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Professor Emeritus, 2021- present

Professor of History and Political Science, 1996-2021

Department Chair, 2001-2016, 2018-2019

Fine Arts and Humanities Division Chair, 2011-2018

EDUCATION

University of Iowa

Ph.D. in History

Johns Hopkins University

M.A. in International Affairs

School of Advanced International Studies
Washington, D.C. and Bologna, Italy.

Cambridge University

M.A. in History

Wolfson College

University of Pennsylvania

M.S. in Education

B.A. in History

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York. Cornell University Press, 2004.

Book Chapters, Articles, Online Resources:

“The Palatine Immigrants of 1710 and the Native Americans.” In *“A Peculiar Mixture”:
German Language Cultures and Identities in Eighteenth-Century North America*, edited
by Oliver Scheiding and Jan Stievermann. Penn State University Press, 2013.

“Zwei Petitionen der ‘Palatines’ in London” and “Interview mit dem Historiker Philip Otterness über die Werbeschrift Joshua Kocherthals von 1709” in *Plötzlich Da. Deutsche Bittsteller 1709, Türkische Nachbarn 1961*, edited by Simone Blaschka-Eick and Christoph Bongert, Deutsches Auswandererhaus, Bremen, 2016. Articles translated to German by the editors.

“Germans in the Atlantic World.” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, edited by Trevor Burnard. Oxford University Press, 2011.

www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com

“‘Versprochenes Land’: The 1709 Palatine Migration to America.” In *Pfälzer in Amerika*. edited by Werner Kemp, Roland Paul, and Helmut Schmahl. Wissenschaftlichen Verlag Trier, 2010. (This chapter was also translated into German for distribution in Germany.)

“The 1709 Palatine Migration and the Formation of German Immigrant Identity in London and New York,” *Explorations in Early American Culture*, 3 (1999), 8-23.

“The New York Naval Stores Project and the Transformation of the Poor Palatines, 1710-1712,” *New York History*, 75 (April 1994), 133-54.

Co-author of “The Negotiation of Suspension and Settlement Agreements in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases” in *Transnational Commercial and Trade Litigation: Recent Developments* (Philadelphia: ALI-ABA, 1986).

Co-author of “The ABCs of American Trade Laws on Foreign Dumping and Subsidies,” *Business America*, 9:25 (December 8, 1986), 4-8.

Book reviews:

Independent Immigrants: A Settlement of Hanoverian Germans in Western Missouri by Robert Frizzell. *American Historical Review*, 113 (April 2008), 1560.

Asylum for Mankind: America 1607-1800 by Marilyn Baseler. *Perspectives on Political Science*, 28 (Fall 1999), 220.

Palatine Roots by Nancy Dixon. *New York History*, 75 (October 1994), 424-425.

PRESENTATIONS

Keynote addresses and invited lectures:

The Wendell Tripp Lecture in New York State History. “What’s Elvis Got to Do with It? Palatine Migration and New York’s Colonial Legacy” delivered at the Conference on New York State History, Syracuse, June 2005.

“The Palatines of New York: First Arrivals as Exemplars and Exceptions.” Keynote lecture delivered at the conference German-Speaking People in the Greater Mid-Atlantic Region, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, October 8, 2009.

“Versprochenes Land: Ansiedlungsprojekte in den USA.” Pfälzer in Amerika conference, Kaiserslautern, Germany, June 12, 2009.

“The 1709 Palatine Migration and its Colonial Legacy.” Conference of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, Kutztown, PA, September 10, 2011.

“Neither French, nor English, nor Indian’: The Palatine Germans of New York.” The 2011 Western Frontier Symposium, Johnstown, NY, October 15, 2011.

“A Series of Unfortunate Events: The German and Swiss Founding of New Bern, North Carolina.” Magnarella Family Lecture, Warren Wilson College, February 1, 2018.

Conference and seminar papers:

“The 1710 Palatine Migration and German Identity in New York and North Carolina.” Annual Conference of the German History Society, London, September 2020. Delivered online.

“The 1709 Palatine Migration and the Formation of German Immigrant Identity.” Seminar of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, December 1997, and the Maryland University-Georgetown University Colonial History Seminar, December 1997.

“The ‘Poor Palatines’ of 1709: The Origins and Characteristics of an Early Modern Mass Migration.” International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1800, Harvard University, September 1996.

“German Identity in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World.” Annual Conference of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Boulder, May 1996.

“The Naval Stores Project of 1710-12 and the Transformation of the Poor Palatine Refugees.” Conference on New York State History, Brooklyn College, June 1994.

Public history, genealogy, and other articles and presentations

“Christoph von Graffenried’s Grand Adventure and the Palatine and Swiss Founding of New Bern.” National Genealogical Society Conference, Raleigh, NC, May 10, 2017.

