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Background:

Equipped with language degrees, I first embarked on a corporate career as an industrial/commercial translator in Germany, progressed to a market research analyst in Paris, London, and New York, only to change course to pursue an academic career, earning a Ph.D. at the Graduate Center of The City University of New York.

As a professor of history, I specialize in the Early Modern European period, focusing predominantly on social issues, in particular the judicial-legal and socio-economic treatment of minorities such as Jews, Gypsies, Gays, and Women - frequently in comparative perspectives. My teaching and research/publications reflect these concerns as well.

Teaching:

I introduced and have been teaching such theme-related courses as:

- Outcasts in Early Modern Europe
- Crime and Punishment in Europe from 1450 to 1789
- History of Family and Women in Europe from the Renaissance to the Industrial Revolution
- Everyday Life in Early Modern Europe
- History of Spain

Publications and Scholarly Conferences:

My national and international publications and paper presentations mirror the same concerns, as some select topical examples demonstrate:

Select Publications:

"Unwanted Travellers: Tightening of City Borders in Early Modern Germany." In *Borders and Travellers in Early Modern Europe*, ed. Tom Betteridge. London: Ashgate Publishing, 2007.

Book Review of *Nails in the Wall. Nuns in Reformation Germany* by Amy Leonard. *Renaissance Quarterly* 60 (2007).

"Zweifach im Visier. Jüdische Opfer von Straftaten und Rechtsprechung im Römisch-Deutschen Reich der Frühen Neuzeit," in Andreas Gotzmann-Stephan Wendehorst (eds.), *Juden im Recht. Neue Zugänge zur Rechtsgeschichte der Juden im Alten Reich*. Sonderdruck 39 – Zeitschrift für Historische Forschung, Germany, 2007.

Book Review of *Jesuitische Missionierung. Priesterliche Liebe, Sakramentale Magie: Volkskulturen in Luzern, 1563-1614* by Dominik Sieber. *Renaissance Quarterly* 59 (2006).

Book Review of *A Bitter Living: Women, Markets and Social Capital in Early Modern Germany* by Sheilagh Ogilvie. *Renaissance Quarterly*, 58 (2005).

Book Review of *Gender in Early Modern Germany* by Ulinka Rublack's (ed.). *Renaissance Quarterly* 57 (2004).

"'Dishonourable' youth, guilds, and the changed world view of sex, illegitimacy, and women in late sixteenth-century Germany," *Continuity and Change* 18 (2003).

"On Trial for Sodomy in Early Modern Germany." In *Sodomy in Early Modern Germany*, ed. Tom Betteridge. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2002.

"Jews in the Criminal Justice System of Early Modern Germany," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 33 (Winter 1999).

"Public Appearance and Criminal Judicial Practices in Early Modern Germany," *Social Science History* 20 (1996).

"Women and the Penal System in Early Modern Germany," in *Criminal Justice History: An International Annual*, 3 (1992).

Select Paper Presentations:

"Suicides by Unwed Mothers in Early Modern Germany" at the European Social Science Conference, Amsterdam, Holland, 2006.

"Judicial Dialogues: A Historical/Cultural Perspective" at the Fourth International Conference on the Dialogical Self, University of Minho, Portugal, 2006.

"Gypsies on Trial in Early Modern Germany" at the Social Science History Association, Portland, Oregon, 2005.

"From Legal Norms to Legal Practice: A New Approach to the Legal History of the Jews in the Holy Roman Empire" at the Simon-Dubnow-Institute for Jewish History and Culture, Leipzig, Germany, 2003.

"It Ain't Necessarily So: Language and Historical Representation in American Textbooks" at the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Berlin, Germany, 2002.

"Selective Memories, Selective Transmissions: The Forgotten Jewish Neighbor" at the XI International Oral History Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, 2000.

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