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## **Employment**

- 2008-present    Research Group Leader  
Transcultural Studies Program, College of Letters and Sciences  
University of Heidelberg
- 2005-2008      Assistant Professor, University of Heidelberg, Department of History
- 2005            Assistant Professor, University of Bonn, English Department/North American Studies Program
- 2004            Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Afro-American Studies
- 2003-2004      Instructor/Lecturer, Free University of Berlin, John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Department of History

## **Education**

- 2004            Ph.D. in Modern History (*Summa Cum Laude*), Free University of Berlin
- 2000            M.A. in Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1998            B.A. equivalent in Political Science (major), Modern History (minor), and English (minor), University of Freiburg

## **Honors and Awards**

- 2009            German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
- 2008            Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University  
Schlesinger Library Research Support Grant
- 2008            Jolanta and Soheyl Ghaemian Travel Fund Grant
- 2007            John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies Research Fellowship
- 2006            German Research Council (DFG) Travel Grant
- 2004            Presidents' Memorial Award of the Louisiana Historical Association  
(for the best article of the year in *Louisiana History*)

2004	Leucorea Foundation Research Fellowship
2003-04	Foundation for the Support of Scholarship and Culture, City of Hamburg – Dissertation Fellowship
2001-03	State of Berlin – Support of Junior Scholars Program (Nafog) – Dissertation Fellowship
2002	German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) Dissertation-Research Fellowship
2002	German Academic Exchange Service Travel-Research Grant
2001	“Memphis State Eight” Paper Prize. Selected as one of the three outstanding papers at the Third Annual Graduate Conference in African American History, Memphis, Tennessee.
2001	Nafog Travel-Research Grant
1998-99	University of Wisconsin WARF Fellowship
1998-99	German Academic Exchange Service Fellowship

### **Current Research Projects**

Home and Country: A History of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Radical Nationalism and Gender in the United States, Germany, and Japan, 1890-1945  
(Transcultural Studies Research Group)

Heroism and Hero-Worship in the United States from the Gilded Age to the Jazz Age

### **Publications**

#### **Books**

*The Spirit and the Shotgun: Armed Resistance and the Struggle for Civil Rights.* Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2007.

#### **Journal Articles:**

“Transnational Perspectives on the History of Race and Racism in North America.” To be published in *Amerikastudien* (2009).

“Protection or Path toward Revolution? Black Power and Self-Defense.” *Souls* 9, no. 4 (October-December 2007): 320-332.

“‘They Finally Found Out that We Really Are Men’: Violence, Non-Violence and Black Manhood in the Civil Rights Era,” *Gender & History* 19, no. 3 (November 2007): 543-64.

“God, Gandhi, and Guns: The African American Freedom Struggle in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1964-1965.” *Journal of African American History* 89, no. 1 (Winter 2004): 36-56.

“Urge People *Not* to Carry Guns’: Armed Self-Defense in the Louisiana Civil Rights Movement and the Radicalization of the Congress of Racial Equality.” *Louisiana History* 45, no. 3 (Summer 2004): 261-86.

“Southern Intellectuals and the Defense of Slavery: The Proslavery Thought of George Fitzhugh and Henry Hughes.” *Southern Historian* 23 (Spring 2002): 56-70.

### **Book Chapters:**

“Transnationalizing American Studies: Historians’ Perspectives,” (with Heike Bungert). In *American Studies/Shifting Gears*, edited by DFG-Nachwuchsnetzwerk “The Futures of (European) American Studies.” Heidelberg: Winter, forthcoming.

““We Were Going to Fight Fire with Fire”: Black Power in the South.” In *Neighborhood Rebels: Black Power at the Local Level*, edited by Peniel Joseph. New York: Palgrave, forthcoming.

“Martin Luther Kings Philosophie der Gewaltfreiheit – Prinzip oder Methode? Pazifismus, gewaltloser Protest und bewaffneter Widerstand in der Bürgerrechtsbewegung.” In *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Leben, Werk und Vermächtnis*, edited by Michael Haspel and Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson. Weimar: Wartburg Verlag, forthcoming.

“Massenmedien und die Bedeutung von Helden und Stars in den USA (1890-1929).” In *Medien und Imagepolitik im 20. Jahrhundert: Deutschland, Europa, USA*, edited by Daniela Münkler und Lu Seegers, 187-205. Frankfurt: Campus, 2008.

