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PRESENT POSITION

Professor, Department of History, The Catholic University of America; Full Professor of History, 2015-present; Associate Professor, 2010-2015; Assistant Professor, 2005-2010. Department chair, starting 2018.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Member, Office of Policy Planning, U.S. Department of State Washington, DC (2014-2017).

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2007-2014 Visiting Professor, **Ludwig Maximilian University**, Munich

2009-2010 Visiting Professor, **Vilnius University**

1999-2000 Visiting Instructor, **Free University**, Berlin

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

The Decline of the West: An American Story (Basic Books; forthcoming).

In History's Grip: Philip Roth's Newark Trilogy (Stanford University Press 2012).

Journey through America (Berghahn Books, 2012). Translation and critical edition of a German-language travelogue.

The Conservative Turn: Lionel Trilling, Whittaker Chambers and the Lessons of Anti-Communism (Harvard University Press, 2009).

EDITED VOLUMES

George Kennan in His Time and our Own (work in progress). Edited volume on George Kennan's career, on Cold War history and on contemporary U.S.-Russian relations.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. "Historiographical Essay on American Conservatism," *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science* (February 2014).
2. "Manhattan/Munich Transfer: America in Wolfgang Koeppen's *Tauben im Gras*," *Internationales Archiv für Sozialgeschichte der Deutschen Literatur* (December 2010), pp.122-135; peer reviewed.
3. "Politics in the American Novel," *The Princeton Encyclopedia of United States Political History* (2009); pp. 574-578; peer reviewed.

JOURNAL ARTICLES, ESSAYS AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

1. "The Radical Election of 2016," *Amerikanski Yezhegodnik/American Yearbook* (forthcoming summer 2018). Article on the 2016 U.S. election for a leading American-studies journal in Russia.
2. "Philip Roth and Thomas Mann" *Philip Roth Journal* (spring 2015); pp. 91-94.
3. "The Rise and Fall of the West: An American Story," *Telos* (fall 2014), pp. 22-44.
4. "Goin' to Dallas: The Art of Lightnin' Hopkins," *Five Points: A Journal of Literature and Art* (winter/spring 2014); pp. 173-191.
5. "Preface" to *A Passage to America* (Tauris Press, 2013) by Gloria Deak; pp. xiii-xv.
6. "The Mechanics of History in Philip Roth's American Trilogy," in *Critical Insights: Philip Roth* (2013); pp. 150-163.
7. "Fathers and Writers," *Philip Roth Journal* (spring 2013); pp. 27-40.

10. "America's Germany and Germany's America in Wolfgang Koeppen's *Tauben im Gras*," *CAS E Publication* (2010); online publication.
11. "Melvin Lasky und die Gedanke der Revolution [Melvin Lasky and the Idea of Revolution]" in *Melvin Lasky: New York – Berlin – London: A Tale of Three Cities* (Lasky Center for Transatlantic Studies, 2010), pp. 140-150.
12. "The Plight of Conservative Literature in America," in *A New Literary History of America* (Harvard University Press, 2009), pp. 948-953.
13. "In the Ruins of Vilna," *Commentary* (January 2009), pp. 46-49.
14. "The Modern Hero as Schlemiel," in *Arguing the Modern Jewish Canon: Essays on Literature and Culture in Honor of Ruth R. Wisse* (Harvard University Press, 2009); pp. 401-416.
15. "Lionel Trilling The Middle of the Journey and the Complicated Origins of the Neoconservative Movement," in *The New York Intellectuals and Beyond* (Purdue University Press, 2008), pp. 78-93.
16. "Old America and New Europe: A Reversal of Roles," in *Dos culturas en diálogo: historia cultural de la naturaleza, la técnica y las ciencias naturales en España y América Latina* (Iberoamericana/Vervuert, 2007), pp. 269-289.
17. "Whittaker Chambers's Witness and the Dilemma of Modern Conservatism," *Literature Compass* (September 2006); online publication.
18. "Lionel Trilling, Whittaker Chambers and the Anti-Communist Imperative," *Communism, Capitalism and the Politics of Culture* (Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Verlag, 2004), pp. 33-55.
19. "Lionel Trilling and the Origins of the Neo-Conservative Movement," *Shofar* (spring 2003), pp. 12-28.

POLICY WRITING

1. "The People's Authoritarian: How Russian Society Created Vladimir Putin," *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 2018).

