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EDUCATION

2001 Habilitation, University of Tübingen
1994 Ph.D. in American Studies, University of Hamburg (summa cum laude)
1990 M.A. in American Studies and History, University of Hamburg
1985-1989 Studies in Latin American History, American Literature, Spanish in Tübingen, Hamburg, and Chicago.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014 Professorship offered (University of Tübingen); declined
2011 General Editor, *Amerikastudien / American Studies*
2008 Visiting Professor, York University, Toronto (Canada)
2006 DAAD Guest Professor (German Academic Exchange Service), Washington University, Seattle (USA)
2004-to present Chair and Full Professor of American Literature, Department of English and Linguistics, American Studies, Johannes-Gutenberg University Mainz
2004 Professorship offered (University of Mainz); accepted
2004 Professorship offered (University of Gießen); declined
2004 Associate Professor, Institute of North American Studies, University of Freiburg
2001-2002 Fulbright Professor, University of Maryland, College Park (USA)
1997-2003 Assistant Professor, American Studies Dept., University of Tübingen
1994-1997 Instructor, American Studies Dept., University of Tübingen
1993-1994 Instructor, American Studies Dept., University of Hamburg
1993 Instructor, American Studies Dept., University of Rostock
1988-1991 Teaching Assistant, University of Hamburg

RESEARCH AREAS

Early American Studies
Material Culture Studies

Periodical Studies and Print Culture
Studies in Short Fiction

CURRENT RESEARCH (FUNDED BY GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION, DFG)

SEE: gepris.dfg.de

- 2009-2012 Research Project: “Life Writing in Early American Periodicals” funded by DFG (SCHE 1616/3-1).
- 2010-2013 Research Project: “Early American Short Narratives before 1800” (SCHE 1616/4-1; 1616/5-1).
- 2013-2019 Research Project: “Enterprising Evangelicalism: Distinction and Inclusion in Contemporary American Christian Religious Periodicals” (SCHE 1616/6-1; SCHE 1616/6-2); Part of the interdisciplinary research group “Un/doing Differences: Practices of Human Differentiation” (FOR 1939).
- 2014-2018 Principal Investigator, Research Training Group, GRK “Life Sciences—Life Writing.”

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2015-2016 Department Chair
- 2014-2018 Member of the International Committee, American Studies Association
- 2014-2018 Executive Committee European Early American Studies Association (EEASA)
- Since 2013 Dissertation Board, The German National Academic Foundation
- Since 2011 Executive Committee of the German Association of American Studies
- Since 2010 Executive Committee of the Research Center SoCuM (Social and Culture Studies Mainz)
- Since 2004 Director of American Studies Program at Mainz

AFFILIATIONS

- American Literature Association (ALA)
- American Studies Association (ASA)
- American Society for the Eighteenth Century (ASEC)
- Anglistenverband
- Charles Brockden Brown Society
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien (DGfA)
- Görres-Gesellschaft
- European Early American Studies Association (EEASA)
- European Network for Short Fiction Research (ENSFR)
- European Society for Periodical Research
- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- Research Society for the Study of American Periodicals (RASP)
- Society of Early Americanists (SEA)
- Society for the Study of the American Short Story (SSASS)

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- 2018 Transatlantic Conversations: New and Emerging Approaches to Early American Studies
A Workshop Jointly Sponsored and Organized by the Obama Institute and the Society of Early Americanists, October 4–6.
- 2017 Periodicals in Focus: Methodological Approaches and Theoretical Frameworks International Workshop, December 13–15, funded by the research initiative of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate.
- 2017 The American Short Story: New Horizons
International conference in cooperation with the Society for the Study of the American Short Story and the European Network for Short Fiction Research, October 5–7, funded by the German Research Foundation.
- 2016 The Refuge of Objects / Objects of Refuge
International Symposium in cooperation with the Center for Material Culture Studies, University of Delaware, December 15–17, funded by the German Research Foundation.
- 2014 Religious Press and Print Culture; funded by German Research Foundation, University of Mainz, November 19-22.
Information: <http://www.blogs.uni-mainz.de/fb05-relpressconf/>
- 2012 “American Lives,” Co-Organizer of the 59th Annual Conference of the German Association of American Studies, Mainz, May 31- June 3.
Information: www.uni-mainz.de/dgfa2012
- 2009 “German-Speaking People in the Greater Mid-Atlantic Region: Cross-Cultural Contacts and Conflicts, 1700-1800”; funded by German Research Foundation (DFG).
Information: www.amerikanistik.uni-mainz.de/conference.
- 2007 “Native American Studies Across Space and Time: An International Symposium on the Indigenous Americas”; funded by Fritz Thyssen-Foundation.
Information: www.amerikanistik.uni-mainz.de/symposium/index.html