
CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Michigan

History, August 2007

Dissertation: "A Tale of Two Borders: Settlement and National Transformation in Libya and South Tyrol under Fascism"

Co-Chairs: Geoff Eley, Dario Gaggio

Committee: Kathleen Canning, Ann Laura Stoler

M.A., University of Denver

International Studies, June 2000

B.A., University of Denver

Economics and Women's Studies, Summa Cum Laude, June 1998

EMPLOYMENT

2009-Present	Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Kansas
2005-2008	Instructor, University of Michigan
Fall-2005	Graduate Research Assistant, University of Michigan
Fall 2002	Graduate Research Assistant, University of Michigan
2001-2002	Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
Fall 2002	Graduate Student Mentor, University of Michigan
1998-2000	Assistant Ski Coach, University of Denver Varsity Ski Team
1987-1995	Professional Ski Racer, Member of the Italian National Alpine Ski Team

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern Europe with an emphasis on Italy and Germany, fascism, colonialism, borderlands, gender, migration studies, comparative and transnational history

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Fascist borderlands: Nation, empire and Italy's settlement program, 1922-1943.

Book manuscript in progress.

Edited Books

Beyond Consensus: Rethinking Italian Society under Fascism, edited by Giulia Albanese and Roberta Pergher. Book manuscript under contract with Palgrave Macmillan.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Historians, Fascism, and Italian Society: Mapping the Limits of Consent," co-authored with Giulia Albanese, in *Beyond Consensus*, edited by Giulia Albanese and Roberta Pergher. Under contract with Palgrave Macmillan.

"The Age of Consent? Fascism, Colonizers, and Conflict," in *Beyond Consensus*, edited by Giulia Albanese and Roberta Pergher. Under contract with Palgrave Macmillan.

"Staging the Nation in Fascist Italy's 'New Provinces'" in *Austrian History Yearbook*, accepted for publication (forthcoming 2012).

"Coloni in Colonia" in *Professioni e professionisti nello spazio coloniale*, edited by Chiara Giorgi and Liliana Ellena (Carocci, forthcoming).

"Between colony and nation on Italy's 'fourth shore,'" in *National Belongings: Hybridity in Italian Colonial and Postcolonial Cultures*, edited by Jacqueline Andall and Derek Duncan (Peter Lang 2010), 89-106.

"Le Opzioni in Sudtirolo e la politica demografica fascista: tra nazionalizzazione mancata e segregazione razziale," in *Geschichte und Region / Storia e Regione* 18, no. 2 (2009), 110-128: special issue *Umsiedlung und Vertreibung in Europa 1939-1955 / Spostamenti coatti di popolazioni in Europa 1939-1955*, edited by Davide Rodogno and Michael Wedekind.

"Entering the Race: Fascism and the Boundaries of Italianness," *Italian Politics and Society* 68 (Fall 2009): 17-29.

"Zwischen Monumentalbauten und Kleinsiedlungen: faschistische Siedlungspolitik in Libyen und Südtirol" in *Für den Faschismus bauen. Architektur und Städtebau im Italien Mussolinis*, edited by Aram Mattioli and Gerald Steinacher (Orell Füssli, 2009), 287-308.

"Impero immaginato, impero vissuto. Recenti sviluppi nella storiografia del colonialismo italiano" *Ricerche di Storia Politica* 10, no. 1 (2007): 53-66.

Reviews

In European History Quarterly:

Charles Burdett. *Journeys through Fascism. Italian Travel Writing between the Wars*. [40, no. 1, January 2010: 119-120]

In Comparative Studies in Society and History:

Gary S. Cross and John K. Walton. *The Playful Crowd. Pleasure Places in the Twentieth Century*. [51, no. 2, April 2009: 465-467]

In Journal of Modern Italian Studies:

Patrizia Dogliani. *Il fascismo degli italiani. Una storia sociale*. [15, no. 1, January 2010: 162-164]
Andrea Di Michele. *Storia dell'Italia repubblicana (1948-2008)*. [14, no. 3, September 2009: 368-370]

In Polis:

Jacqueline Andall and Derek Duncan, eds. *Italian Colonialism. Legacy and Memory*. [20, no. 1, April 2006]

In Ricerche di Storia Politica:

Alessandro Volterra. *Sudditi coloniali. Ascari eritrei 1935-1941*. [10, no. 2, Agosto 2007]

Laura Ricci. *La lingua dell'impero. Comunicazione, letteratura e propaganda nell'età del colonialismo italiano*. [10, no. 1, March 2007]

