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**Knox College**

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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. in History, Ohio State University, 2008

M.A. in History, Ohio State University, 2000

B.A. in English, City College of New York, 1996

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Knox College, Professor, since 2021

Odessa National University, Fulbright Scholar, 2018-2019

Knox College, Associate Professor, 2014-2021

Knox College, Assistant Professor, 2008-2014

Ohio State University, Graduate Teaching Associate and Instructor, 1997-2008

Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH, Adjunct Instructor, 2008

Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management (DISAM), Wright  
Patterson AFB, Occasional Visiting Lecturer, 2003 and 2007

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**BOOKS:**

*Ekstase und Elend. Deutsche Kulturgeschichte 1900 bis heute* [Ecstasy and  
Misery: German Cultural History from 1900 to Today]. Co-authored with Todd  
Heidt and Claudia Kost (Focus, 2020)

*The Central Powers in Russia's Great War and Revolution: Enemy Visions and  
Encounters, 1914-1922, Volume 7 of Russia's Great War and Revolution.* Co-  
edited with John Deak and Heather R. Perry (Slavica, 2020)

*Expeditionary Forces in the First World War.* Co-edited with Alan Beyerchen  
(Palgrave, 2019)

*Order and Insecurity in Germany and Turkey: Military Cultures of the 1930s*  
(Routledge, 2017)  
(Turkish translation: *Ordu ve Millet: 1930'larda Almanya ve Türkiye'de Askeri  
Kültür*, trans. Özlem Albayrak [İletişim, 2018])

## CHAPTER IN EDITED VOLUME:

“From Galicia to Galilee: The Ottoman and German Expeditionary Experiences in the First World War in Comparison,” in *Expeditionary Forces in the First World War*, Alan Beyerchen and Emre Sencer, eds. (Palgrave, 2019)

## ARTICLES:

“Not So Quiet on the Eastern Front: A Seminar Report from the Trenches of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the German Studies Association,” co-authored with Heather R. Perry and John W. Steinberg, *German Studies Review* (May 2014)

“Fear and Loathing in Berlin: German Military Culture at the Turn of the 1930s,” *German Studies Review* (February 2014)

“Balkan Nationalisms in the Ottoman Parliament, 1908-09,” *East European Quarterly* 38:4 (March 2004)

## ARTICLES in the POPULAR PRESS:

“1930’ların gölgesinde günümüz sağ otoriter popülizmi: ‘Liderine yönelmek’,” *Birikim* (February-March 2021)

“İrk, politika ve adalet üçgeninde Ferguson olayları,” *Birikim* (October 2014)

## BOOK REVIEWS:

*Atatürk in the Nazi Imagination*, by Stefan Ihrig. H-NET (June 2017)

*The Ottoman Road to War in 1914: The Ottoman Empire and the First World War*, by Mustafa Aksakal. H-NET (September 2009)

## MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Interview for the YouTube channel of BirgunTV (Turkey). Host: Derya Gürses Tarbuck (Bahçeşehir University). Recorded in December 2024, uploaded Spring, 2025.

Interview on the YouTube channel *başka ülke*. Topic: Nazi Germany (Ideology, Culture, and Society). Hosts: M. Volkan Kaşıkçı and Barış Yörümez. 24 August 2023.

Joint interview with Atabey Kaygun (Istanbul Technical University) on the *Rengarenk* podcast (*Home Art* magazine). Topic: Enlightenment vs. Romanticism. Host: Pınar Karadeniz. 29 December 2022.

Interview in *Toplumsal Tarih* on military culture in Germany and Turkey in the 1930s, December 2021.

Discussion and interview on the YouTube news channel *Gerçek Tivi*, 9 September 2021.

Interview on Odessa channel Media Inform about Expeditionary Forces in the First World War, 5 December 2019.

Interview on Channel 7 about *Order and Insecurity in Germany and Turkey* and its Turkish translation, Odessa, Ukraine, 8 February 2019

Interview and video segment with [www.reporter.od.ua](http://www.reporter.od.ua) on the International Congress of European Law, Odessa, Ukraine, 23 April 2017

“AKP: Ten Years After,” [www.thefutureforum.org](http://www.thefutureforum.org), 27 June 2012

Interview with the Bulgarian daily *Capital* on civil-military relations in Turkey, 18 May 2012

#### SYMPOSIA:

“Expeditionary Forces in the First World War,” the Second International Symposium/Workshop, Knox College, Principal Organizer, Moderator, and Presenter, April 2018

“Expeditionary Forces in the First World War,” International Symposium/Workshop, Knox College, Principal Organizer, Moderator, and Presenter, April 2017

#### INVITED TALKS and LECTURES:

“Lessons from the history of European integration,” online lecture, Faculty of International Legal Relations, National University, Odessa Law Academy, 23 April 2021.

Online lectures series on the history of rightwing populism and fascism from 1900 to the present, ELSA Odessa, October 2020.

Online Lecture on the historical origins of present-day rightwing populism, Odessa Law Academy, International Studies Office, 26 October 2020.

Lecture on the history of European integration, Odessa Maritime Academy, 9 December 2019.

