

# Chad Bryant

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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2002-2008  
Associate Professor of History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2008-2022  
Professor of History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2022-present

Other positions currently held:

Adjunct professor, Curriculum in Global Studies  
Affiliate, Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life

## EDUCATION

PhD, University of California, Berkeley, History, May 2002  
MA, University of California, Berkeley, History, May 1997  
BA, Middlebury College, History and German, May 1993

## Dissertation awards:

Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize, awarded by the Friends of the German Historical Institute  
Fraenkel Prize in Contemporary History, awarded by the Wiener Library, London, England

## CURRENT BOOK PROJECT

*The Trial that Shook the World: The Slánský Process and the Dynamics of Czechoslovak Stalinism*, with Kateřina Čapková and Diana Dumitru (Oxford University Press, under contract)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Prague: Belonging and the Modern City* (Harvard University Press, 2021)

Co-winner, 2022 Radomír Luža Prize, Center Austria: The Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies at the University of New Orleans, the American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance, and the German Studies Association.

Reviewed in *The Economist*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Telegraph of India*  
Korean translation forthcoming

*Walking Histories, 1800-1914*, co-edited with Paul Readman and Arthur Burns (Palgrave, 2016)

Chinese translation: 《行走的历史，1800——1914》, edited by [美]查德·布莱恩特 (Chad Bryant), [英]亚瑟·伯恩斯 (Arthur Burns), [英]保罗·里德曼 (Paul Readman), translated by 张源 (Zhang Yuan) (上海社会科学院出版社 Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2020)

*Borderlands in World History, 1700-1914*, co-edited with Paul Readman and Cynthia Radding (Palgrave, 2014)

*Prague in Black: Nazi Rule and Czech Nationalism* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007)

Winner of the Hans Rosenberg Book Prize, Conference Group for Central European History

Honorable mention, Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Czech translation: *Praha v černém. Nacistická vláda a český nacionalismus* (Prague: Argo, 2013)

### **Selected Articles**

“Undone from Within: The Downfall of Rudolf Slánský and Czechoslovak-Soviet Dynamics under Stalinism,” co-authored with Kateřina Čápková and Diana Dumitru, *Journal of Modern History* (accepted for publication)

“Meaningful Encounters? Egon Erwin Kisch’s ‘Prague Forays’ and our Post-COVID World,” *Green Letters*, special issue of *Green Letters*, “A New Poetics of Space: Literary Walks in Times of Pandemics and Climate Change,” Vicky Angelaki and Lucy Jeffrey, eds. (in publication)

“Habsburg History, Eastern European History...Central European History?” *Central European History* 51:1 (2018): 56-65

“War as Revolution of the Self: The Diaries of Vojtěch Berger” *Střed/Centre* 8:2 (2016): 9-34

“Strolling the Romantic City: Gardens, Panoramas, and Middle-Class Elites in Early Nineteenth-Century Prague,” in *Walking Histories, 1800-1914*, Chad Bryant, Paul Readman and Arthur Burns, eds. (Palgrave, 2016): 57-86

Honorable mention, Stanley Pech Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association, 2018

“Zap’s Prague: The City, the Nation, and Czech Elites before 1848,” *Urban History* 40, 2 (May 2013): 181-201

“A Tale of One City: Topographies of Prague before 1848,” *Bohemia* 52, 1 (2012): 5-21

“After Nationalism? Urban History and Eastern European History,” *East European Politics and Societies*, 25, no. 4 (November 2011): 774-778

“Into an Uncertain Future: Railroads and Vormärz Liberalism in Brno, Vienna, and Prague,” *Austrian History Yearbook* 40 (2009): 183-201

Special commendation, R. John Rath article prize, Center for Austrian Studies

Honorable mention, Stanley Pech Prize, Czechoslovak Studies Association

“The Language of Resistance? Czech Jokes and Joke-telling under Nazi Occupation, 1943-1945,” *Journal of Contemporary History* 41 (January 2006): 133-151

“Either German or Czech: Fixing Nationality in Bohemia and Moravia, 1939-1946,” *Slavic Review* 61, no. 4 (Winter 2002): 683-706

“Občanství, národnost a každodenní život. Příspěvek k dějinám česko-německých smíšených

manželství, 1939-1946,” Miloš Rataj trans., *Kuděj* 2 (Fall 2002): 43-54

“Whose Nation? Czech Dissident Writing from a Post-1989 Perspective,” *History and Memory* 12, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2000): 30-64

Book and article reviews for *American Historical Review*, *Austrian History Yearbook*, *Bohemia*, *Contemporary European History*, *East European Politics and Societies*, *European Historical Quarterly*, *German History*, *H-German*, *H-Urban*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, and *Slavic Review*

Manuscript reviewer for Berghahn, Cornell University Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury, Purdue University Press, and Yale University Press