Paolo Borruso. *L'Africa al confino. La deportazione etiopica in Italia (1937-39)*. [8, no. 3, October 2005]

Nicholas Doumanis. *Una faccia, una razza. Le colonie italiane nell'Egeo*. [8, no. 3, October 2005]

On H-NET:

Michael Perraudin and Jürgen Zimmerer, eds. *German Colonialism and National Identity*. [H-TGS, H-Net Reviews, May 2011]

Other Publications

"Vision einer homogenen Nation. Assimilierung, Unterwanderung, Aussiedlung," in *Neue Südtiroler Tageszeitung*, March 28/29, 2009.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of Kansas

- CLAS faculty travel award, Fascism conference in Florence, Italy, November 2011 [\$1,200]
- Funds covering the translation costs for the publication of an edited volume on Italian fascism from the Hall Center for the Humanities [\$1,750], CLAS [\$875], and the History Department [\$875]
- CLAS faculty travel award, SSHA Chicago, November 2010 [\$700]
- New Faculty General Research Fund, Summer 2010 [\$ 8,000]
- Center for Teaching Excellence, Best Practices workshop, May 2010 [\$750]
- International Programs, International Travel Fund, SISCO Bologna, Italy, March 2010 [\$ 800]
- History department, conference travel, SSHA Long Beach, November 2009 [\$300]
- CLAS faculty travel award, APSA Toronto, September 2009 [\$700]

European University Institute

- Max Weber Fellow, 2008-2009 [€24,000]

University of Michigan

- Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Postdoctoral Fellow, 2007-2008 [\$17,500]
- Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Winter 2007 [\$7,600]
- Institute for Historical Studies, Janey and Melvin Lack Graduate Research Fellowship, Summer 2006 [\$5,000]
- John H. D'Arms Graduate Student Award in the Humanities, Summer 2006 [\$2,500]
- History Department Fellowship, Fall 2006, Winter 2006, Winter 2004, Winter 2003 [\$7,000 each]
- History Department Research, Study and Travel Grant, Fall 2005, Summer 2005, Summer 2003 [total \$ 2,700]
- Rackham Conference Travel Grants and Discretionary Funds, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 [total \$4,700]
- Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, 2004 - 2005 [\$21,600]
- Rackham Humanities Research Candidacy Fellowship, 2003 [\$12,000]

- Research Grant, Center of European Studies, Summer 2003 [\$1,000]
- Pre-Dissertation Research Award, International Institute, Summer 2002 [\$2,500]
- History Department Summer Research and Study Award, Summer 2001 [\$5,000]
- University of Michigan Fellowship in History, 2000-2001 [\$13,000]

University of Denver

- Social Science Foundation Fellowship, 1998-2000
- Partners in Scholarship, 1998
- Athletic Scholarship, 1995-1998

National College Athletic Association

- NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, 1998 [\$ 5,000]

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

American Academy of Political and Social Science

- Graduate Fellow, 2006

University of Denver

- Keynote speaker at the Chancellor's Dinner, 1998
- Undergraduate Studies Trophy, 1998
- Rita Braito Award in Women's Studies, 1998
- Fagg Foster Award for Outstanding Senior in Economics, 1998
- Phi Beta Kappa Student Award, 1998
- Induction into Phi Beta Kappa as a Junior, 1997
- Nomination for Outstanding Senior, 1998
- Nomination for Outstanding Junior, 1997
- Scholar Athlete, 1998, 1997, 1996

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

Neuen „Lebensraum“ erobern: faschistische Siedlungspolitik zwischen Monumentalbauten und Kleinsiedlungen in Libyen und Südtirol

Conference "'L'Uomo Nuovo' del fascismo," German Historical Institute, Rome, April 2010.

A "Friendly" Sharing of Land and People: The 1939 Agreement on South Tyrol between Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany

Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, January 2010.

Between culture and biology: Fascist notions of race and nation

Conference "Puerto Rican and American Perspectives on the Cultural Turn," University of Michigan, December 2009.

Looking at the "Racial State" Through the Window of Fascist Italy

Conference "Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking Nazi Germany," Indiana University, October 2009.

"Master Race" or Victims of Totalitarianism? Italian Participants in Fascist Settlement Projects
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009.

Towards a Transnational History of Fascist Imperialism

Conference "Max Weber Fellows' Contribution to Social Sciences and Humanities," European University Institute, June 2009.

Settling Differences

Symposium "Topographies of Violence," Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, April 2009.

