

CURRICULUM VITAE

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MAIN RESEARCH AREA

North American History of the 19th and 20th century, Cultural History, History of Migration, History of Associations

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC CAREER

- since 10/2021 **UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT**, ERFURT (GERMANY)
UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ, GRAZ (AUSTRIA)
Doctoral researcher in Cotutelle at the Max Weber Centre (University of Erfurt) and Institute for Classics (University of Graz), International Graduate School "Resonant Self-World Relations in Ancient and Modern Socio-Religious Practices" PhD.-Project: "*Trachtenvereine* in the U.S.: Practices of Bavarian Customs Associations in the Negotiation of German-American Ethnicity, Culture and Tradition" (working title)
Advisors: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Martschukat, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Spickermann
- 09/2015 – 03/2019 **UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT**, ERFURT (GERMANY)
M.A. in Collection-based History of Knowledge and Culture (1,6)
- 09/2011 – 04/2015 **UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT**, ERFURT (GERMANY)
B.A. in History
Major in History (focus on U.S. and Latin American History), Minor in English (1,8)

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- 02 – 04/2024 **MIDWEST AND UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN** (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
Short-term scholar on independent research and affiliated at the University of Texas at Austin granted by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Grant for PhDs (Germany): Total funding amount: EUR 4,829
- 10/2023 **MULTIPLE RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IN THE MIDWEST** (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
Short-term scholar on independent research visit granted by the German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.) GHI Short-term Doctoral Fellowship: Total funding amount: EUR 3,200
- 05/2019 – 01/2021 **CASTLE ADMINISTRATION NEUSCHWANSTEIN**, HOHENSCHWANGAU (GERMANY)
Castle Guide in German and English
- 04 – 08/2017 **ANGERMUSEUM ERFURT**, ERFURT (GERMANY)
Internship in the Department for Graphic Art of the museum
- 04 – 07/2016 **MUSEO DE LA PLATA**, LA PLATA (ARGENTINA)
Internship in the historical archive
- 04 – 07/2014 **UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT**, ERFURT (GERMANY)
Student Research Assistance at the Department of North American History
- 09/2010 – 02/2011 **STATE OFFICE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS**, ESSLINGEN AM NECKAR (GERMANY)
Internship in the Department for Restoration of Archaeological Objects

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

08 – 12/2018	TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, PENNSYLVANIA, PA, (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) Exchange program with courses in History granted by DAAD
03 – 07/2016	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LA PLATA, LA PLATA (ARGENTINA) Exchange program with courses in History and Literature granted by DAAD

PUBLICATIONS

Zeller, Alina, "Der grüne Montag": Bierkarikaturen von Constantin Beyer". In: *Es braut sich was zusammen: Erfurt und das Bier*. Edited by Hardy Eidam and Gudrun Noll-Reinhardt. Erfurt: Stadtmuseum Erfurt, 2018, 119- 122.

Bégin, Christopher, and Alina A.M. Zeller. "De-Idealization of Interdisciplinarity: A Junior Researchers' Perspective." *Practicing Interdisciplinarity*, 2024, 63-68.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"*"Sitt und Tracht der Alten wollen wir erhalten."* - Practices of German-American and Austro-American *Trachtenvereine* in the U.S., *Flags and Fahnenweihen*", Lecture prepared for the EGS Theology in Religious, Cultural and Political Processes of Transformation, Erfurt (online), Germany, June 18th, 2024.

"Politics in the festive booklets of Bavarian-American *Volksfest-Vereine: Bauernbälle* in New York and the Bronx, 1928-1941", Lecture prepared for the 48th SGAS Symposium 2024 at the University of Texas at Austin, TX, United States of America, April 6th, 2024.

"*"Sitt und Tracht der Alten wollen wir erhalten."* - Practices of German-American and Austro-American *Trachtenvereine* in the U.S.", Lecture prepared for the Germanic Studies Department at the University of Texas at Austin, TX, United States of America, March 27th, 2024.

"German-American and Austro-American *Trachtenvereine* in the U.S.: Performing *Heimat*", Lecture prepared for the GAAS Conference 2023 in Tutzing, Germany, May 7th, 2023.

"(Catholic) *Trachtenvereine* and their Rituals between Resonance and Restrictions in Protestant America", Lecture prepared for the EASR Conference 2022 in Cork, Ireland, June 30th, 2022.

"*Geschichte(n) in Bildern – Die Karikaturen des Erfurter Chronisten Constantin Beyer (1761-1829)*", Lecture prepared for the Förderverein der Bibliothek des Augustinerklosters (Protestant Monastery of St. Augustine), Erfurt, April 11th, 2019.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10/2022 – 10/2024	REPRESENTATIVE OF DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS At the Max Weber Centre of the University of Erfurt, GER
2022 – 2023	MEMBER OF CURRICULA COMMISSION OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMME "ANTIQUITY AND MODERNITY IN A EUROPEAN CONTEXT" At the University of Graz, AU
Language skills	German – Native speaker English – Fluent Spanish – Proficient German Sign Language (DGS) – Beginner