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Academic Positions

Homer J. Livingston Professor of History, University of Chicago, 2018-

Professor of History, University of Chicago, 2013-

Associate Professor of History, University of Chicago, 2011-13

Assistant Professor of History, University of Chicago, 2007-2011


Education

University of Michigan, M.A. (2002), PhD (2005), History.


Publications

In Progress:

Against the World: Deglobalization in Interwar Europe. Under contract with W.W. Norton.


Books:


perduti. La ricostruzione delle famiglie europee nel secondo dopoguerra (Feltinelli, 2012).

- George Louis Beer Prize, American Historical Association, 2012
- Radomir Luza Prize, Austrian Cultural Forum, 2012


- Laura Shannon Prize of the Nanovic Institute for the best book in Contemporary European Studies published in 2008-09 in the Social Sciences
- Barbara Jelavich Book Prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, 2009
- Austrian Cultural Forum Book Prize, 2008-09.

Co-Edited Volume:


Journal Articles:

“Mobility and Migration in the Global History of Europe,” American Historical Review, under review.

“Condemned to Rootlessness and Unable to Budge: Roma, Migration Panics, and Internment in the Habsburg Empire,” American Historical Review 122, nr. 3 (June 2017), 702-26.


“Travel Agents on Trial: Policing Mobility in Late Imperial Austria,” Past & Present 223, (May 2014), 161-93.

“Forum: Habsburg History,” German History 31 (June 2013), 225-238.


-Awarded the John Rath Prize for the Best Article in the 2010 AHY


“Reclaiming Children for the Nation: Germanization, National Ascription, and Democracy in the Bohemian Lands, 1900-1945,” *Central European History* 37, (December 2004), 499-541.

**Journalism/Non-Academic Writing**

“The Ugly History of Separating Families goes Way Beyond Trump,” *Daily Beast*, August 3, 2018

“Europe’s Shifting Borders,” *Foreign Affairs*, February 11, 2017


“Europe’s Asylum Crisis and Historical Memory,” *Foreign Affairs*, September 22, 2015.


Awards and Fellowships

Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2017-
Macarthur Fellowship, 2014-2019
NEH Fellowship, 2013-14.
ACLS Fellowship, 2013-14
Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin, 2013-14
Fernand Braudel Fellow, European University Institute, 2014
George Louis Beer Prize, 2012.
Radomir Luza Prize, 2012
Botstiber Foundation Research Grant, 2011-12.
Laura Shannon Book Prize, 2011
ACLS Charles A. Ryskamp Fellowship, 2009-10
Austrian Cultural Forum Book Prize, 2009
Hans Rosenberg Book Prize, 2009
AAASS Barbara Jelavich Book Prize, 2009
Czechoslovak Studies Association Book Prize, 2009
John Rath Article Prize, 2010
Sabbatical Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies, Paris, Feb-June 2010
Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows, 2005-07
Austrian Cultural Forum Dissertation Award, 2006
University of Michigan, Distinguished Dissertation Award, 2005
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, 2000-05
Fulbright-Hays Research Fellowship, 2002-2003
IIE Fulbright, Austria, 2002-2003 (declined)
Andrew S. Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1999-00
Oak Leaf Award, Swarthmore College, 1998

Recent Talks:

Keynote Lecture for Midwest Slavic Workshop, Ohio State University, March 24, 2018.
“Against the World: Deglobalization and the Settlement Movement in Interwar Austria,” Vanderbilt University, November 15, 2017.
Roundtable on East Central Europe in 1918, ASEEES, Chicago, November 11, 2017.
“The “Solution to the Gypsy Question”: Roma, Migration, and Statelessness in Late Imperial Austria,” University of Kansas, March 9, 2017; University of California, Berkeley, December 5, 2016; Harvard University, October 6, 2016; University of Minnesota, September 30, 2016; Rutgers University, April 5, 2016; Johns Hopkins University, October 19, 2015.

