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### Academic Positions

- 2018 – Present      Assistant Professor in Germanic Studies and the College  
Affiliated Faculty, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality  
University of Chicago
- 2017 – 2018      Lecturer in University Studies, Colgate University

### Education

- 2017    Ph.D.      Columbia University, Department of Germanic Languages  
Concentration in Comparative Literature and Society
- 2014    M.Phil.      Columbia University, Germanic Languages
- 2012    M.A.      Columbia University, Germanic Languages
- 2010    B.A.      Harvard College, Literature  
Certificate in German  
*summa cum laude*, elected to Phi Beta Kappa

### Publications

#### Book

*Articulating Difference: Sex and Language in the German Nineteenth Century*. University of Chicago Press, 2024.

#### Articles

- “Knowing Gender in Kim de l’Horizon’s *Blutbuch*.” *The German Quarterly* 97:3 (2024): 354-369.
- “Father is Always Uncertain: J. J. Bachofen and the Epistemology of Patriarchy.” *Monatshefte* 116.1 (2024): 44-65.
- “The Sex of Language: Jacob Grimm on Grammatical Gender,” *MLN* 136 (2021): 770-793.
- “The Ambivalent Didacticism of Jenny Erpenbeck’s *Gehen, ging, gegangen*.” *The Germanic Review* 94:4 (2019): 345-362.

### Book Reviews

Review of *Murderous Mothers: Late Twentieth-Century Medea Figures and Feminism* by Claire E. Scott. *Monatshefte* 116.1 (2024): 174-175. (Invited review)

### **Awards**

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Germany on Campus Award, 2023. Grant for hosting a screening of *Anders als die Andern* and related workshop.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Newberry Library, 2021-2022.

College Center for Research and Fellowships, Undergraduate Research Fellow Award, University of Chicago, 2020-2021.

Northeast Modern Language Association, C.A.I.T.Y. Caucus Travel Award, 2018.

Summer Scholarship, Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture of Bard College and YIVO Institute, 2012.

James Buell Munn Book Prize, Harvard College, Lowell House, 2010.

Weissman International Internship Grant, Harvard College. Research internship at the German Literature Archive Marbach, 2009.

### **Conference Talks**

"Father is Always Uncertain: Bachofen and the Epistemology of Patriarchy." German Studies Association Annual Conference. 2023.

"Gendered Origins: Inventing the Invention of Language in the Late Eighteenth Century." German Studies Association Annual Conference. 2022.

"Heterosexual Nouns: The Masculinist Dreams of Nineteenth-Century Linguistics." Keynote lecture at workshop on teaching gender. The Goethe Institute, Chicago. 2022

"The Sex of Language." Humanities Day, University of Chicago. 2022.

"Inventing the Invention of Language, 1700-1900." Colloquium, Newberry Library. 2022.

"Thinking Language and Sexual Difference between the Nineteenth and Twenty-First Centuries." Keynote Lecture at colloquium on "Masculinity, Politics, and Postwar Germanophone Literatures and Visual Cultures." Northwestern University, Department of Comparative Literary Studies. 2022.

"Gendered Origins: Man, Woman, and the Philosophy of Language." German Studies Scholarly Seminar, Newberry Library. 2021.

"On Gender and Language." The Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. 2019.

“‘Women’s Language’ in the History of Misogyny.” American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference. 2021.

“The New Woman in Religion: Louise Dittmar’s Radical Theology.” Women in German Annual Conference. Sewanee, TN. 2018.

“‘Aus dem Mann geschaffen’: 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Philology and the Primacy of the Masculine.” German Studies Annual Convention. Pittsburgh, PA. 2018.

“Annette von Droste-Hülshoff’s Poetics of the Anti-Vista.” Nineteenth-Century Studies Association Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 2018.

“Gender and the Problem of Generic Emplacement: A Case for *Das geistliche Jahr* as Theology.” Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention. Pittsburgh, PA. 2018.

“Does Language have a Sex? Debating Grammatical Gender in the Nineteenth Century.” Workshop. Columbia University, Department of Germanic Languages. 2017.

“‘Auch bei uns’: Theories of *Weibersprache* in the Nineteenth Century.” German Studies Association Annual Convention. Washington, D.C. 2015.

“Narration.” Seminar Participant. German Studies Association Annual Convention. Denver, CO. 2013.

Festival Neue Literatur. Interview with Swiss author Tim Krohn. New York, NY. 2013.

“Concepts of Femininity in the Spiritual Autobiography of Johanna Eleonora Petersen.” Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention. Rochester, NY. 2012.

### **Other Conference Activities**

Co-organizer, four-part panel series on “Configurations of Patriarchy in the Long 18<sup>th</sup> Century.” German Studies Association Annual Convention. Montréal, 2023. Sponsored by the Goethe Society of North America.

Co-organizer, “‘Special Languages’: Linguistic Others and Social Order.” Seminar at the German Studies Association Annual Convention. Portland, OR. 2019.

Commentator and moderator, “Perspectives on Contemporary Literature and Film.” German Studies Association Annual Convention. Portland, OR. 2019.

Moderator, “First Year as Faculty: Humanities/Social Sciences.” GRADUCon, The University of Chicago’s Annual Graduate Student Career Conference. Chicago, IL. 2019

Co-organizer, “‘Modernity at Large’ and its Imaginaries in Germany and Beyond.” Graduate Student Conference of the Department of Germanic Languages, Columbia University.