“Krieg und Heldentum in den USA: Die Heroisierung amerikanischer Soldaten vom Ende des Bürgerkriegs bis zum spanisch-amerikanischen Krieg.” In *Krieg. Vergleichende Perspektiven aus Kunst, Musik und Geschichte*, edited by Cord Arendes und Jörg Peltzer, 115-132. Heidelberg: Winter, 2007.

“Gewalt und Männlichkeit in der Black Power Bewegung.” In *Väter, Soldaten, Liebhaber: Männer und Männlichkeiten in der Geschichte Nordamerikas*, edited by Jürgen Martschukat und Olaf Stieglitz, 355-369. Bielefeld: Transcript, 2007.

“African Americans and Criminal Justice in the American South: The Convict Lease System, 1868-1928.” In *Criminal Justice in Germany and the United States*, edited by Manfred Berg, Stefan Kapsch, and Franz Streng, 19-28. Heidelberg: Winter, 2006.

“The Roots of Black Power? Armed Resistance and the Radicalization of the Civil Rights Movement.” In *The Black Power Movement: Rethinking the Civil Rights-Black Power Era*, edited by Peniel E. Joseph, 145-65. New York: Routledge, 2006.

### **Encyclopedia Articles:**

“Civil Rights Movement.” In *Encyclopedia of African American History, 1896-Present*, edited by Paul Finkelman. New York Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

“Black Self-Defense,” “Deacons for Defense and Justice,” “Williams, Robert F.” In *Encyclopedia of African American History*, edited by Leslie Alexander and Walter Rucker. Santa Barbara: ABL-CLIO, forthcoming.

“Lynching and Mob Violence in Mississippi.” In *Mississippi Encyclopedia*, edited by Charles Reagan Wilson. Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, forthcoming.

“Du Bois, W.E.B.” and “Garvey, Marcus.” In *Encyclopedia of the Jazz Age: From the End of World War I to the Great Crash*, edited by James Ciment. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2008.

“Bunche, Ralph (1904-1971);” “Gandhi, Mohandas (1869-1948);” “Kenyatta, Jomo (1897/1898?-1978);” “King, Martin Luther, Jr. (1929-1968);” “Mau Mau;” “Weathermen.” In *Encyclopedia of the Cold War: A Political, Social, and Military History*, edited by Spencer C. Tucker and Andrew McCormick, 214-215, 486-87, 711-12, 720-22, 832-33, 1417-18. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2007.

“Southern Christian Leadership Conference;” “Poor People’s Campaign;” “Selma March.” In *Postwar America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*, edited by James Ciment, 987-989, 1103-1105, 1153-1155. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2006.

“Parks, Rosa Louise.” In *Encyclopedia of American Lives*, edited by Arnold Markoe, Karen Markoe, and Kenneth T. Jackson. Vol. 7., 413-15. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006.

“Nonviolent Direct Action and the Civil Rights Movement”; “Congress of Racial Equality”; “Racial Violence and the Civil Rights Movement.” In *Encyclopedia of American Social Movements*, edited by Immanuel Ness. Vol. 1, 202-07; 208-11; 222-26. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2004.

“Sullivan, Leon Howard;” “Williams, Hosea Lorenzo.” In *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*, edited by Kenneth T. Jackson. Vol. 6, 500-02, 569-71. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004.

“Cold War (1945-1950), The Start of the Atomic Age.” In *Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence, and Security*, edited by K. Lee Lerner and Brenda Wilmoth Lerner. Vol. 1, 230-33. New York: Gale, 2004.

“Malcolm X (Malik El-Shabazz).” In *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: The 1960s*, edited by William L. O’Neill. Vol. 2, 37-40. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003.

“Congress of Racial Equality.” In *The Oxford Companion to United States History*, edited by Paul Boyer, et. al., 135. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

### **Book Reviews:**

Mark Newman, *The Civil Rights Movement*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2004. *Journal of Southern History* 74, no. 1 (February 2008): 229.

Christopher B. Strain. *Pure Fire: Self-Defense as Activism in the Civil Rights Era*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2005. *Journal of African American History* 91, no 2 (Spring 2006): 228-30.

Wilma A. Dunaway. *Slavery in the American Mountain South*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. *American Studies/Amerikastudien* 51, no. 1 (2006): 117-18.

Charles W. Eagles. *Outside Agitator: Jon Daniels and the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama*. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2000. *Southern Historian* 24 (Spring 2003): 66-67.

### **Under Preparation:**

Ed. (with Manfred Berg). *Global Dimensions of Racism in the Modern World: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives*. New York: Berghahn Books, forthcoming.