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**Education and Academic Career**

since 10/2018

**Research Assistant, Chair of North American History at Erfurt University**

Ph.D.-Project: "Spaces of Fear: White Male Violence as Self-Defense in 1980s Urban America."

Advisor: Prof. Jürgen Martschukat

The project is supported by the *German Research Foundation* and is conducted as part of a larger cooperative project on "Armed Self-Defense in Recent America: Intersectional Perspectives" in cooperation with Prof. Barbara Lüthi (University of Cologne) and Prof. Simon Wendt (Goethe University, Frankfurt)

04/2016 – 07/2018

**M.A. in North American Studies, University of Cologne**

Master thesis: "From Ghettoization to Hyperincarceration: The Causes and Consequences of Concentrated Incarceration in Brownsville, Brooklyn, 1973-2009" (1,1)

10/2012 – 07/2015

**B.A. in North American Studies and French, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich**

Bachelor thesis: "The Construction of Spike Lee's Documentary 'When the Levees Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts': An Emotional Tribute to the Abandoned Cultures of Hurricane Katrina" (2,0)

08/2003 – 06/2012

Abitur, Gymnasium St. Mauritz, Münster

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**Major Fields of Interest**

North American History of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, History of Violence, History of Emotions, Urban History, Spatial Theory

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**Fellowships, Conferences, and Organization of Workshops**

**Doctoral Fellowship of the German Historical Institute** in Washington, D.C. – scheduled for Mai 2020, postponed due to Covid-19

**Conference: The Tenth Biennial Conference of the Urban History Association**, “Contested Cities”, Detroit, paper on: “Contested Space: Bernhard Goetz and the Subway Shooting of 1984”, postponed due to Covid-19, rescheduled for October 2021

**Online Workshop: Gun Violence and Citizenship** – (with Barbara Lüthi, University of Cologne and Caroline Light, Harvard University) – April 2021

**Workshop: New Perspectives on Intersectionality** – University of Cologne (with Barbara Lüthi, University of Cologne and Kim Nielsen, University of Toledo) – Mai 2019

**Workshop: New Directions in the Study of Self-Defense in North America** – Erfurt University (with Jürgen Martschukat, Erfurt University and Caroline Light, Harvard University) – November 2018

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## **Publications**

“Vigilante Spirit“: Vom Amerikanischen Recht auf Land, Waffen und Selbstverteidigung,“ in: *Geschichte der Gegenwart*, URL <https://geschichtedergegenwart.ch/vigilante-spirit-vom-amerikanischen-recht-auf-land-waffen-und-selbstverteidigung/>, December 13, 2020.

USA – Die Propaganda: Diese Liebe zur Gewalt, in: *Die Wochenzeitung*, January 14, 2021: 11.

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## **International Experience**

**Research Stay in Albany and New York City** – Research as part of the dissertation at the New York State Library in Albany, the New York Public Library, and the Criminal Court in New York City – March and April 2019

**Research Stay in New York City** – self-organized research as part of the master thesis at the New York Public Library and interview with Anthony Papa, Manager of Media and Artist Relations at the Drug Policy Alliance – June 2017

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## **Memberships**

German Association for American Studies