Pionieri fascisti o vittime del totalitarismo? Immigrazione e colonizzazione in Alto Adige

Conference "Umsiedlung und Vertreibung in Europa 1939-1955: Zum 70. Jahrestag der Südtiroler „Option"/Spostamenti forzati di popolazioni in Europa 1939-1955: A settant'anni dalle "opzioni" in Alto Adige," Freie Universität Bozen/Libera Università di Bolzano, February 2009.

Siedlungsbau und Raumordnung im kolonialen Libyen und in der Grenzprovinz Südtirol

Conference "Die Architekturpolitik des faschistischen Italien," Universität Luzern, Oktober 2008.

Staging the Nation in Fascist Italy's "New Provinces"

Conference "Sites of Indifference to Nation in Habsburg Central Europe," University of Alberta, May 2008.

The Fascist Politics of Settlement: Reclaiming the Land, Strengthening the Race, and Expanding the "Nation-Empire"

Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington D.C., January 2008.

Emissaries of the Nation: Settlers' Eigensinn in the Construction of a Fascist Empire

Conference "Practices and Power in the History of Everyday Life: A Symposium in Honor of Alf Lüdtke," University of Michigan, November 2007.

Past Subjectivities, Today's Historians

Conference "Thinking Through the Cultural Turn: A Generation Reflects. Writing Histories in an Interdisciplinary and Transnational Age," University of Puerto Rico, September 2007.

Islands of Italianness

Annual Conference of the American Association for Italian Studies, Colorado College, May 2007.

Colonial Cultures, Fascist Cultures

Conference "From Resistance to Consensus to Negotiation: Changing Approaches to the History of Italian Fascism," University of Michigan, April 2007.

Cultivating Italy's "Fourth Shore": Agricultural Settlers in Colonial Libya

Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 2007.

"Fourth Shores" of Italian Fascism

Conference "Scontro/Incontro: The 'Hybrid' Experience of Italy and its Colonies," Institute of Germanic and Romance Studies, University of London, December 2005.

"Mi trovo qui in mezzo a Italiani che non vogliono essere Italiani che se potessero ci vorrebbero morti." L'ONC e l'opera di italianizzazione in Sudtirolo tra le due guerre

Conference paper, Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea, Cantieri di Storia III, Bologna, September 2005.

Colonization, Migration, Identities: Making Libya Italian—The Experience of Italian Settlers in Colonial Libya

Annual Conference of the American Association for Italian Studies, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, April 2005.

Teaching Italianness: The Italianization Efforts of the Fascist Regime in South Tyrol
European Feminist Research Conference, Lund University, Sweden, August 2003.

The Politics of Sentiment in Fascist Italy
Conference paper, Graduate Symposium on Women's and Gender History, University of Illinois, March 2003.

Center and Periphery: National Identities amidst Local Sentiments and Imperial Aspirations
Midwest German Historians' Workshop, University of Illinois, November 2002.

Invited Talks and Seminar Papers

Between Nation and Empire. Consolidating Fascist Rule at Home and Abroad
Seminar paper, University of Virginia, March 2011

Four Characters in Search of Their Story Beyond Fascism
Seminar paper, Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea, Seminario "Ripensare il fascismo," Università di Bologna, March 2010.

Nation, Empire, and the Creation of a Fascist New Order?
Public lecture, German Historical Institute, Rome, May 2009.

On the Boundaries of the Nation
Seminar paper, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, March 2009.

Fascist Expansionism in the Interwar Period
Seminar paper, Modern European History Workshop, Indiana University, February 2009.

Settling Borderlands: Agency and Empire under Fascist Rule
Public lecture, Institut für Geschichtswissenschaften, Humboldt Universität, January 2009.

Colonia interna – Colonia esterna: i casi Sudtirolo e Libia
Seminar paper, Dottorato di ricerca in storia e società dell'età contemporanea, Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane, Napoli "L'Orientale", November 2008.

A Tale of Two Borders: Settlement and National Transformation in Libya and South Tyrol under Fascism
Seminar paper, Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute, October 2008.

Le "quarte sponde" del fascismo italiano
Seminar paper, Interdisciplinary Study Group, Political Science Department, Università di Bologna, February 2005.

Comments and Roundtables

Agency, Context and Symbolic Representation in International Migration
Commentator and Chair of the panel "(Re) Addressing Race, Class, Gender, and Power: Transnational Ties and Constructions of New National Identities," Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association – "Power and Politics," Chicago, November 2010.

