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Education

- in progress PhD: History, Collaborative Program with the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto.
Dissertation: “Columbia’s Shadow: American Imperialism and German Anxiety, 1898–1918.”
Committee: Professors James Retallack (advisor), Eric Jennings, Carol Chin.
Comprehensive Examination Fields: Modern Europe (James Retallack); Imperial and Colonial History (Eric Jennings); Global Migrations (Donna Gabaccia).
- 2016 MA: History, University of British Columbia.
Thesis: “Paths to Empire: The Production and Mobilization of Historical Narratives by Baltic German Émigrés, 1905–1918.” (<http://hdl.handle.net/2429/58341>)
Committee: Professors Christopher Friedrichs (advisor), Eagle Glassheim, Heidi Tworek.
- 2014 BA (hons.): History (specialist) and German Studies (minor), University of Toronto, University College.

Affiliated and Visiting Positions

- 2019–2020 Visiting Scholar, Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin. Supervisor: Professor Sebastian Conrad. Funded by SSHRC-Michael Smith Foreign Studies Supplement.

Research Interests

European History	Imperial History	Global History	Localism & Local Identity
Digital Humanities	Personal Archives	Family & Nationality	German & Russian History
Migration History	Place-making	Latvian History	Civilian Experiences of War

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2019 “Sketching America: German Depictions of the United States and Woodrow Wilson (1914–1918).” *German Studies Review* 42, no. 3: 469–497. doi: [10.1353/gsr.2019.0077](https://doi.org/10.1353/gsr.2019.0077).

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2021 “Practicing Empire: Germany’s Colonial Visions in the Pacific Northwest,” in *German and United States Colonialism in a Connected World: Entangled Empires*, ed. Janne Lahti (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), 177–200, https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-53206-2_9.

Other Publications

- 2021 “You Teach the People that will change the World,” Advertisements for CUPE 3902 Bargaining Campaign. bredovsk.com/2021/01/26/advertisements-for-cupe-3902/
- 2015 “Latvia” in *Messages in the Media: A Year in Review of EU-Member States Relations as Depicted in National Media* (Toronto, 2015): 185–201.
- 2015 “Red Guards Read Mao?: The Dialectic Between the Red Guards and the Chinese State During the Cultural Revolution” in *The Future of History* 10 (Toronto: Coach House Books, 2014): 38–53.
- 2014 “Latvia” in *Messages in the Media: A Year in Review of EU-Member States Relations as Depicted in National Media* (Toronto, 2014): 148–165.
- 2013 “Kādeļ Neizdevas Apvienot Vācu Valstis 1848. gadā?” (Why did the German States fail to Unify in 1848?) in Rasma Pērkone and Janis Briedis (eds.). *Laikmeta Straumē: A Collection of Essays & Poems* (Toronto: Town Press, 2013): 227–231.
- 2013 “Geogrāfiski tālu, tehnoloģiski tuvu” (Geographically far, technologically close) in Rasma Pērkone and Janis Briedis (eds.). *Laikmeta Straumē: A Collection of Essays & Poems* (Toronto: Town Press, 2013): 225–227.

Teaching Experience

- Course Instructor, “HIS330: Germany from Frederick the Great to the First World War, 1780–1918.” University of Toronto. Summer 2021.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIS317: Twentieth-Century Germany.” University of Toronto. Winter 2021.
- Teaching Assistant, “Online Support TA, Multiple Courses.” University of Toronto. Fall 2020.
- Teaching Assistant, “HISC18H3: Europe in the Enlightenment, 1700–1789.” University of Toronto. Fall 2020.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIS241: Nineteenth-Century Europe.” University of Toronto. Fall 2020.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIS245: European Colonialism, 1700–1965.” University of Toronto. Winter 2020.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIS242: Europe in the 20th Century.” University of Toronto. Summer 2019.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIS242: Europe in the 20th Century.” University of Toronto. Winter 2019.
- Teaching Assistant, “HISB93H3: Modern Europe: The Nineteenth Century.” University of Toronto. Winter 2019.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIS243: Early Modern Europe, 1450–1648.” University of Toronto. Fall 2017.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIS109: The Development of European Civilization 1350–1945.” University of Toronto. Fall 2016 and Winter 2017.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIST356: Twentieth-Century Germany.” University of British Columbia. Spring 2016.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIST220: History of Europe.” University of British Columbia. Fall 2015.
- Teaching Assistant, “HIST102: World History from 1500 to the Twentieth Century.” University of British Columbia. Fall 2014 and Spring 2015.

