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## Education

2017-2021	PhD, Graduate School of North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin (summa cum laude)
2014-2017	Master of Arts, FU Berlin North American Studies
2011-2014	Bachelor of Arts, FU Berlin, University of California, Santa Cruz History, English, North American Studies

## Positions and Fellowships

Since 10/2024	Research Associate, Department of History, University of Freiburg
05-06/2024	Visiting and Teaching Fellow – Graduate School “Empires: Dynamic Transformation, Temporality and Postimperial Orders,” University of Freiburg
09/2023-02/2024	Long-Term Visiting Fellow, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.
06-07/2023	Visiting Fellow – Graduate School “Empires,” University of Freiburg
04/2022-06/2023	Guest Lecturer at John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, FU Berlin (replacement for parental leave)
06/2021-12/2021	Postdoctoral Researcher, Cluster of Excellence SCRIPTS, FU Berlin
06-07/2020	Fellow at the Joseph P. Horner Memorial Library of the German Society of Pennsylvania, GHI Washington (not on-site due to the Covid-19 pandemic)
02/2019-05/2019	Short-Term Doctoral Fellow, GHI Washington
06/2017-11/2017	Research Associate at John F. Kennedy Institute, FU Berlin Research project: “Power&Humanity – Contesting Notions of Human Rights and Humanitarianism in North America”
09/2013-04/2014	PROMOS Fellowship (DAAD)

## Research Interests

- History of the United States in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries
- History of US Diplomatic Relations to Germany and Japan
- Culture and Gender in US Diplomacy
- History of Humanitarianism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century

## Current Project

Imperial Manhood: Masculinity in US Diplomatic Relations to Germany and Japan in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

## Awards

2023	Franz-Steiner-Prize for Transatlantic Historical Studies, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.
2022	Dissertation Prize, Working Group "International History," German Historical Association

## Publications

### Monograph

*Why They Gave: CARE and American Aid for Germany after 1945*  
(Stuttgart: Franz-Steiner-Verlag, 2024), <https://www.steiner-verlag.de/Why-They-Gave/9783515136532>.

### Journal Articles

"Molding Heritage Through Humanitarian Aid: German-Americans, Nazism, and Debates on Postwar German Suffering and Guilt" (*Journal of Contemporary History*), OnlineFirst  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00220094241241054>.

"The American Federation of Labor, Humanitarian Diplomacy, and the Ideological Battle for German Unionism after World War II" (currently under review for publication in edited volume)

"Reaching for the Forbidden Fruit: CARE's Work in East Germany" (under review for publication in special issue)

### Boof Reviews and Other Publications

Book review: Piller, Elisabeth und Neville Wylie (Hrsg.). *Humanitarianism and the Greater War, 1914–24*, *Diplomatica* (forthcoming)

Book review: Nichols, Christopher McKnight und David Milne (Eds.). *Ideology in U.S. Foreign Relations*, *sehepunkte* 23 (2023), no. 5, <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2023/05/37584.html>.

Book review: Christian Bremen (ed). *Amerika, Deutschland und Europa von 1917 bis heute*. vol. 1–2, *sehepunkte* 23 (2023), no. 2, <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2023/02/37380.html>.

Blog entry: "Ukrainian Refugees and the Limits of Liberal Humanitarianism", [https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/blog/Blog-47-Ukraine-No\\_10/index.html](https://www.scripts-berlin.eu/blog/Blog-47-Ukraine-No_10/index.html), March 28, 2022.

Book review: Möller, Esther et al. (eds). *Gendering Global Humanitarianism in the Twentieth Century: Practice, Politics and the Power of Representation*, *HSozKult*, September 27, 2021, <https://www.hsozkult.de/review/id/reb-98275?title=e-moeller-u-a-hrsg-gendering-global->

[humanitarianisms&recno=8&q=&sort=&fq=&total=18227.](#)

“Auf halbem Weg zur Weltmacht: Die Rolle der Vereinigten Staaten im Ersten Weltkrieg“, *Politik & Kultur* 2/2018: 22.

## Conferences, Workshops, Presentations

### Organization

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| 12/14-16/2024  | “Uncertain Boundaries”, Symposium <i>Culture and International History VII</i> , Freie Universität Berlin (with Jessica Gienow-Hecht, FU Berlin and Nadja Klopprogge, Tübingen) |
| 03.02.2022     | Workshop: “Gender, Empire, Expansion – Imperial Legitimacy and Gendered Conduct since the Eighteenth Century”<br>(with Tobias Klee, Cluster of Excellence SCRIPTS, FU Berlin)   |
| 07.-08.06.2018 | “Follow the Yellow Brick Road? Challenging Approaches to Progress in North America”<br>International Graduate Conference 2018, JFKI, FU Berlin                                  |

### Participation (selection)

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| 01/19/2024    | Modern History Colloquium, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge<br>Presentation: “Why They Gave: CARE and American Aid for Germany after 1945”   |
| 10/11-12/2023 | 2023 GHI Fellow’s Symposium, Washington, DC<br>Presentation: “Men of Empires – Empires of Men: Masculinity in US-German-Japanese Relations, 1868-1914”  |
| 07/01-02/2022 | “The U.S. in Cold War at Home and Abroad,” Jena Symposium on North American History<br>Presentation: “Consuming Aid, Aiding Consumption: CARE and the Postwar Promotion of US Consumer Culture through Humanitarian Aid”  |
| 06/11/2022    | Annual Conference, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)<br>Presentation: “Femininity, Agency, and Humanitarian Activism: A case study of women’s social clubs and CARE aid to postwar Germany”  |
| 11/04-05/2021 | Workshop: “Transatlantic Memories: History Activism, Heritage, and Diplomacy Across the Atlantic World,” FU Berlin, Uppsala University<br>Presentation: “Coping with an Ambiguous Heritage: German-Americans and Humanitarian Aid to Germany after World War II”                                |
| 02/14-16/2020 | Annual Meeting, Historians of the German Association of American Studies<br>Presentation: “CARE, the American Federation of Labor, and the development of a German-American trade union movement after 1945”  |
| 11/18-20/2019 | Workshop: “Humanitarian Missions: An Italian-German Conversation on Europe, the United States, and the Global South in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Century,” Villa Vigoni, Italy<br>Presentation: “Labor and Aid: The American Federation of Labor, CARE, and the Quest for German Unionism” |
| 06/20-22/2019 | SHAFR Annual Conference   |

Presentation: „Packaging Democracy: Donor motivations in CARE’s humanitarian operation in Germany after World War II”

06/18-24/2018

Futures of American Studies Institute, Dartmouth College

Presentation: „Patriotic Humanitarianism: CARE, consumerist practices, and US public discourse on postwar Germany”

## **Memberships and Activities**

### **Memberships**

German Historical Association (VHD)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

German Association of American Studies (GAAS/DGfA)

New Diplomatic History

Canadian Network on Humanitarian History (CNHH)

### **Activities**

Affiliated Researcher, CARE International Project, Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.

Reviewer, *European Journal of American Studies*

Member of the Board, Working Group “International History”, German Historical Association