2. "Review Essay: From Cold War to Hot Peace" *War on the Rocks* (May 2018).
3. "What Happened to the European Union?" *The New Republic* (January 8, 2018)
4. "Minsk Is Dead! Long Live Minsk?" *War on the Rocks* (December 28, 2017)
5. "How Ukraine Got Caught between East and West," *The New Republic* (November 7, 2017)
6. "A Crisis of Order: Review of Richard Haas, *A World in Disarray*" *Medium* (May 31, 2017).
7. "Getting beyond Minsk: Toward a Resolution of the Ukraine Conflict," *German Marshall Fund* (May 11, 2017).
8. "Suspicious Minds: U.S.-German Relations in the Trump Era," *German Marshall Fund* (May 9, 2017); coauthored.
9. "The Liberal International Order's Popularity Problem," *Medium* (March 28, 2017).
10. "The Return of the Cold War?" *The New Republic* (March 2014).
11. "The Decline of the West: An American Story," *Transatlantic Paper Series: German Marshall Fund* (June 2013), pp. 1-17.
12. "Fukuyama am Scheideweg [Fukuyama at the Crossroads]," *Internationale Politik* (August 2006).
13. "Zum sterben zu jung [To Die too Young: Neoconservatism and the Democratic Party] *Rheinischer Merkur* (January 2006).
14. "Zum sterben zu jung," *Internationale Politik* (January 2006).
15. "Abscheid vom Iraq [Farewell to Iraq]," *Internationale Politik* (September 2005).
16. "Wer Denkt für Bush? [Who Thinks for Bush?]," *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (October 21, 2004).

JOURNALISM, BOOK REVIEWS AND INCIDENTAL WRITING

1. "Journeys without End" *Jewish Review of Books* (fall 2017)
2. "It's Time to Take the Idea of the West back from the Populists," *Washington Post* (June 8, 2017).
3. "Review: *The Life of Saul Bellow*, by Zachary Leader," *Literary Review* (May 2015).
4. "Do the Roots of the Cold War Alliance Lie in Weimar Germany," *The New Republic* (December 8, 2014).
5. "America's Most Elusive Military Hero Finally Gets His Due," *The New Republic* (October 20, 2014).
6. "How Ronald Reagan Rode America's Delusions to the White House," *The New Republic* (July 30, 2014).
7. "How the CIA Stole 'Dr. Zhivago,'" *The New Republic* (June 21, 2014).
8. "Entry: William F. Buckley, Jr.," *Dictionary of American National Biography* (April 2014).
9. "The 150-year Hunt for the Great American Novel," *The New Republic* (February 22, 2014).
10. "Philip Roth, Feminist," *Los Angeles Review of Books* (January 2014).
11. "Cultural Studies," *Reviews in American History* (December 2013).
12. "Review: Daniel Stedman Jones, *Masters of the Universe*," *Business History Review* (December 2013).
13. "Hitler's Female Henchmen," *The New Republic* (October 18, 2013).
14. "Deng Xiaoping and Margaret Thatcher: Kindred Spirits," *The New Republic* (May 11, 2013).
15. "Philip Roth as Phenomenon of the American Spirit," *The New Republic* (March 2013).

16. "East is East and West is West: Al Afghani, Tagore, and Qichao," *The New Republic* (November 12, 2012).
17. "With (and Without) God on Our Side: on American Foreign Policy," *The New Republic* (April 19, 2012).
18. "Review: *Beyond Red and Blue*, by Peter Wentz," *Amerikastudien/American Studies* (February 2012).
19. "A Consequential Man: on William F. Buckley, Jr.," *The New Republic* (January 9, 2012).
20. "Review: *Nemesis*, by Philip Roth," *Jewish Review of Books* (winter 2011).
21. "Lionel Trilling's Life of the Mind," *New York Times Book Review* (November 3, 2011).
22. "Purity and Danger: on American Foreign Policy," *The New Republic* (October 10, 2011).
23. "The Interstitials: on American Politics," *The New Republic* (August 17, 2011).
24. "Guilty of Innocence: on American Foreign Policy," *The New Republic* (January 6, 2011).
25. "Atomic Historiography: Review Essay on Atomic Weapons," *Reviews in American History* (March 2010), pp. 145-152.
26. "Communism, Rising and Falling: Review Essay on the History of Communism," *Dissent* (May 4, 2010).
27. "Review, The Historiography of Communism, by Michael Brown," *American Historical Review* (April 2010).
28. "Review: *Invisible Hands* by Kim Phillips-Fein," *Dissent* (August 2009).
29. "Review: American Radical, by D.D. Guttenplan," *Washington Post* (July 2009).
30. "Ark of the Liberties: on American Foreign Policy," *Reviews in American History* (March 2009), pp. 28-34.