Selected Fellowships and Awards

- 2018–2021 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship (Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada).
- 2021 University of Toronto Fellowship, University of Toronto.
- 2020 Central European History Society Research Grant.

- 2020 Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (JIGES) Special Supplemental Research Award, Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.
- 2020 Tarek Heggy Graduate Scholarship in Jewish-Muslim Relations, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.
- 2020 School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant (University of Toronto).
- 2019 Michael Smith Foreign Studies Supplement (CGS-SSHRC).
- 2019 School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant (University of Toronto).
- 2019 Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto Supplementary Research/Travel Grant.
- 2019 Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (JIGES) Special Supplemental Research Award, Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.
- 2019 School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant (University of Toronto).
- 2019 Ed and Fran Sonshine Graduate Scholarship in Holocaust Studies, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.
- 2018 Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (JIGES) Graduate Research Fellowship, Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto.
- 2018 Naim S. Mahlab Graduate Scholarship in Jewish History, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.
- 2018 Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto Supplementary Research/Travel Grant.
- 2018 AABS 2018 Conference Travel Grant.
- 2017 Shiff Family Graduate Award in Jewish Studies, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.
- 2017 University of Toronto Fellowship, University of Toronto.
- 2017 Department of History Pre-Dissertation Research Award.
- 2017–2010 Janis and Aina Vitols Memorial Scholarship, Latvian National Federation in Canada.
- 2016 Naim S. Mahlab Graduate Scholarship in Jewish-Canadian History, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.
- 2016 University of Toronto Fellowship, University of Toronto.
- 2015 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, University of British Columbia.
- 2015 Conway Summer Travel Scholarship in German History, University of British Columbia.
- 2015 Summer Research and Writing Fellowship, History Department, University of British Columbia.
- 2014 Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, University of British Columbia.
- 2013 Moffatt and Elanor Woodside Prize for History, University College.
- 2013 C.L. Burton Scholarship for Modern Languages, University College.

Selected Awards and Certificates (non-monetary)

- 2018 Distinguished Service Award – Graduate Student, Graduate History Society, University of Toronto.

Conference Participation

Selected Papers Presented

- 2020/2021 “Personal Photographs and ‘Future Prospects:’ The SMS *Falke* and the Formation of a German North Pacific World.” German Studies Association, Forty-Fifth Annual

- Conference (Washington, DC). **(Panel deferred to GSA 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic).**
- 2019 “The Pacific Northwest in a German World: Travel Accounts, Ethnographies, and Exhibits, 1885–1905.” German Studies Association, Forty-Third Annual Conference (Portland, OR). 6 October.
- 2018 “Anxious Germans: War, Caricature, and American Empire, 1914–1918.” German Studies Association, Forty-Second Annual Conference (Pittsburgh). 29 September.
- 2018 “Latvians as Cold Warriors: Diaspora Latvians Visiting the Soviet Union (1981–1991).” The 2018 Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference (Stanford). 3 June.
- 2018 “Careful Memories: The Journeys of Diaspora Latvians to the Soviet Union (1970–1990).” 97th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historian Association (Regina, SK). 30 May.
- 2017 “‘We Would Arrive with Two Full Suitcases and Leave with Only One’: The Circulation of Objects in Diaspora Memories and Communities (1970–1990).” 42nd Annual Social Science History Association (Montreal). 5 November.
- 2017 “Paths to Empire: The Production and Mobilization of Historical Narratives by Baltic German Émigrés, 1905–1918.” 22nd Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (New York). 5 May.
- 2017 “The ‘Germanic cultural sphere’: Religion and German Historical Narratives of Imperial Expansion in Eastern Europe, 1914–1918.” Ecclesiastic History Society Winter Meeting 2017 (Cambridge, UK). 14 January.
- 2016 “A German *Dominium maris Baltici*? Baltic German Historical Narratives of Imperial Expansion in Eastern Europe, 1914–1918.” Peace and War in the Baltic, Elmar Tampold Graduate Student Conference (Toronto). 2 December.
- 2016 “German Narratives of the Baltic Sea: Drawing the German Line in Eastern Europe, 1911–1917.” German Studies Association, Fortieth Annual Conference (San Diego). 30 September.
- 2016 “At Home in a Suitcase; At Home in a Collection? Isolating Artefacts from the Narrative of Latvian Exile.” Archival Collections in Exile: Making and Remaking Images of Home Abroad (Herder Institute Workshop, Marburg, DE). 24 February.
- 2015 “A War Behind the Front Lines: Competing Geographic Imaginations of the Baltic Provinces 1915–1918.” 11th Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe (Marburg, DE). 8 September.
- 2015 “Images of antisemitism: The anti-Semitic political cartoons of Hermann Wagener and Max Bewer (1848–1900).” Qualicum Graduate Student Conference (Parksville, BC). 31 January.