### **SELECTED GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS**

American Council of Learned Societies Collaboration Research Fellowship, with Kateřina Čapková and Diana Dumitru, Fall 2019-spring 2022

Arts and Humanities Research Grant, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research and Institute for the Arts and Humanities, 2021-2022 academic year

Edith L. Bernstein Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Spring 2019

Visiting Lecturer and Seminar Leader, Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen, June 2017

Schwab Academic Excellence Award, Institute for Arts and Humanities, March 2017

Bohemistika Grant, Masaryk Institute and Archive, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic, May 2012

National Humanities Center, Delmas Foundation Fellowship, 2009-2010 academic year

National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, Policy Research Fellowship, 2004-2005 academic year

American Council of Learned Societies East European Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2004-2005 academic year (declined)

CIES Fulbright research award for the Czech Republic, fall 2004 (declined)

Research Scholar Grant, East European Studies program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, summer 2004 and summer 2005

### **SELECTED OUTREACH AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

“Russia’s War in Ukraine, or Why We Need to Teach about ‘Small’ Nations within and beyond the EU,” EU United Teachers’ Workshop, May 2022

“Whence Nationalism Studies? Some Reflections on Russia’s War in Ukraine,” *The New Fascism Syllabus: Exploring the New Right Through Scholarship and Civic Engagement*, April 2022

“Ukraine and the Nation as a Work-in-Progress,” Russian Invasion of Ukraine Teach-in, UNC-Chapel Hill, March 2022

“An Occultist turned Nazi Collaborator and the Limits of Biography,” *The Cutting Room Floor*, UNC-Chapel Hill History Department, Digital History Lab

“Prague: Belonging and the Modern City,” interview with Steven Seegel, New Books Network podcast series, June 2021

“Prague: Belonging and the Modern City,” book talk, Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill, September 2021

“Café Life and Literati: Life in Turn-of-the-Century Prague,” *Literary Hub* (LitHub.com), May 2021

Featured speaker, “Cities of Eastern Europe”, Carolina Public Humanities, February 2020

“Oh the Humanities!” The Hill 97.9, February 2020

Invited speaker, EUnited workshop for high school educators, February 2020

“The Slavic Connexion,” University of Texas at Austin podcasts, December 2019

Featured speaker, *Jews, or Germans?* book launch, Jewish Museum in Prague, October 2019

“Prague’s Modernity,” Institute for the Arts and Humanities podcast, March 2019

Invited speaker, EU in NC Study Tour teacher workshop, May 2017

“Czech History,” Center for European Studies Digital Speakers Bureau, March 2017

“Collaboration and Jiří Smichovský,” “Prague Shared and Divided” digital mapping project (published in 2015), Multikulturální Centrum, Prague  
<http://praha.mkc.cz/cz/praha?topics=kolaborace>

“The State of Things,” WUNC 91.5, September 2016

Interview, Radio Prague International, June 2014

### **SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

“Sesazen zevnitř: Pád Rudolfa Slánského a československo-sovětská dynamika v poválečných letech,” with Kateřina Čapková, Institute for Contemporary History, Prague, Czech Republic, October 5, 2022

Book manuscript workshop, “Undone from Within: The Downfall of Rudolf Slánský and Czechoslovak-Soviet Dynamics under Stalinism”, with Kateřina Čapková, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam, Germany, September 30, 2022

Moderator and discussant, *Prague and Beyond: Jews of the Bohemian Lands*  
The Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews, Bohemian National Hall, New York City, May 2022

“Prague: Belonging and the Modern City” book talk

Curriculum for Global Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, April 2022

Presenter, with Monica Black (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Young Scholars Writing Workshop, North Carolina German Studies workshop and speaker series, January 2022

“City of Belonging, City of Difference: Some Lessons from Early Twentieth-Century Prague,” Urban Experience Seminar series, Hall Center for Humanities, University of Kansas, December 2021

“Prague: Belonging and the Modern City” book talk, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Kansas, December 2021

“The Trial that Shook the World: The Slánský Process and the Dynamics of Czechoslovak Communism”, with Kateřina Čapková and Diana Dumitru

“Recovering Forgotten History: The Image of East-Central Europe” manuscript workshop, Foundation for Civic Space and Public Policy and Oxford University Press, Warsaw, Poland (via Zoom), December 2021

“Prague: Belonging and the Modern City” book talk, Modern European History Seminar series, Cambridge University, November 2021

“Prague: Belonging and the Modern City” book talk, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, November 2021

“Inescapable: Nationalism, National Indifference, and Czechoslovak Studies Today”

Keynote lecture, Reimagining the Heart of Europe conference (online), Czechoslovak Studies Group, Oxford University, September 2021

Invited speaker, “Prague Forays: Egon Erwin Kisch and Walking-as-Belonging”