“The New York Palatines and Their Iroquois Indian Neighbors,” *Irish Palatine Association Journal*, no. 24, 2017.

Television appearance with Katey Sagal explaining her genealogy and eighteenth-century Amish roots. TLC’s *Who Do You Think You Are?* First televised April 17, 2016.

“From the Rhineland to the Hudson River Valley: The Palatine German Migration of 109-1710.” Dutchess Heritage Days. The Dutchess County Historical Society. September 18, 2014.

Lecture on Jost Hite and the Palatine migration to New York and Virginia. Hite Family Association/Belle Grove Plantation National Historic Landmark, Middletown, VA. July 28, 2012.

Lecture on German society in the early eighteenth century. North Carolina chapter of Palatines to America. New Bern, NC, April 14, 2012.

Television appearance with Reba McEntire explaining history of early nineteenth-century Raleigh. NBC’s *Who Do You Think You Are?* First televised March 2, 2012.

Television appearance with Tim McGraw telling the story of early German migration to New York. NBC’s *Who Do You Think You Are?* First televised February 11, 2011.

Lecture on the founding of Germantown, NY. Germantown, NY 300th Anniversary Celebration and Palatine Conference, October 2, 2010.

“Before We Begin: Reflections on *Ars longa, vita brevis*.” Address given at Academic Convocation, Warren Wilson College, August 17, 2010.

Three lectures, including the keynote address, on the history of the 1709-10 Palatine migration to America. Palatines to America National Conference, Fishkill, NY, June 18, 2010.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Appalachian College Faculty Fellowship, in support of sabbatical study, 2016-17.

Magnarella Family Award, in recognition of faculty scholarship, May 2016.

Teaching Excellence Award, Warren Wilson College, 2009-2010 academic year.

Dixon Ryan Fox Award presented for the best manuscript on New York State History. Presented in 2003 for manuscript of *Becoming German: The Palatine Migration to New York*.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to complete research and write book on the 1709 Palatine migration and the formation of German immigrant identity in Early America, July 2002-June 2003.

Freeman Foundation Fellowship to attend symposium on U.S.-Asia relations at the Salzburg Seminar. Salzburg, June 2000.

Fulbright Scholarship to participate in German Studies Seminar. Bonn, Berlin, and Munich, Summer 1999.

Mellon Fellowship to attend Salzburg Seminar on U.S.-European Relations at the End of the Twentieth Century. Salzburg, March 1999.

German Historical Institute Scholarship to visit German archives, summer 1992.

Thouron Fellowship for study at Cambridge University, 1977-1979.

SERVICE

Professional

Peer review of book manuscripts and articles for Syracuse University Press, *William & Mary Quarterly*, and *New York History*

National Endowment for the Humanities review boards

Fellowships in American History, August 2009

Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions, December 2004

Fellowships in American History, August 2003

Warren Wilson College

Division Chair, Humanities, 2017-2018

Division Chair, Fine Arts and Humanities, 2011-2016

Department Chair, History and Political Science Department, 2001-2002, 2003-2016

Co-founder and Co-chair, Faculty Research Seminar, 2000-2016

Forum member, Campus governance, 2011-2016, 2018-2019

Faculty Body Co-convenor, 2007-2010

Chair, Task Force on Length of Semester, 2000-2002

Search Committee Chair, History and Political Science searches, 2001-2002, 2006-2007, 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2015-16, 2017-18

Committee member, Faculty Body, Sabbatical and Faculty Development Committee, 2004-2007 (Chair, 2004-2006)

Faculty Representative, Personnel Advisory Committee, 1997-2002

Member, Faculty search committees in English, Anthropology, Economics, Chemistry, and History and Political Science, 1996-2009, 2016-17

COURSES TAUGHT

History

United States

Conflict and Community in Early America

Cultural Encounters in Early America

Senior Seminar: The Carolina Backcountry in the 18th Century

Senior Seminar: History and Politics of Warren Wilson College
and Western North Carolina

The Era of the American Revolution, 1740-1789

The American Revolution as a Social Experience

Women in American History

U.S. History I: Colonial Period through Reconstruction

Europe

Renaissance and Reformation

History of England, 1603 to the present

Modern German History

Western Civilization: Ancient Greece to 1450

Political Science

International Relations
Comparative Government, Global North
The Politics of International Trade

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Economist and Trade Specialist, International Trade Administration,
U.S. Department of Commerce, 1983-1990

Duties included:

- Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce
- U.S. representative to OECD committee meetings in Paris on trade subsidies and related issues
- Member of negotiating team for U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement
- Policy analyst for trade cases before the Court of International Trade
- Trade policy analyst on countervailing duty and antidumping cases involving Japan, Singapore, the Philippines, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, South Africa, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom