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Research interests: Holocaust and genocide studies; World War II; property seizure and restitution; fascism studies; memory studies

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC Expected May 2026
Ph.D. Candidate in History
Dissertation: Building a Fascist State: “Aryanization” in the Independent State of Croatia, 1941–1945
Advisors: Karen Auerbach and Chad Bryant

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC May 2022
M.A. in History

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ June 2019
A.B. in the School of Public and International Affairs, *cum laude*
Certificate in Urban Studies

PUBLICATIONS

2024 Citizens and Thieves: “Aryanization” in Wartime Varaždin
Holocaust and Genocide Studies 38, no. 2, 165-182

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023-25 Claims Conference Saul Kagan Fellowship for Advanced Shoah Studies
2023 Fulbright Study/Research Award Finalist, Croatia (declined)
2023 Summer Research Fellowship, UNC-CH Graduate School (declined)
2023 Central European History Society Research Grant
2022 Summer Graduate Student Research Fellow, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel
 Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
2021 Graduate Student Research and Writing Grant, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies

PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

2024 “Variations in Local Rule and Jewish Routes to Survival in the Independent State of
Croatia,” 56th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and
Eurasian Studies
2023 “Building a Fascist State: ‘Aryanization’ in the Independent State of Croatia,”
Graduate Research Colloquium, UNC-CH History Department
2022 Carolina Seminar on Russia and its Empires, “Citizens and Thieves: Aryanization in
Wartime Varaždin”
2021 HEFNU Regional Institute, “Post-War Memory, Holocaust Memorialization, and
the Implications for the Present,” participant

2021 Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, "The Holocaust and World War II Memory in Yugoslav Croatia," Holocaust Remembrance Day invited talk

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 HIST 140, "The World Since 1945," Teaching Mentor with Dr. Chad Bryant, UNC-CH
2022 HIST 220, "The Olympic Games: A Global History," Teaching Assistant with Dr. Matthew Andrews, UNC-CH
2022 HIST/PWAD/JWST 262, "History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews," Teaching Assistant with Dr. Karen Auerbach, UNC-CH
2021 HIST 225, "History of Greece," Teaching Assistant with Dr. Fred Naiden, UNC-CH
2021 HIST 278, "The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade," Teaching Assistant with Dr. Lisa Lindsay, UNC-CH
2020 HIST/PWAD/JWST 262, "History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews," Apprentice Teacher with Dr. Karen Auerbach, UNC-CH

SERVICE

2022-23 Co-organizer, European History Seminar for Graduate Students, UNC-CH
2021-23 Governing Board Member, Graduate History Society, UNC-CH
2022 Organizer, Teach-in and panel on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, UNC-CH
2021-22 Graduate Student Committee Representative, Graduate History Society, UNC-CH

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Institute for Southeast European Studies
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Central European History Society

LANGUAGES

- Bosnian/Croatian/Montenegrin/Serbian (native)
- German (intermediate)
- French (reading competency)
- Italian (reading competency)
- Slovenian (reading competency)