31. "Protocons," *New York Times Book Review* (November 18, 2007), p. 10.
32. "Review: America at the Crossroads, by Francis Fukuyama," *Internationale Politik* (August 2006).
33. "Scared Stiff," *New York Times Book Review* (November 28, 2004), p. 13.
34. "Urbane Beginnings," *Partisan Review* (January 2002).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Television: CNN, AP, Lithuanian Television, CGTN, Al-Jazeera, i24, C-SPAN Book TV

Radio: Deutschlandfunk Kultur, Bavarian Radio, Berlin-Brandenburg Radio

Podcasts: CSIS Russian Roulette

Newspaper interviews: *Lietuvos Rytas* (leading Lithuanian daily newspaper), *Delfi* (leading Baltic internet news portal), *15 Minutes* (leading Lithuanian internet news portal)

INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 "Transatlantic Relations," **University of Zurich**; Zurich, Switzerland
- 2018 "The Cold War: Three Lessons," Staffs of the House and Senate Foreign Service Committees, **U.S. Congress**; Washington, DC
- 2018 "U.S.-Russian Relations" **Youngstown State University**; Youngstown, OH
- 2017 "Outline of a New Diplomacy: U.S.-Russian Relations" **Middlebury Institute of International Studies**; Monterey, CA
- 2017 "U.S.-Russian Relations: Crisis without End" **University of California**; Santa Barbara, CA
- 2017 "The Rise of the West circa 1963: JFK in Berlin, William H. McNeill in Chicago," **University of California**; Santa Barbara, CA
- 2017 "The Decline of the West" **Mount Saint Mary's College**; Emmitsburg, MD

- 2017 “U.S. Policy toward Europe: Summer 2017” **Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes**; Neubeuern, Germany
- 2017 “The Current State of Transatlantic Relations,” **Deutsch Amerikanisches Institut**; Heidelberg, Germany
- 2017 “The Current State of Transatlantic Relations,” **University of Leipzig**; Leipzig, Germany
- 2017 “Transatlantic Relations” **Amerikahaus**; Dortmund, Germany
- 2017 “Transatlantic Relations” **Atlantic Academy**; Mainz, Germany
- 2017 “Partners of Last Resort: U.S.-Russian Relations,” **University of Warsaw**; Warsaw, Poland
- 2017 “U.S.-Russian Relations,” **Center for Eastern Studies**; Warsaw, Poland
- 2017 “U.S.-Russian Relations,” **Pulaski Foundation**; Warsaw, Poland
- 2017 “The Idea of the West,” **Amerikahaus**; Munich, Germany
- 2017 “The Plots against America: America’s Literature of Political Pessimism,” **Ludwig Maximilian University**; Munich, Germany
- 2016 “Historians and Foreign Policy,” **Catholic University of America**; Washington, DC
- 2016 “Jewish Intellectuals and Western Civilization,” **Indiana University**; Bloomington, IN
- 2016 “Academics in Policy Land,” **Indiana University**; Bloomington, IN
- 2015 “Russian for Policy Makers,” **Middlebury Institute of International Studies**; Monterey, CA
- 2015 “Patterns in the U.S.-Russian Relationship,” **U.S. Department of State**; Washington, DC
- 2014 “Monumental America,” **Eichstätt University**; Eichstätt, Germany
- 2014 “The Ethics of Choice: the United States in Iraq,” **Catholic University of America**;

Washington, DC

- 2014 “The Decline of the West,” **Duke University**; Durham, NC
- 2014 “Is the U.S. a Western Country?” **Air and Space Museum**; Washington, DC
- 2014 “The Decline of the West,” **University of Freiburg**; Freiburg, Germany
- 2014 “The Decline of the West,” **Stanford University**; Palo Alto, CA
- 2014 “In Search of American Conservatism,” **Catholic University of America**; Washington, DC
- 2013 “The End of the Cold War: Triumph of the Nation State?” **Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes**; Cracow, Poland
- 2014 “Ronald Reagan and Perestroika,” **Technical University of Braunschweig**; Braunschweig, Germany
- 2013 “The Decline of the West,” **German Marshall Fund**; Washington, DC
- 2013 “The Decline of the West,” **University of Texas**; Austin, TX
- 2013 “Wolfgang Koeppen,” **German Historical Institute**; Washington, DC
- 2012 “Philip Roth and the Perils of History,” **George Washington University**; Washington, DC
- 2012 “Prohibition in Washington, DC,” **Cosmos Club**; Washington, DC
- 2011 “America and the Idea of Eastern European Literature,” **Summer Literary Seminar**; Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2011 “Philip Roth’s Newark Trilogy,” **Columbia University**; New York, NY
- 2010 “Toward a Definition of American Conservatism,” **University of Bremen**; Bremen, Germany
- 2010 “Wolfgang Koeppen,” **Koeppenhaus**; Greifswald, Germany

