

Michael A. Skalski  
Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., **in progress**, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Candidacy entered 4/2017  
M.A., 2016, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
B.A., 2014, Rutgers University

**THESIS AND DISSERTATIONS**

Proposed dissertation: "A Socialist Neighborhood: Cross-Border Exchanges between Poland, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia, 1969-1989." Advisor Konrad H. Jarausch. Proposal approved 4/2017.

"Unequal Friendship: Economic and Social Differences across the Polish-East German Open Border, 1972-1980."

Master's Thesis, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, December 2015  
Advisor Konrad H. Jarausch

"Nazi Past, West German Politics, and the Cold War: A Case of State Secretary Hans Globke."  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Rutgers University, April 2014  
Advisor Belinda Davis

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Reviews**

Review of: Lachmann, Hannes: *Die "Ungarische Revolution" und der "Prager Frühling". Eine Verflechtungsgeschichte zweier Reformbewegungen zwischen 1956 und 1968* (Essen, 2018) in: H-Soz-Kult, 16.07.2018, <[www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/rezbuecher-28881](http://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/rezbuecher-28881)>

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad, Poland and Czech Republic, 2018  
German Historical Institute—Warsaw, Research Stipend, September 2017  
Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies Fellowship, 2017-2018  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Doctoral Research Fellowship for academic year  
2017-2018, (**declined**)  
University of North Carolina – Center for Global Initiatives Pre-Dissertation Research Grant,  
\$3,750, Summer 2016  
The Steuben Society Award for Excellence in the Study of the German Language, 2014  
Harold L. Poor Memorial Prize for the Second Best Undergraduate History Honors Thesis, 2014  
Aresty Research Center Fellowship, \$1,700, Winter 2014  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Undergraduate Scholarship, €3,250, Spring 2013

## CONFERENCES AND TALKS

2018: “A Socialist Schengen? Open Borders among Poland, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia, 1972-1989,” German Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland, January 2018; and Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Doktoranden Forum, Berlin, October 2018.  
2017: “Candy, Shoes, Leather Jackets: Illicit Trade among Czechs, Poles, and East Germans in the 1970s and its Ambivalent Consequences,” ASEEEES, Chicago, IL, November 2017.  
“Reactions to “Counterrevolution”: Applying Digital Methods to Stasi Reports on Poland in October 1980,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Alexandria, VA, March 2017.  
2016: “Exporting Subversion: Polish Blackmarketeers’ Contacts with Socialist Societies, 1972-1980,” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Tuscaloosa, AL, March 2016.  
2014: “The Trial of Hans Globke: East German Case against Adenauer’s Advisor,” Rutgers History Department Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2014.

## EMPLOYMENT

The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
Teaching Assistant in the History Department  
August 2014 through present  
Independent Contractor  
Indexer for *Out of Ashes* by Konrad H. Jarausch  
October 2014 through January 2015  
Rutgers Learning Center, New Brunswick, NJ  
Tutor – German Language  
September 2013 through May 2014

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Teaching Assistant**

World History since 1945 (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

History of the Holocaust (Spring 2016)

Europe in the Twentieth Century (Fall 2015)

Global History of Warfare (Spring 2015)

East Central Europe 18<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present (Fall 2014)

### **Guest Lectures**

State, Society, and Economy in Interwar Europe, Fall 2015

Détente and the Second Cold War, Fall 2015

## **LANGUAGES**

Polish, English (native fluency)

German (fluent)

Czech (reading and conversational)

French, Russian (reading)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

German Studies Association

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Beta Kappa