Book talks on The Great Departure 2015-17: Emory University; University College Dublin; University of Sheffield; University of Birmingham; Dartmouth College; University of Chicago Women’s Board; Vienna, Academy of Sciences; Northwestern University; New York University; UCLA; Chicago Cultural Center; Lewis & Clark College.


Book Panel on The Great Departure, German Studies Association, San Diego, October 1, 2016.

Respondent, Conference on National Indifference, Institute for Contemporary History, Prague, September 5-7, 2016

Keynote lecture, Modern Europe Luncheon, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, January 7, 2016.

“Longing to Stay or Go?” Emigration and the Making of the ‘Free World,’ University of Michigan, January 22, 2016


Professional Activities:

Editorial Board, Past & Present, September 2016- present


Co-organized Conference “Human Trafficking, Labor Migration & Migration Control in Comparative Historical Perspective,” with Johanna Ransmeier, Amy Dru Stanley, and Susan Gzesh, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago, October 16-17, 2015

Advisory Board, Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies, 2014-

Editorial Board, University of Michigan Press Series, Social History, Popular Culture, and Politics in Germany, 2011-

Editorial Board, Central European History, 2013-2016

North American Editor, Contemporary European History, 2013-15

North American Review Editor, Contemporary European History, 2010-13

Book reviews for the The Nation, American Historical Review, Austrian History
Prize Committee, **Center for Austrian Studies Book Prize** (2016)
Prize Committee, **Hans Rosenberg Article Prize** (2015)
Prize Committee, **Barbara Jelavich Prize of ASEEES** (2011-14)
Prize Committee, **Hans Rosenberg Book Prize** (2010)
Prize Committee, **John Rath Article Prize of the Center for Austrian Studies** (2007-10)
Prize Committee, **Austrian Cultural Forum Dissertation Prize** (2008)
Co-organized Conference “Internationalizing the History of Eastern Europe” with Alison Frank, Harvard University, May 11-13, 2007

**Departmental and University Service:**

Admissions Committee, 2018-
Provost’s Arts Steering Committee, 2018-
Women’s Leadership Council, 2018-
Neubauer Collegium Faculty Advisory Board, 2018-
Pozen Center for Jewish Rights, Co-Chair, Faculty Board of Directors, 2014-present
Center for Jewish Studies, Faculty Board, 2014-2017
Chair, German History Search Committee, 2015-16
Chair, History Department Graduate Student Affairs Committee, 2014-2017
Advisory Committee, History Department, 2014-2017
Curriculum Committee, History Department, 2014-2017
Pedagogy Workshop Convener, 2014-16
Executive Board Member, Center for East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, 2008-09, 2011-present
Co-Sponsor (with Leora Auslander, Faith Hillis, and Eleanor Gilburd), Transnational Approaches to Modern European History Workshop, 2007-present
Pozen Center for Human Rights, post-doc search committee, 2016
College Council, 2012-15
Member, Jewish History Search Committee, 2014-15
Chair, Russian/Soviet Search Committee, 2012-13
Graduate Student Affairs Committee, 2012-15
Social Sciences Division Research Grant Committee, 2013
China Search Committee, 2012-13
History Department Website Committee, 2011-12
Endeavor Foundation Selection Committee, 2009-2013
Saller Dissertation Prize Committee, 2011
Russian History Search Committee, 2009-10.
British Scholarships Selection Committee, Fall 2008.
Recent Courses:

- Globalization and its Discontents (grad)
- Transnational Europe: Twentieth Century (grad)
- Human Rights in Central and Eastern Europe (undergrad)
- Twentieth Century Europe (undergrad/grad)
- Modern East Central Europe (undergrad/grad)
- Europe Unsettled: Migration in European History (undergrad/grad)
- Nations & Empires (grad)
- Historiography (grad)
- Nazism (undergrad)
- Gender & Sexuality in World Civilization (undergrad)
- Gender & Sexuality in Modern Europe (grad)
- Migration & Material Culture (grad)
- History of European Civilization I, II (undergrad)

Research Languages: German, French, Czech, Italian, Polish.