- 2009 “The Culture of the Cold War,” **National Art Gallery**; Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2009 “The Conservative Turn,” **Harvard University**; Cambridge, MA
- 2009 “School Ties: Anti-Communism and the Cold War,” **Columbia University**; New York, NY
- 2009 “The Strange Disappearance of September 11,” **Vytautas Magnus University**; Kaunas, Lithuania
- 2008 “Conservatism after George W. Bush,” **Ludwig Maximilian University**; Munich, Germany
- 2008 “The Conservative Turn,” **German Historical Institute**; Washington, DC
- 2007 “Jewish Vilnius,” **Lithuanian Institute of History**; Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2006 “The Conservative Turn,” **Ludwig Maximilian University**; Munich, Germany
- 2005 “Early Neoconservatism,” **Institute for Contemporary History**; Munich, Germany
- 2005 “American Neoconservatism,” **Amerikahaus**; Munich, Germany
- 2004 “In History’s Grip: Philip Roth’s Newark Trilogy,” **Ludwig Maximilian University**; Munich, Germany
- 2003 “Amerika, Europa, und die Logik der Distanz,” **Deutsche Schülerakademie**; Rostock, Germany

CONFERENCECES

conferences organized:

- 2018 **University of Göttingen** Göttingen, Germany, “Poetry and Populism.”
- 2015 **Center for Advanced Studies** Munich, Germany, “A Great Divide,” conference on transatlantic relations
- 2012 **Center for Advanced Studies** Munich, Germany “American Music and the Cold War,” international conference

- 2011 **Center for Advanced Studies** Munich, Germany “The Enlightenment between Europe and America,” international conference
- 2010 **Center for Advanced Studies** Munich, Germany “Ideas and Images of the West,” international conference
- 2010 **Center for Advanced Studies** Munich, Germany “American Journeys,” international conference
- 2008 **Ludwig Maximilian University** Munich, Germany “The Idea of the West,” international conference
- 2003 **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, “The Intellectual in American Culture,” conference
- 2001 **Harvard University** Cambridge, MA “Globalization and (Anti)-Americanism,” conference

conference papers:

international:

- 2017 “How the West Was Won: Ronald Reagan and the Ideal of Western Civilization,” **University of Göttingen** Göttingen, Germany
- 2015 “Amerika gegen den Westen: eine frühe Auseinandersetzung [America against the West: an Early Reckoning],” **Institute of Contemporary History** Munich, Germany
- 2014 “Philip Roth and Thomas Mann,” **University of St. Gallen** St. Gallen, Switzerland
- 2012 “Philip Roth’s Newark Trilogy,” **University of Venice Ca’ Foscari** Venice, Italy
- 2012 “Tom Lehrer and the Power of Cold War (Musical) Comedy,” **Center for Advanced Studies** Munich, Germany
- 2011 “Cold War: Order, Subversion and Conservative Turns,” **Konstanz University** Konstanz, Germany
- 2010 “The American Idea of the West, from Edward Said to Samuel Huntington,” **Center for**

Advanced Studies Munich, Germany

- 2010 “American Present and America Anticipated in Wolfgang Koeppen’s Tauben im Gras,” **Center for Advanced Studies** Munich, Germany
- 2009 “Jewish Intellectuals and the Cold War,” **Hebrew University** Jerusalem, Israel
- 2009 “The Idea of the West, 1920s to 1980s,” **Ruprecht-Karls-Universität** Heidelberg, Germany
- 2008 “Allan Bloom and the Decline of the West,” **Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität** Munich, Germany
- 2006 “Transatlantic Relations,” **Higher School of Economics** Moscow, Russia
- 2005 “Old America, New Europe,” **Technical University of Dresden** Dresden, Germany
- 2003 “The Politics of Civilization,” **University of Frankfurt** Frankfurt, Germany

national:

