Studies Review* (Forthcoming).
- 2024 Review of *Interwar Salzburg: Austrian Culture Beyond Vienna*, ed. by Robert Dassanowsky and Katherine Arens. *Journal of Austrian Studies* (Forthcoming).
- 2024 Review of *Memories of German Colonialism in Tanzania* by Reginald Elias Kirey. *German Studies Review* 47, no. 2 (May 2024): 345-347.
- 2024 Review of *Misfire: The Sarajevo Assassination and the Winding Road to World War I* by Paul Miller-Melamed. *Journal of Austrian Studies* 57, no. 1 (Spring 2024): 111-113.
- 2023 Review of *Europeans and Africans: Mutual Discoveries and First Encounters* by Michał Tymowski. *World History Bulletin* 84, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2023): 80-81.
- 2023 Review of *Gedächtnisort der Republik: Das Österreichische Heldendenkmal im Äußeren Burgtor der Wiener Hofburg: Geschichte – Kontroversen – Perspektiven*. Herausgegeben von Heidemarie Uhl, Richard Hufschmied, & Dieter A. Binder. *Austrian History Yearbook* 54 (2023): 201-202.
- 2023 Review of *The American Revolution and the Habsburg Monarchy* by Jonathan Singerton. *Journal of Austrian Studies* 56, no. 2 (2023): 111-113.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Armaments after Armistice: Right-Wing Paramilitary Agents in the Austro-Bavarian Borderland, 1918-1928,” German Studies Association, 48th Annual Conference, Atlanta, September 27-29.
- 2024 “Fighting Fire with Fire: Austrofascist Resistance to Nazism, 1933-1938,” 2023-2024 Lecture Series on *Resistance*, Boston College History Department, March 22.
- 2024 Discussion Moderator/Facilitator, “Dialogue & Action: War, Civilians, International Law,” Pertaining to Ongoing War in Gaza, *Provosts’ Series on Dialogue*, Live Stream Panels across Nine Universities in Greater Boston Area, March 13.

- 2023 Panel Commentator, “Culture, Consumption and Catholicism in Austrian History and Diplomacy,” German Studies Association, 47th Annual Conference, Montréal, October 6-8.
- 2023 “The Nazi March to War: ‘Old’ and ‘New’ Eastern Marches in Imperial Imaginaries, 1938–1945,” German Studies Association, 47th Annual Conference, Montréal, October 6-8.
- 2023 “Repeating the ‘July Crisis’ of 1914? An Austrian Assassination & Border Mobilizations Twenty Years Later,” Freie Universität & German Studies Association, Berlin Program Summer Workshop, Berlin, July 5-6.
- 2023 “What’s in a Nazi Name? *Anschluss*, *Altreich*, & Austria, 1938–1945,” Lafayette College, Austrian Studies Association Meeting, Easton PA, April 14-16.
- 2023 “*Österreich* or *Ostmark*? Nazi Nomenclature After *Anschluss*, 1938–1941.” University of Alabama, 15th Southeast German Studies Consortium Workshop, Tuscaloosa, February 23-24.
- 2022 “*Wir brauchen Waffen von Bayern*: Arming Activists Across the Austro-Bavarian Borderland, 1918–1928.” Freie Universität & German Studies Association, Berlin Program Summer Workshop, Berlin, July 6-7.
- 2022 “‘One of the Queerest Wars’: Fascist Infiltration of Parliament & Fascist Infighting Across the Austro-Bavarian Border, 1928–1934.” Austrian Studies Association Meeting, New Orleans, April 12-14.
- 2022 “From Bavaria to the Brenner: The Austrofascist Regime as a Fascist Borderland, 1934–1936.” Joshua B. Stein Works in Progress Lecture Series, Roger Williams University, Bristol, April 7.
- 2022 “Across the Alps: Transborder Smuggling & Paramilitary Formation, 1918–1928.” Appalachian State University, 14th Southeast German Studies Consortium Workshop, Virtual, March 24-25.
- 2021 “Two *Brudervölker*, Two *Bruderreiche*, Two *Führer*: Austrofascist Engagement with Nazism, 1936–1938.” Freie Universität & German Studies Association, Berlin Program Summer Workshop, Virtual, June 30–July 2.
- 2021 “An Intra-National Borderland: Regional Conflicts & Affinities Across the Austro-Bavarian Border, 1918–1955.” German Historical Institute, 26th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, Virtual, June 16-19.
- 2021 “‘One of the Queerest Wars’: Fascist Infiltration of Parliament & Fascist Fighting Across the Austro-Bavarian Border, 1929–1934.” Northeastern University, 13th Annual Graduate History Conference, Virtual, May 15.
- 2020 “*Zwei Brudervölker & Zwei Vaterländer*: Austrofascist Resistance to Nazism.” German Studies Association, 44th Annual Conference, Virtual, October 4.
- 2016 “Casualties of War? Refining the Civilian-Combatant Dichotomy in World War I,” 12th Annual Graduate History Symposium, University of Toronto.
- 2015 “One *Volk*, One *Reich*, Many Fredericks: The Portrayal of Frederick II in the Third Reich,” Graduate Student History Conference, North Carolina State University.