Emigrant Agency and State Action in Liberal Italy
Commentator and roundtable participant for Mark Choate's *Emigrant Nation. The Making of Italy Abroad*, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association – "Agency and Action," Long Beach, November 2009.

Nation- and Empire-Building in Central Europe

Commentator, Workshop "Herrschaft und Repräsentationen in Metropolen, Peripherien und Kolonien. Vom Sinn und Unsinn der Kategorie ‚kolonial‘," Global and European Studies Institute, Universität Leipzig, November 2009.

Violence in Private and Public

Commentator on the panel "Violence in Private and Public," Symposium "Topographies of Violence," Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, April 2009.

1968 – A Prisoner with a Number but no Name

Commentator on the panel "Reverberations of the 'Long 1968' in West Germany: From the Protestant Kirchentag to Self-Constructions of RAF Prisoners," Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association, Minneapolis/St. Paul, October 2008.

Does National History Really Matter Anymore? Perspectives on Modern Italy

Commentator and roundtable participant, Workshop with Victoria De Grazia, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, September 2006.

"Identity Dilemmas" in Colonial History

Commentator, African History Workshop with Megan Vaughn, University of Michigan, March 2006.

"Europe's Civilization under Siege" – Assertions of Difference in the Absence of Race

Commentator, Workshop "After the Racial State: Difference and Democracy in Postfascist Germany," University of Michigan, February 2006.

COURSES TAUGHT

The University of Kansas

Undergraduate Courses

HIST 115 From the French Revolution to the Present, *Fall 2009*

Survey designed to introduce students to the discipline of history and expand their knowledge of European from the late eighteenth century to the present. Students are called upon to read and interpret primary sources and to think historically and critically. They learn to recognize and comprehend historical argumentation and to synthesize and analyze information. Supervision of a teaching assistant in charge of grading.

HIST 341 Hitler and Nazi Germany, *Spring 2010, Fall 2011*

Lecture course introducing students to how the history of Nazi Germany has been understood and communicated by historians, scholars in other disciplines, writers, and filmmakers. While articulating and debunking some of the common myths about Nazism, the course guides students in defining and discussing agency, collaboration, and resistance, based on the analysis of both primary and secondary sources.

HIST 696 Seminar in: World War I, *Fall 2010*

Thesis-writing seminar providing senior History majors with intensive training in historical research and writing. Through a series of exercises students learn how to find and define a problem of study, undertake bibliographic research, collect and interpret evidence, think through and apply appropriate methodologies, and write cogently and persuasively. The central focus of the class is the production of an original research paper.

HIST 696 Seminar in: Europe and its Empires, *Spring 2010*

Same objectives and outcomes as HIST 696, but focusing "empires" in the history of Europe, ranging from ancient Rome to Hitler's European empire.

Graduate Courses

HIST 806 Studies in: History of Empire / HIST 857 Colloquium in Modern European History II: Major Themes in Early Modern Europe, Fall 2010

Graduate colloquium exploring the recent historiography of empire, focusing on some of the principal debates.

HIST 858 Colloquium in Modern European History III: French Revolution to the Present, Fall 2009

Graduate seminar examining and discussing a very wide range of historical approaches, choices of subject-matter, methods, and styles. The mixed set of assessment exercises is designed to assist students in preparing syllabi and reading lists, as well as testing their ability to compare and contrast different historical approaches.

European University Institute

Colonial and Global History, Fall 2008

Graduate Seminar, Co-taught with Sebastian Conrad, Department of History and Civilization

The University of Michigan

Undergraduate Courses

HIST 195: European Imperialisms: An Archive of Stories, Cartoons, and Film, Fall 2005

Elected after a competitive application process to independently teach a first-year writing seminar; chose the topic, themes, readings, and assignments of the course. Students are introduced to the conventions of historical analysis and argument and are introduced to the prevalent theories, categories, and themes of colonial and postcolonial studies; students' conception of historical sources and archives is widened and they learn about the role of interpretation, argumentation, and contestation in the writing of history.

HIST 208: Comparative Fascism, Fall 2007

Lecture course introducing students to the primary theoretical and historiographical debates about fascism; material focuses on the cases of Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany while integrating the discussion of other examples that have been labeled "fascist"; fosters collaboration among students through the assignment of a group-based web project requiring students to research, collect, edit, and interpret primary and secondary source material pertaining to a topic of students' choosing.