- 2017 “Bridging the Policy/Scholarship Divide,” **American Association of Eastern European and Eurasian Studies Conference** Chicago, IL
- 2017 “Homage to Sinatra: Bob Dylan’s Search for Kinship,” **American Literary Critics, Scholars, Writers Conference** Dallas, TX
- 2015 “Defining the West,” **University of Maryland** College Park, MD
- 2013 “The Mystery of Lightnin’ Hopkins,” **Association of Literary Scholars, Critics and Writers Conference** Athens, GA
- 2013 “Roth and Newark,” **Philip Roth Society Conference** Newark, NJ
- 2012 “George Kennan, the Soviet Union and the Russians,” **Occidental College** Pasadena, CA
- 2011 “Philip Roth’s Newark Trilogy,” **U.S. Intellectual History Conference** New York, NY
- 2011 “Rethinking Anti-Communism,” **Organization of American Historians Conference**

Houston, TX

- 2011 “Global Citizens or Rootless Cosmopolitans,” **Association for Jewish Studies Conference** Washington, DC
- 2010 “Alexander Solzhenitsyn and the Emptiness of American Conservatism,” **U.S. Intellectual History Conference** New York, NY
- 2007 “The Politics of the American Dream,” **Catholic University of America** Washington, DC
- 2005 “Lionel Trilling the Communist,” **University of Louisiana** Lafayette, LA
- 2003 “William F. Buckley, Jr. and the Intellectual Origins of Conservative Populism,” **American Historical Association Conference** Chicago, IL
- 2003 “Our Incredible City: The Place and Meaning of Postwar New York,” **American Studies Association Conference** Hartford, CT

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

- 2017- Member, Advisory Board, **Kennan Institute, Wilson Center** Washington, DC
- 2005-present **Outside Reader**, Harvard University Press, Stanford University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of Illinois Press, Wayne State University Press, Berghahn Books, German Historical Institute, *The American Historical Review*, *The Journal of American History*, *The Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Jewish Social Studies*; for the University of St. Gallen and the University of Auckland, New Zealand; and for applications to the American Academy in Berlin
- 2018 Participant, “Enhanced Forward Presence: Tabletop Exercise,” **Rand Corporation** Washington, DC
- 2018 Participant, **U.S.-Israel Working Group on Russia-Israel-the Broader Middle East**; Institute for Policy and Strategy, Herzliya, Israel
- 2017 Participant, **Russian International Affairs Council/Center for Strategic and International Studies Track 2 Dialogue**, Policy Priorities in U.S.-Russia Relations”; Moscow, Russia

- 2017 Participant, **Hudson Institute Working Group** on U.S. Ukraine policy; Washington, DC
- 2017 Participant, **OSCE Security Days Forum**, “The Future of European Security”
Prague, Czechoslovakia
- 2017 Member, Prize Committee, **Society for U.S. Intellectual History**, for books published in 2016
- 2016 Participant, **Dartmouth Security Conference Task Force** on U.S.-Russian Relations; Wye River, MD
- 2016 Participant, **Rand Center for Middle East Public Policy Workshop** on “Russian Strategy in the Middle East”; Washington, DC
- 2016 Participant, **Austin Forum on Diplomacy and Statecraft**, University of Texas; Austin, TX
- 2015 Participant, **Carnegie Foundation** working group on U.S.-Russian relations; New York, NY
- 2015 Member, Planning Committee, **U.S. Intellectual History Conference**
- 2014 Participant in **Lithuanian Television Roundtable Discussion on Ukraine Crisis** with Adam Michnik; Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2012 Member, Merle Curti Award Committee, **Organization of American Historians**

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. in American Studies, 2004

A.M. in history, 2000

Oxford University, University College

B.A. with first-class honors in modern history, 1997

Oberlin College

B.A. with highest honors in history, 1995

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2017 Bosch Fellow, **Transatlantic Academy**, German Marshall Fund; Washington, DC
- 2014-2015 **Franklin Fellow**, U.S. Department of State; Washington, DC
- 2010-2013 Senior Fellow, **Center for Advanced Studies**, Ludwig Maximilian University; Munich, Germany
- 2012-2013 Fellow, **Transatlantic Academy**, German Marshall Fund; Washington, DC
- 2012 Senior Specialist, **Fulbright Foundation**; teaching at Ludwig Maximilian University; Munich, Germany
- 2004-2005 German Chancellor Scholarship, **Humboldt Foundation**; Ludwig Maximilian University; Munich, Germany
- 2002-2003 **Whiting Fellowship** at Harvard University; Cambridge, MA
- 1997-2001 Fellow, **Javits Fellowship**; Cambridge, MA
- 1995-1997 **British Marshall Scholarship**; Oxford, United Kingdom

LANGUAGES

- Russian** fluent
- German** fluent
- French** reading knowledge