Speaker Series in Jewish History, Prague Center for Jewish Studies, Charles University February 2021

Conference presentation, “The Strangers We Miss: Egon Erwin Kisch, Fin-de-Siècle Prague, and Walking-as-Belonging”

A New Poetics of Space: Literary Walks in Times of Pandemics and Climate Change online conference, Mid Sweden University, Sundsvall, Sweden, December 2020

Roundtable presentation, “Communist Leaders on Trial: New Interpretations of the Slánský Affair”

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, online, November 2020

Panel presentation, “Prague Forays: Egon Erwin Kisch’s Urban Encounters, 1910-1911”

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, San Francisco, November 2019

Roundtable presentation, “1918: The Collapse of Empires and the Promise of Self-Determination”

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, Boston, December 2018

Workshop presentation, “Ethnic Difference in the Socialist City: Jewish Survivors and Vietnamese Migrants in Prague”

“Socialist Cities: New Themes in Urban History in East Germany and the Global Second World,” German Studies Association conference seminar, Pittsburgh, September 2018

Workshop presentation, “Urban Terror: Nazi-occupied Prague in its European Context”

“European Capitals under German Occupation: Paris, Prague, Warsaw, and Vienna,” Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, September 2018

Workshop presentation, “Prague Wanderings: Egon Erwin Kisch, Emplacement, and Fin-de-Siècle Prague”

BOHEMs workshop, Charles University, May 2018

Roundtable speaker, “Nationalism versus Urbanism”

Urban Thinkers Campus Conference, Fordham University, February 2018. (Part of an ongoing series of workshops/conversations sponsored by Habitat III, the United Nation’s Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development.)

Panel presentation, “The Lonely Bolshevik: Vojtěch Berger and the Great War”

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, Chicago, November 2017

Invited lecture, “Perpetrator Imagined: Jiří Smichovský and Prague under Nazi Occupation”

Forschungstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen, June 2017

Keynote lecture, “Worlds Apart: The 1918 Generation in 1945”

“Liberation, Revolution, Transformation: Central Europe in 1945 in an Interdisciplinary Perspective” conference, Prague, November 2015

Invited lecture, “A Bolshevik in Prague. Vojtěch Berger and the Rise of Radical Socialism, 1914-1925”

Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen, November 2015

Roundtable speaker, “Studying a Life: Biographies, Collective Biographies, and Character-Driven Narratives as East European and Russian/Soviet History”

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual conference, San Antonio, November 2014

“Red Prague: Vojtěch Berger’s City, 1920-1925”

“World War I and Central and Eastern European History” conference, Austrian Cultural Forum, London, 2014

“The New Urbanites and their City Wall: Strolling within, above and outside Prague before 1848”

“Modern Walks: Human Locomotion during the Long Nineteenth Century” conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, September 2013

“National Indifference, Amphibians, and Nationalism: The State of the Field in Eastern European History”

Invited lecture, Institute of Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, University of California, Berkeley, spring 2013

“Obojživelníci v protektorátu: Český nacionalismus a nacistická vláda” [Amphibians in the Protectorate: Czech Nationalism and Nazi Rule”

Invited lecture, Masaryk Institute, Prague, January 2013

“The Shrinking World of Vojtěch Berger: A Carpenter’s Life in Prague, 1920-1947”

Urban History Association biannual conference, Columbia University, fall 2012

“Obojživelníci v protektorátu: Mapování, překreslování a vyjednávání národnosti a nacionalismu za okupace,” [Amphibians in the Protectorate: Mapping, Tracing, and Negotiation of Nationality and Nationalism during the Occupation]

Invited lecture, Institute for Contemporary History, Prague, June 2012

“Vidím město historické”: Nationalism, Modernization, and the City in Karel Vladislav Zap’s Guide to Prague (1848)”

Invited lecture, Masaryk Institute, Prague, May 2012

“Before the Flâneur: Prague Walks and Topographies of Prague in the Early Nineteenth Century”

“Prague as Represented Space,” University of Regensburg, Bohemicum Regensburg-Passau, May 27-28, 2011

“City of Memories: Nineteenth-Century Topographies of Prague”

“Portrait of the City: Framing the Significance of Historic Urban Landscapes,” School of Architecture Landscape and Civil Engineering, University of Dublin, December 2010

“After Nationalism? Urban History and Eastern European History”

“East European History: The ‘State of the Field,’” Stanford University, September 2010

“Capital, Sanctum, and Destination Point: Travel and Czech Nationalism in the Early Nineteenth-Century Prague”

“Cities and Nationalisms” conference, Centre for Metropolitan History, London, June 2010

## **COURSES TAUGHT AT UNC–CHAPEL HILL**

### **Undergraduate**

“A History of Lies, Conspiracies, and Disinformation”