Presentation and discussion on *Order and Insecurity in Germany and Turkey* and its Turkish translation, Window on America Center, Odessa, Ukraine, 7 February 2019

“Self-image, Legality, and History in AKP Turkey,” International Congress of European Law, National University-Odessa Law Academy, Ukraine, 2017

Lecture on Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey, Eureka College, 2016

“Looking at History in the AKP Discourse,” Marmara University Research Center for International Relations, Istanbul, 2012

“Fear and Loathing in Berlin and Ankara: Military Culture in Germany and Turkey in the 1930s,” International Studies Seminar Series, Illinois State University, 2009

#### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

“The Policy and Fantasy of Creating Germanness Abroad,” Moderator, German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, 2016

“Russia’s Great War and Revolution, 1914-22: Central Powers’ Perspective,” Roundtable, American Historical Association Meeting, Atlanta, 2016

“Not So Quiet on the Eastern Front: New Directions in WW I Studies,” Seminar Convener, German Studies Association Conference, Denver, 2013

“Past, Image, and Ideology: Rereading History in the AKP Discourse,” Taking Stock: Ten Years of AKP Rule in Turkey, Conference at the NYU Dept. of Politics, 2012

“The Past in the German Military Culture of the 1930s,” German Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, 2012

“The Past in the Turkish Military Culture of the 1930s,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Arlington, 2012

“Enemy in the East: German Military Vision of Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the Soviet Union in the late 1930s,” German Studies Association Conference, Oakland, 2010

“Wilhelm and Abdülhamid, Weimar and Atatürk: German-Turkish Relations from Empire to Nation-State,” Moderator, German Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., 2009

“Comparative Civil-Military Relations in Germany and Turkey in the 1930s,” German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, 2007

#### SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION:

Editorial Conference, “Russia’s Great War and Revolution, 1914-1922” project (University of Aberdeen), 2014

“Islam in/and the West,” Midwest Faculty Seminar Series (University of Chicago), 2013

Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute in German Studies  
Center for German and European Studies (University of Minnesota) and Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung (Potsdam), Berlin, 2006

12<sup>th</sup> Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History  
German Historical Institute (Washington) and Center for German and European Studies (Georgetown University), Freiburg, 2006

#### COLLEGE PANELS AND TALKS:

Forum on Gaza, Fall 2023

Forum on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, 3 March 2022

Forum on Ukraine, 16 February 2022

Talk with the members of the Knox Model UN, February 2013

Open Forum on the Arab Spring, October 2012

Forum on Iran, March 2012

#### OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES for the COLLEGE:

Presentation of the Living Battlefield film, *The Americans on Hell's Highway*, Galesburg Public Library, May 2013

Presentation of Fatih Akın's film, *Edge of Heaven*, for the "Muslim Societies Film Series" of the Illinois Network on Islam and Muslim Societies (I-NIMS), September 2009

#### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Exceptional Achievement Award, Knox College, Fall 2020

Fulbright Fellowship, Odessa Law Academy, Ukraine, 2018-2019

Knox College Faculty Development Grant (Language Study), Summer 2017

Knox College Faculty Development Grant (Language Study), Summer and Fall 2016

Knox College Faculty Development Grant, Research & Creative Work (Mellon Funds, with Todd Heidt), 2015-2016

Knox College Faculty Development Grant (Language Study), Summer and Fall 2015

Knox College Mellon Interdisciplinary Course Development Grant (Mellon Funds, with Todd Heidt), 2014

Knox College Faculty Research Grant, 2012

Bradley Fellowship, Ohio State University, 2010

Knox College Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2009

Graduate Research Small Grant, Ohio State University, 2007

Presidential Fellowship, Ohio State University, 2006-2007

Mershon Center Study Abroad Grant, Ohio State University, 2003

Andreas Dorpalen Award, Ohio State University, 2003

Alumni Grant for Graduate Research & Scholarship, Ohio State University, 2002

Office of International Affairs Graduate Student International Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Ohio State University, 2002

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Summer Language Study Grant, 2002

#### COURSES TAUGHT:

Knox College:

100-level: Modern Europe and the World; Modern Europe (18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries); Introduction to Middle Eastern History; First-Year Preceptorial

200-level: Germany in the 19th Century; Germany in the 20th Century; First World War; Second World War in Europe; Europe in the Cold War; Late Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey; Modern Russia; Historian's Workshop; HIST 295/395 (team-taught) German History and Culture; IIS 295 (team-taught) European Identities (Berlin-Istanbul Project)

300-level: Weimar Republic; Nazi Germany; Germany since 1945

Odessa Law Academy:  
History of European Integration; Revolutions in Modern History

Ohio State University:  
Introduction to Western Europe; Western Civilization I & II; World History II

Pontifical College Josephinum:  
Middle Eastern History

DISAM:  
Western European Politics and Society

#### COLLEGE SERVICE:

Journalism Program Chair, 2025-2026

Department Chair, 2023-

Chair, Faculty Personnel Committee, 2022-2023

Faculty Personnel Committee, 2016-18, 2019-2023

Interim Chair, Curriculum Committee, Policy Subsection, Spring 2016

Chair, International Studies Program, 2015-2018

Curriculum Committee, Policy Subsection, 2015-2016

Faculty Adviser, Mortar Board, 2015-2018

Economics Department Search Committee, December 2013-February 2014

History Department Search Committee, December 2012-February 2013; Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Winter 2023

Student Life Committee, 2012-2015

Modern Languages Department Search Committee, Summer 2012

Campus Diversity Committee, 2009-2012

Off-Campus Study Selection Committee, 2010

Faculty Adviser, History Club, 2008-2011, 2013-2015

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:**

Program Committee Member, Seminar Subsection, German Studies Association  
Conference, Kansas City, 2014