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### CURRICULUM VITAE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of History

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## EDUCATION

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**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill** (USA), August 2019–present

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History

**Dissertation:** “Torn Towns: Municipal Administrators between the Local and the National in Cieszyn and Český Těšín, 1918-1938”

**Advisors:** Dr. Chad Bryant, Dr. Karen Auerbach

Fields: Modern European History, Russian and East European History

**Ludwig Maximilian University** in Munich (Germany), October 2017–July 2019

Master of Arts in East European Studies

**Fields:** Modern Eastern European History, Jewish History and Culture

**Franklin University Switzerland** in Lugano (Switzerland), August 2013–May 2017

Bachelor of Arts, Honors Degree in History with Minors in Communication and Media Studies and Germanic Studies

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic)

**Instructor of Record**

JTM 505: The City in Modern Central Europe, Fall/Winter 2021

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Instructor of Record**

CZCH 401: Elementary Czech I, Fall 2023

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

HIST 101: A History of Lies, Conspiracies, and Misinformation, Fall 2022

HIST 140: The World Since 1945, Fall 2019, Spring 2020 and Spring 2021

HIST 159: Europe in the Twentieth Century, Fall 2020

HIST/JWST/PWAD 262: History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews, Spring 2023

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Refereed Journal Articles:**

“A ‘Common Enterprise’? The Role of Utility Infrastructure in the Divided City of Teschen, 1920-1938,” *Slavic Review* (accepted for publication)

**Online Publications:**

“Zwischen Absenz, Megalomanie und Kitsch: Eindrücke der polnischen Erinnerung an den Holocaust” [Between Absence, Megalomania and Kitsch: Impressions of Polish Holocaust Memory Culture]. *Erinnerungskulturen* (April 2019). Online at <https://erinnerung.hypotheses.org/6688>.

“‘Gefährlicher Optimismus!': Die Darstellung des Prager Frühlings in der tschechoslowakischen Exilpresse in den USA” [‘Dangerous Optimism!': Prague Spring as Reflected by the Czechoslovak Exilepress in the USA]. *Osmikon* (October 2018). Online at <https://www.osmikon.de/themen/prager-fruehling/laender/usa/>.

**Conference Reports:**

“Religion–Staat–Nation: Überlegungen zu einer Kirchen- und Religionsgeschichte der Slowakei im 20. Jahrhundert,” [Religion-State-Nation: Consideration for History of Church and Religion in 20th Century Slovakia], Collegium Carolinum e.V., Graduate School for East- and Southeast European Studies, Feb 21.-22. 2018," for *H-Soz-Kult*, July 2018.

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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ASEEES Dissertation Research Grant, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, June-July 2023

Conference Award, Southern Conference of Slavic Studies, March 2023

2022 Beth Holmgren Graduate Student Essay Prize, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Bucerius Ph.D. Fellowship “Beyond Borders,” ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, August 2021–July 2022

International Visiting PhD Candidate, Institute of International Studies at Charles University in Prague, October 2021-January 2022

CEHS Research and Travel Grant, Central European History Society, Summer 2021

Pre-Dissertation Research Award, Center for Global Initiatives, UNC-CH, Summer 2020

Summer Research and Writing Grant, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC-CH, Summer 2020

The Bavarian-Czech Agency Year-Long Scholarship, Bavarian-Czech Academic Agency, October 2018–September 2019

Award for Outstanding Student Achievement in History, FUS, May 2017

Franklin University Merit Award, FUS, August 2013–May 2015

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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“Lobbying Strategies of a Divided City: Cieszyn and Český Těšín’s Administrators, Their National Centers, and the Question of Money, 1920-1938,” 55th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (presenter and panel organizer, forthcoming in November 2023)

“Becoming Peripheral: Polish Cieszyn, Czech Český Těšín and the Economy of an East-Central European Borderland, 1920-1934,” 48th European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha (October 2023)

“Safeguarding the ‘Benefits of an Undivided Homeland’: Local Municipal Administrators and the Making of the Polish-Czechoslovak Border in Cieszyn and Český Těšín, 1920-1938,” 59<sup>th</sup> Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville (March 2023)

“A ‘Common Enterprise’? The Role of Utility Infrastructure in the Divided City of Teschen, 1918-1938,” Beyond Borders Students’ Conference, Zeit-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius (April 2022)

“Dissolving Borders through Historical Narratives: The Case of Moravia,” Transcending Borders - Redrawing Perspectives International & Interdisciplinary Student Conference, University of Graz (May 2018)

## WORKSHOPS

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Mainz-Oxford-Graduate Workshop “European History Across Boundaries,” Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG) in Mainz, June 2023

Výzkumný seminář teritoriálních studií [Area Studies Research Seminar], Institute of International Studies at Charles University in Prague, November 2022

Schlesien-Kolloquium 2022 [Silesian Colloquium], Schlesisches Museum zu Görlitz/  
Oberschlesisches Landesmuseum in Ratingen, October 2022

Greifswald Polish Summer School “Cieszyn, Těšín, Teschen. One region, one culture?” Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, September 2021

## RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, (King’s College London, Charles University in Prague)  
**Course Developer and Research Assistant** for Dr. Chad Bryant, Spring 2021, Fall 2022

Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) component for HIST 783: Introduction to Russian and East European History

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Editor** of a book manuscript for Dr. Chad Bryant, Fall 2020

International Students of History Association

**Editor** of CARNIVAL Journal for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research, May 2023–present

Collegium Carolinum, e.V. (Germany)

**Editor** of the Handbook of the Religious and Church History of Slovakia During the 20th Century for Dr. Martin Zückert and Anna Bischof, March 2018–June 2019

The Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society (Israel)

**Administrator and Research Assistant**, February–July 2016

Franklin University Switzerland

**Library Assistant**, August 2016–May 2017

First Year **Academic Mentor** in History for Dr. Marcus Pyka, Fall 2016

First Year **Academic Mentor** in Communication and Media Studies for Dr. Alison Vogelaar, Fall 2015

## TRAINING

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The Sopot School of Polish for Foreigners (Poland)  
Intensive Advanced Polish, August 2018

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Co-Convener** of European History Workshop, UNC-CH History Department, August 2023–June 2024

**Graduate Student Committee Representative**, UNC-CH Graduate History Society, August 2023–June 2024

**Co-Convener** of “Beyond Borders” Working Group of the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, January 2023–present

**International Student Coordinator**, UNC-CH Graduate History Society, August 2020–June 2021

**Volunteer and co-organizer** of Mittel Punkt Europa Film Festival in Munich, May 2018–July 2019

**President and co-founder** of International Students of History Association in Lugano, January 2016–May 2017

**Member of the Honors Board**, Franklin University Honors Society, August 2014–May 2015

## LANGUAGES

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Czech	Native	Polish	Advanced
English	Fluent	Hebrew	Beginner
German	Fluent	Italian	Beginner

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Central European History Society

Czechoslovak Studies Association

Polish Studies Association

Southern Conference on Slavic Studies

Muzeum Těšínska