“Global Cities and Boom Towns” (undergraduate research seminar)

“Prague Histories” (honors seminar)

“From Kings to Communists: East-Central Europe in the Modern Era”

“From Communists to Capitalists: Eastern Europe since 1945”

“Travel and Politics in Eastern Europe”

“The Train and the Modern World”

“The World since 1945”

### **Graduate**

“Readings in Russian and East European History”

“Readings in East European History”

“M.A. Research Seminar”

**Past Graduate Student Advisees**

Zsolt Nagy (PhD, 2012); John Robertson (PhD, 2014); Laura Brade (PhD, 2017); Kristina Juergensmeyer, (Global MA, 2018); Leah Valtin-Erwin (Global MA, 2018); Alison Somogyi (PhD, 2019 – co-advised with Karen Auerbach; winner of UNC’s Dean’s Dissertation Award in the Humanities); Kirsten Cooper (PhD, 2020 – co-advised with Jay Smith); Alison Rodriguez (PhD, 2020); Andrew Kapinos (Global MA)

**Current Graduate Student Advisees**

Mira Markham, Kevin Hoepfer, Zora Piskačová, Della Huffines (Global MA), Tess Megginson, Kathryn Goodpaster (Global MA); Fredrich Cochran (co-advised with Eren Tasar), and Alma Husejla (co-advised with Karen Auerbach)

**RECENT SERVICE**

**Leadership service at UNC**

Departmental liaison, King’s College London-UNC-Chapel Hill strategic partnership, spring 2007-present

Director of Graduate Studies, 2014-2017; interim Director of Graduate Studies, fall 2020

Executive Committee, Department of History, 2014-2017, fall 2020

Chair’s advisory committee, Department of History, fall 2012-2015

**Other service at UNC**

Co-chair, Frank Porter Graham search, History Department, fall 2022-present

Advisory board member, Institute for Arts and Humanities, fall 2020-present

Advisory board, Center for European Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, fall 2009-present

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Curriculum in Global Studies, 2022-present

Admissions Committee, Global MA program, Curriculum in Global Studies, 2020-present

Diplomacy Initiative Roundtable, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, fall 2022-present

Award Committee, Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Award, Graduate School, fall 2021-present

Internal Advisory Committee, Graduate Certificate in Business Fundamentals, fall 2017-present

Organizer, East-Central European Studies Working Group, 2015-present

Steering Committee, North Carolina German Studies workshop and seminar series, spring 2022-present

Member, Committee on Teaching, History Department, fall 2021-fall 2022

History Department Salary Committee, 2021-2022



Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, fall 2014- spring 2019, fall 2020-present; chair, 2014-2017, fall 2020

Selection Committee, Impact and Horizon Award, Graduate School, fall 2020

Advisory board, Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, 2014-2017

Job search committee, Frank Porter Graham chair search, fall 2018

Selection Committee, Richard Bland fellowship, Graduate School, 2015-2017

Selection Committee, Boka Hadzija prize, Graduate School, 2015-2017

Mentorship working group, Graduate School, 2016-2017

Subcommittee, NEH Re-envisioning Graduate Education Initiative at UNC, 2016-2017

Selection Committee, summer awards, Office of Undergraduate Research, 2016

Departmental Prize Committee, fall 2007-2014; chair, fall 2010- 2014

Committee on Teaching, fall 2010-2013

Job Search Committee, Jewish history search, 2012-2013

### **Selected lectures and conferences organized at UNC**

Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop, April 2022

Co-organizer, “1968 in Czechoslovakia and Poland in Comparison” conference, September 2018

Co-organizer, Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill, April 2011, 2014, and 2017; currently planning the 2022 workshop

Co-organizer, Czech Speaker Series, 2011-2016

Co-organizer, “Modern Walks: Human Locomotion during the Long Nineteenth Century” conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, September 2014, in collaboration with King’s College London

Co-organizer, “Borderlands as Physical Reality: Producing Place in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries,” King’s College London, fall 2011

### **Professional service outside the university**

Tenure and promotion reviewer for a number of universities in the United States and Canada, as well as manuscript for numerous journals and university presses

Member, Chester Penn Higby Prize, *Journal of Modern History*, fall 2022

Member, editorial board, *Czech Journal of Contemporary History*, 2013-present

External grant reviewer, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, 2012 to present

Reviewer, National Humanities Center, 2010 to present

External reviewer for evaluation of scholarly output, Czech Academy of Sciences, 2020

External reviewer for evaluation of scholarly output, Charles University, Prague, 2020

Chair, Conference Group of Central European History article prize committee, Fall 2017

Academic Council, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, East European Studies program, 2010-2014

Vice President, Czechoslovak Studies Association, 2010-2013

Reviewer, Austrian Cultural Forum Dissertation Prize committee, fall 2010

**LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Czech

Fluent in German