- 2015 “One *Volk*, One *Reich*, Many Fredericks: The Portrayal of Frederick II in the Third Reich,” New Frontiers Graduate History Conference, York University.
- 2014 “One *Volk*, One *Reich*, Many Fredericks: The Portrayal of Frederick II in the Third Reich,” Undergraduate Research Symposium, The Center for Undergraduate Excellence, University of Virginia.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

- 2024 Max Kade Prize for Best Article in the *Journal of Austrian Studies* in 2023. Awarded by the Austrian Studies Association, the *Journal of Austrian Studies*, & the Max-Kade Foundation
- 2023 Second Place, Radomír Luža Prize for Best Manuscript in Austrian/Czechoslovak Studies in the World War II Era, *American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance, Center Austria: The Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies, German Studies Association*
- 2023 Travel Funding to Present at 47th Annual Conference in Montréal, *German Studies Association*
- 2023 Travel & Research Grant, *Central European History Society*
- 2021 Best Paper in World History, *Northeastern University Graduate Student Conference*, Awarded by Department Chair, Monetary Prize & Year Membership in *World History Association*
- 2019 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)-STIPET-Scholarship, For Excellent Students of Partner Universities, *Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt*
- 2018 DAAD-STIPET-Scholarship, *Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt*

INTERNAL

- 2022 Dean of Summer Session Teaching Fellowship, *Woods College of Advancing Studies at BC*
- 2022 Conference, Research, & Professional Development Grant, *Graduate Student Association, Boston College*
- 2021 Dissertation Fellowship, *Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Boston College*
- 2020 Summer Research Grant, *History Department, Boston College*
- 2020 Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, *Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College*
- 2016 Graduate Fellow, *Clough Center for Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD, BOSTON COLLEGE

- 2025 *Creating Croatia: Balkan Borderlands as Bookends of the Twentieth Century, 1899-1999*, Selected to Design & Teach Course, Part of *BC in Croatia: War, Peace, & Reconciliation Program*

- 2024-25 *Where on Earth? Foundations in Global History* (96 undergraduates, 2 graduate Graders), International Studies Program
Modern History II, 1750-2024
- 2023-24 *Europe in the World I, 1400-1800* (250 undergraduates, 5 graduate TAs)
Modern History I, 1250-1800
- 2022-23 *World War II*
Modern History I, 1250-1800 & Modern History II, 1750-2022
- 2022 Summer *Atlantic Worlds I, 1200-1830 & Atlantic Worlds II, 1750-2022*
- 2021 Summer *Modern History I, 1200-1830 & Modern History II, 1750-2022*
- 2020 Fall *Modern History II, 1750-2022*

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD, KATHOLISCHE UNIVERSITÄT EICHSTÄTT-INGOLSTADT

- 2018-19 *Integrated Language Skills: US Politics & History*
- 2018-19 *TOEFL Preparation Course*
- 2018 *Basic & Intermediate English*

TEACHING ASSISTANT, BOSTON COLLEGE

- 2021 Spring *US History II* (Dr. Heather Cox Richardson)
- 2019-20 *Asia in the World I & II* (Dr. Ling Zhang & Dr. Yajun Mo)
- 2017 Spring *African Diaspora and the World II* (Dr. Martin Summers)
- 2016 Fall *Globalization I* (Dr. Burleigh Hendrickson)
- 2015-16 *Globalization I & II* (Dr. Hannah Farber)

COURSE GRADER, BOSTON COLLEGE

- 2014 Fall *World War II* (Dr. Devin Pendas)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT BOSTON COLLEGE

- 2023-24 Faculty Cohort, "More Equitable Grading," *Center for Teaching Excellence*
- 2023 Cultural Competence Engagement Modules Program, *Office for Institutional Diversity*
- 2021-22 Apprenticeship in College Teaching Program, *Center for Teaching Excellence*
- 2021-present "Bodies & Places" History Workshop, *History Department*
- 2020-present Career Development Working Group, *History Department*
- 2020-present Europeanist Working Group for Faculty & Graduate Students in the Boston Area, *Boston College, Boston University, & Brandeis University*
- 2019-22 History Tutor & Tutoring Coordinator (2019-2022), *Student-Athlete Academic Services*
& 2016-17 *with training at Connors Family Learning Center*

PUBLIC HISTORY & OUTREACH

- 2024 Podcast Episode, "Everything has a History," Episode 2 of *Historic Eagles*, Boston College

- 2023- Secretary-Treasurer, *American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance* (AFDÖW)
- 2022 History at the Source, Podcast Studio Working Group, *History Department*, BC
- 2022 Chapter Reviewer, History Textbook, W. W. Norton & Company
- 2021- Podcast Host, *New Books in German Studies*, Channel on *The New Books Network*

EPISODES PUBLISHED

- Consuming Landscapes: What We See When We Drive and Why It Matters* by Thomas Zeller,
Johns Hopkins University Press
- German Blood, Slavic Soil: How Nazi Königsberg Became Soviet Kaliningrad* by Nicole Eaton,
Cornell University Press
- Our Gigantic Zoo: A German Quest to Save the Serengeti* by Thomas M. Lekan,
Oxford University Press
- Environing Empire: Nature, Infrastructure and the Making of German Southwest Africa* by Martin
Kalb, Berghahn Books
- Democracy, Nazi Trials and Transitional Justice in Germany, 1945-1950* by Devin O. Pendas,
Cambridge University Press
- Nazis of Copley Square: The Forgotten Story of the Christian Front* by Charles Gallagher
Harvard University Press

- 2021 Radio Interview, "Modern Germany," *The Charlie Brennan Show with Amy Marxkors*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024 Instructor & Facilitator, *The Treaty of Versailles in Global Perspective*, Professional
Development Session for Social Studies Teachers, Boston Public Schools
- 2023 Panelist, Opening Plenary Panel, Teaching Assistant & Teaching Fellow Orientation, *Center
for Teaching Excellence*
- 2022 Graduate Student Liaison: Faculty Search in African & African Diaspora Studies
- 2016-17 President, Graduate History Alliance
- 2015-16 Treasurer, Graduate History Alliance
- 2015-16 Coordinator, European History Workshop

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH (native speaker)

GERMAN (near native speaker)

FRENCH (intermediate)