HIST 319 Post-1945 Europe, Winter 2008

Lecture course examining the history of the European continent with a focus on transnational events and movements affecting the lives of Europeans across the boundaries of single nation states; use of a wide range of sources in order to move beyond the level of state policies and capture the meanings of events for the historical actors who lived through them. Several lectures were team-taught with a colleague offering "U.S. History Since 1945" in order to explore the significance of global developments to residents of the United States and Europe and interrogate the meaning as well as the limitations of American military, political, economic, and cultural dominance. The course involved the supervision of two teaching assistants responsible for weekly discussion sections and grading.

HIST 395 "La dolce vita" – Sports and Leisure in Modern Italy, Winter 2008

Upper-level seminar investigating the cultural expressions of "Italianness;" the relevance of class, gender, and regionalism in the subjectivities of modern Italians; and transnational connections, imitations, and desires in cultural and social movements; with an emphasis on historiography and theory, class discussion, and student presentations.

Graduate Student Instructorships

HIST 318: Europe in the Era of Total War, Fall 2002

Faculty supervisor: Megan Koreman

HIST 318: Europe in the Era of Total War, Fall 2001

Faculty supervisor: Brian Porter

HIST 322: Origins of Nazism, Winter 2002

Faculty supervisors: Kathleen Canning and Kerstin Barndt

TEACHING INNOVATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The University of Kansas

Best Practices workshop, Center for Teaching Excellence, May 2010

Awarded a competitive fellowship to attend a three-day workshop centered on the redesigning of a course taught previously at KU.

European University Institute

Course Development Workshop, March 2009

Two-day workshop on "backward design" with Lynn McAlpine (Higher Education Development, University of Oxford).

University Teaching Module, Humboldt University Berlin, January 2009

Awarded a competitive fellowship for a ten-day teaching workshop and training organized through the European University Institute but held at Humboldt University Berlin.

University of Michigan

Michigan Teaching Fellow Certificate, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, May 2005

Awarded a competitive fellowship to participate in a seminar for advanced graduate students across the disciplines in preparation for a career in academia; focused on the challenges and responsibilities of teaching and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students.

History Department Pedagogy Course, Fall 2005, Fall 2002

Participant in the departmental pedagogy seminar, University of Michigan

SERVICE

Service to Department

University of Kansas

2011-2012: Undergraduate Board
Fundraising, Newsletter, Events

2010-2011: Graduate Board
Undergraduate Board

2009-2010: Graduate Board
Staff Need Committee

Service to Institution

University of Kansas

Hall Center for the Humanities, Executive Committee member, 2011-2012

University of Michigan

Workshop Organizer and Coordinator

"Visual Archives: Narrative and History in Film and the New Media," Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, 2005-2006. <http://sitemaker.umich.edu/visualarchives/home>
Conceived, organized, and coordinated a series of interdisciplinary lectures, presentations, panels, workshops and film screenings that explored the role of film in historical research and teaching in collaboration with another graduate student and select faculty. Applied for and secured funding from the Rackham School of Graduate Studies and several departments, institutions, and programs across campus.

Service to Profession

Conference Organizer

Il fascismo nella storia d'Italia. Tradizione e modernità del regime, Cagliari, October 20-21, 2011.
Co-organizer. Conference organized by the research group "Ripensare il fascismo," under the auspices of the Sisso (Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea).

Thinking Through the Cultural Turn: A Generation Reflects. Writing Histories in an Interdisciplinary and Transnational Age, University of Puerto Rico, September 24-26, 2007.

Co-organizer. Conference on the major historiographical, methodological, and theoretical developments across a variety of historical fields. Graduate student and faculty participants from the University of Michigan and the University of Puerto Rico.

From Resistance to Consensus to Negotiation: Changing Approaches to the History of Italian Fascism, University of Michigan, April 27-28, 2007. <http://sitemaker.umich.edu/visualarchives/home>

Conceived the conference theme, organized the event in its details, and invited participants from the US, Europe, and Australia. Applied for and secured funding from a variety of institutes, departments, and programs to support the conference.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Social Science History Association
American Association for Italian Studies
Society for Italian Historical Studies
Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea

LANGUAGES

Italian, native speaker
German, native speaker
English, near-native proficiency
Spanish, good

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

University of Denver Athletic Hall of Fame, 2005

Member of the University of Denver Varsity Ski Team, 1995-1998

Female Athlete of the Year, University of Denver, 1998, 1996

NCAA National Champion in Slalom, 1997, 1996

Four-time All-American, 1998, 1997, 1996

Silver and Bronze Medalist at the World University Games, South Korea, 1997

Italian National Ski Champion in Slalom, 1994, 1993