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## EDUCATION

- 1998 – Present **University of Chicago. Ph.D.** in modern European history expected Summer 2005.  
Focus on the political and social history of late 19<sup>th</sup>- and 20<sup>th</sup>-century Germany.  
Dissertation: “Negotiating Terror: Political Violence and Democracy in 1970s West Germany.” Michael Geyer, Chair.  
Oral Fields: Modern German History, European Social History, Soviet History
- 1998 – 2000 **University of Chicago. M.A.** in modern European history.  
Masters Paper: “Exaggeration and Crisis: The Franz-Josef-Stadtmuseum in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna.”
- 1993 – 1997 **St. Olaf College. B.A.** in history and German. Conferred with departmental distinction in history. Senior Thesis: “Nationalism from Above: The Creation of a German Socialist Nation.”

## HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

- 2004 – 2005 Peace Scholar. U.S. Institute of Peace.
- 2003 – 2004 Dissertation Teaching and Research Fellowship. University of Chicago.
- 2002 – 2003 University of Chicago Bessie Pierce Prize Preceptorship. Declined.
- 2001 – 2002 Social Science Research Council – Berlin Program Dissertation Fellowship.
- Summer 2000 Council for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation Predissertation Research Grant.
- 1998-01, 2003 University of Chicago Century Scholarship.
- 1997 – 1998 Fulbright Scholarship. Leipzig, Germany.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Winter 2004 **Lecturer** for European Civilization I. Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.  
Course on medieval to Enlightenment Europe with emphasis on primary documents.
- Winter 2003 **Lecturer** for European Civilization II. Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.  
Course on modern European history with an emphasis on primary documents.
- Winter 2001 **Teaching Assistant.** Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.  
Assisted in teaching History of Western Civilization II.
- Spring 2001 **Teaching Assistant.** Collegiate Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.  
Assisted in teaching History of Western Civilization III.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1998 – Present **Modern European History Workshop.** University of Chicago.  
1998 – 2001 **Research Assistant.** Department of History, University of Chicago.  
Assisted Professor Michael Geyer in secondary and bibliographic research.  
2000 – 2001 **Graduate Student Affairs Committee.** University of Chicago.  
Student representative.  
Autumn 2000 **Conference Organizer.** Department of History, University of Chicago.  
Organized transnational conference on “Religion and Modernity.”  
1999 – 2000 **Graduate Student Representative.** Department of History, University of Chicago.  
1998 – 2000 **Historiography Workshop Committee.** Department of History, University of Chicago.

## PUBLICATIONS

- “Militant Democracy, Civil Disobedience, and Terror: Political Violence and the West German Left During the ‘German Autumn,’ 1977.” In *War and Terror in Historical and Contemporary Perspective*, ed. Michael Geyer, 20-46. Washington, D.C.: American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, 2003.  
“Review of Dieter Rucht, ed., *Protest in der Bundesrepublik. Strukturen und Entwicklungen*,” H-German, H-Net Reviews, March 2004.

## PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 10/2004 “Contesting the ‘Art of Government’ in Postwar Germany.” Position paper. Midwest German History Workshop. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.  
7/2004 “The Search for ‘innere Sicherheit:’ Democracy and Anti-terrorism in 1970s West Germany.” Conference. “Gelebt, erinnert – und erforscht?: 1968 auf dem Weg vom kommunikativen zum kulturellen Gedächtnis.” University of Heidelberg.  
9/2003 “‘Sympathy For the Devil:’ The Radical Left and Terrorism During the ‘German Autumn,’ 1977.” Conference. German Studies Association. New Orleans.  
4/2003 “The Limits of Terror: Redefining Political Violence in 1970s West Germany.” Conference. “RAF’s Germany: Terrorism, Politics, Protest.” Harvard University, Cambridge.  
6/2002 “Defending Democracy: *Wehrhafte Demokratie* and *Widerstand* in 1970s West Germany.” Paper. Berlin Program. Freie Universität, Berlin.  
4/2001 “Negotiating Terror: The West German State and the Extraparliamentary Left During the ‘German Autumn,’ 1977.” Conference. CASPIC MacArthur Foundation. University of Chicago.  
11/2000 “German 68ers as a ‘Traveling Culture.’” Position paper. Midwest German History Workshop. University of Wisconsin, Madison.  
4/2000 “Negotiating Terror: Anti-Terrorism and Popular Response During the ‘German Autumn.’” Seminar Paper Symposium. University of Chicago.  
4/1999 “Exaggeration and Crisis: The Franz Josef-Stadtmuseum and Fin-de-Siècle Vienna.” Seminar Paper Symposium. University of Chicago.

## Dissertation Abstract

The conservative turn of 1980s West Germany was characterized by the eclipse of an extra-parliamentary left rooted in 1960s radicalism, the concurrent rise of the new social movements, and the accession of the Christian Democrats to power. Social scientists have attributed these developments to a larger *Wertewandel*, or “shift in values,” that is most frequently interpreted either as a move away from materialist preoccupations toward post-materialist agendas or as part of a general turn right in political culture following the collapse of the center-left.<sup>1</sup> My work questions to what extent the West German experience of left-wing terrorism in the 1970s contributed to this *Wertewandel* of the early 1980s. By refocusing the analytic lens on conceptions of violence, my dissertation reveals how the experience of terrorism engaged the entire West German population in an active, if informal, learning process on democracy. Through their attempts to confront and contain terror, West Germans came to question the legitimate and illegitimate use of state and civil force within a democratic society. The answers arrived at in this debate altered many West Germans’ relationship to political violence and, correspondingly, the way in which they viewed their own individual participation in politics and society. In this way, I argue terrorism had a direct pedagogical impact in the education of West Germans to democracy and helped usher in a new culture of politics for the 1980s.

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<sup>1</sup> For the leading post-materialist explanation see Ronald Inglehart, *The Silent Revolution: Changing Values and Political Styles Among Western Publics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1977). For treatment of the *Wertewandel* as synonymous for the rightward shift in political culture see, Charles S. Maier, *The Unmasterable Past: History, Holocaust, and German National Identity* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1988)