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**EDUCATION**

2018 *Doctor of Philosophy* in History, University of Notre Dame

2015 *Master of Arts* in History, University of Notre Dame

2013 *Master of Theological Studies*, *summa cum laude*, Duke University

2011 Fulbright Research Scholar, University of Leipzig, Germany

2010 *Bachelor of Arts* in History and Theology, *summa cum laude*, Valparaiso University

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Assistant Professor of History** Hillsdale College 2018-present

**Research Fellow** University of Heidelberg, Center for American Studies 2017-2018

**Graduate Fellow** Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame 2015-2017

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

*God’s Marshall Plan: American Protestants and the Struggle for the Soul of Europe* (Oxford University Press, April 2021).

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the St. Nicholas Church, and the 1989 Monday Demonstrations: A Case Study of

Theo-Political Engagement in the German Democratic Republic.” *Journal of Church and State* 59, no. 4

(2017): 547-565.

“Creating, Practicing, and Researching a Global Faith: Conceptualizations of World Christianity in the

American Protestant Pastorate and Seminary Classroom, 1893 to Present.” *Journal of World*

*Christianity* 6, no. 2 (2016): 217-236.

“Reviving the Heartland: American Lutherans, Postwar Internationalism, and the Crisis of Germany, 1940-

1949.” *Journal of the Lutheran Historical Conference* 5 (2015): 62-84.

**Book Chapters**

“Reforming Christendom: Transatlantic Networks and the German-American Protestant Exchange,”

in *Multipolarity and Bipolar Confrontations: Political, Theological, and Worldview Aspects of Transatlantic Relations*

(Transatlantic Relations Series), (Wiesbaden: Springer Verlag, 2018), 145-173.

**Book Reviews**

K. Healan Gaston, *Imaginging Judeo-Christian America: Religion, Secularism, and the Redefinition of Democracy,* in *Fides et Historia.*

Matthew Hockenos, *Then They Came for Me: Martin Niemöller, the Pastor who Defied the Nazis,* in *Fides et Historia.*

James C. Enns, *Saving Germany: North American Protestant Mission to West Germany, 1945-1974*, in *Fides et Historia.*

**Bylines**

“The Unfinished Work of V-E Day, 75 Years Later.” *Washington Post*. May 8, 2020.

“Martin Niemöller: Confessing Pastor and Repentant Nationalist.” *Christian History*. May 17, 2019.

“Billy Graham, Cold Warrior for God.” *The New York Times*. February 23, 2018.

**TEACHING**

Hillsdale College, 2018-present

Courses Taught: Cold War America

Contemporary U.S. History

History of American Foreign Relations

American Economic History

American Heritage

Western Heritage

Bonhoeffer and Barth

University of Heidelberg, Center for American Studies, 2017-2018

Courses Taught: The U.S. in the World

History of American Imperialism

Religion and US Foreign Relations

History of American Protestantism

Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame, 2015-2017

Courses Taught: Common Good Initiative

L’Arche and the Theology of Disability

Urban Plunge

Kinship at the Margins

Department of History, University of Notre Dame, 2014-2016

Courses Taught: The Cold War

History of World Christianity

Europe in the Age of Revolution

**PRESENTATIONS**

“American Foreign Policy: The Promise and Peril of American Power,” Hillsdale College Center for Constructive

Alternatives (October 2020).

“American Generals: Idealism and Realism in American Military Engagement,” Hillsdale College Center for

Constructive Alternatives (February 2020).

“God’s Marshall Plan: How the Spiritual Struggle for Europe Fractured American Protestantism,” Valparaiso University

(February 2020).

“Marshallplan Gottes: Die Verwandlung der transatlantischen Christenheit in Deutschland und den USA,

1910-1963” (God’s Marshall Plan: The Transformation of Transatlantic Christianity in Germany and

the United States), University of Tübingen Theology Faculty (June 2018).

“God’s Marshall Plan: Die Rolle der amerikanischen Kirchen im Wiederaufbau Deutschlands” (God’s Marshall

Plan: The Role of the American Churches in the Reconstruction of Germany), University of Heidelberg

Ecumenical Institute (April 2018).

“God’s Marshall Plan: American Protestantism, German Church Reconstruction, and the Democratization of

Germany, 1945-1955,” University of Notre Dame, Enduring Trends and New Directions: A Conference

on the History of American Christianity (March 2018).

“Marshallplan Gottes: Der Amerikanische Protestantismus, der Wiederaufbau deutscher Kirchen und die

Demokratisierung Deutschlands, 1945-1955” (God’s Marshall Plan: American Protestantism, German

Church Reconstruction, and the Democratization of Germany, 1945-1955), University of Heidelberg Theology Faculty Winter Conference (December 2017).

“God’s Marshall Plan: American Protestant Internationalism and the Democratization of Germany,” University of

Heidelberg Center for American Studies Summer Conference (May 2017).

“God’s Marshall Plan: German Church Reconstruction, Spiritual Diplomacy, and the Transatlantic Cold War

Consensus, 1945-1955.” University of Bielefeld International Student Conference (May 2016).

“Transatlantic Protestantism and World Christianity In Transition: 1910-1939,” University of Notre Dame,

Colloquium on Religion and History (Fall 2016).

“Henri Nouwen’s Journey to L’Arche.” Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns, Research Seminar Series

(Spring 2016).

“Reviving the Soul of the Heartland: Stewart Winfield Herman and the Re-Christianization of German

Protestantism, 1945-1947,” University of Notre Dame, Colloquium on Religion and History (Spring

2014).

“Advancing America’s Project: American Lutherans and the Crisis of German Protestantism, 1943-1948.”

University of Notre Dame, Department of History Graduate Student Symposium (2014).

**TRANSLATIONS**

Volker Leppin, “Friedrich Gogarten’s Theology of Secularization,” in Jan Stievermann and Randall Zachmann, eds.,

*Multiple Reformations?* *The Many Faces and Legacies of the Reformation* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018).

Manfred Oeming, “The Importance of the Old Testament for the Reformer Martin Luther,” in Jan Stievermann and

Randall Zachmann, eds., *Multiple Reformations?* *The Many Faces and Legacies of the Reformation* (Tübingen: Mohr

Siebeck, 2018).

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

Curtis A. Seichter Endowed History Award, Hillsdale College (Fall 2020).

Summer Sabbatical Research Grant, Hillsdale College (Summer 2019).

Best Article Award, Concordia Historical Institute (Fall 2018).

Obama Dissertation Prize, University of Mainz, Finalist (Fall 2018).

University of Heidelberg Research Fellowship (Fall 2018).

Union of Graduate Historians Research Grant (Fall 2017).

Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council Research Grant (Summer 2017).

Nanovic Travel and Research Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies (Summer 2016).

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship (Summer 2016).

Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council Research Grant (Summer 2016).

Center for Social Concerns Graduate Student Fellowship (2015-2017).

Short-Term Graduate Research Grant, Rome Global Gateway, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2015).

Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (Fall 2014).

Nanovic Break Travel and Research Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies (Winter 2014).

Common Good Initiative Fellowship, Center for Social Concerns (Summer 2014).

American Dream Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (Summer 2014).

Ray C. Petry Fellowship, Duke Divinity School (2011-2013).

United States Fulbright Research Grant, University of Leipzig, Germany (2010-2011).

*Phi Beta Kappa* (2010).

**SERVICE**

Phi Alpha Theta Chapter Advisor, Hillsdale College.

Enduring Trends and New Directions: A Conference on the History of American Christianity, Co-Director.

Posse Foundation Competitive Fellowships and Graduate School Application Coach.

Hesburgh Service Initiative — Webinar Panelist (Spring 2016).

Ganey Graduate Student Grant Review Committee, Center for Social Concerns (Spring 2016).

**REFERENCES**

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