Conference Organization

- 2020/2021 Panel Organizer: “Comparative, Cooperative or Competitive: Germany and the Americas, Imperialism and Colonialism.” German Studies Association, Forty-Fourth Annual Conference (Washington, DC). **(Panel deferred to GSA 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic).**
- 2019 Conference Co-Organizer with Michelle Fu: “Unwieldy Archives: The Past, Narratives, and History.” The 15th Annual Graduate History Symposium (University of Toronto). 2–3 May.

- 2017 Panel Co-Author and Co-Organizer with Dennis Molinaro: “The In-Security of Immigration: National Security, Immigration, and Politics in the Cold War.” 42nd Annual Social Science History Association (Montreal). 5 November.

Other Conference Roles and Activities

- 2019 Panel Chair: “Textual Interpretation and Identity Formation.” Graduate Conference for the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto. 30 April.
- 2018 Workshop Participant: “Propaganda, Civic Education—Drawing Comics from Propaganda Posters.” War or Peace: Crossroads of History 1918–2018 (Berlin). 18–20 October.
- 2018 Panel Chair: “Constructing Memory, Encountering Spaces.” 14th Annual Graduate History Symposium (University of Toronto, Toronto, ON). 10 May.
- 2017 Panel Chair and Discussant: “Between the Lines: Readers and Reading in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia.” Canadian Association of Slavists Annual Conference (Ryerson University, Toronto, ON). 29 May.
- 2017 Panel Moderator: “Memory, Commemoration, and Resistance.” 13th Annual Graduate History Symposium (University of Toronto, Toronto, ON). 12 May.
- 2015 Panel Chair: “Historical Narrative and Resistance: Negotiating the Present by Mobilizing the Past.” The 23rd Annual Symposium of the Soyuz Research Network for Post-socialist Cultural Studies (Seattle, WA). 1 March.

Invited Talks and Lectures

- 2019 “The Next Generation of Latvian-Canadian Diaspora.” Invited panelist to the Latvia Symposium, organized by the International Studies Program at Glendon College (York University, Toronto). 29 March. (Link: <https://latviasymposium.com/our-panels>)
- 2019 “The ABC’s of New Imperialism, 1880–1920.” Lecture presented to HISB93H3 at UTSC. 28 March.
- 2018 “‘Es pieveru acis un rakstu’: Vēstules, deficīta preces un latvieši pasaulē, 1970–1990.” (“I close my eyes and write’: Letters, Deficit-goods and Latvians Abroad, 1970–1990”). Public Lecture presented at the Latvian National Library in collaboration with Latvians Abroad Museum and Research Centre, (Riga, LV). 31 October. (Link: www.lnb.lv/lv/notiks-sarikojums-par-sazinu-aiz-dzelzs-priekskara).
- 2016 “The German experience and imagination of Eastern Europe during World War One.” Lecture presented to HIST356 at UBC (Vancouver, BC). 27 January.
- 2015 “Nationalism and German Unification.” Lecture presented to HIST102 at UBC (Vancouver, BC). 21 January.
- 2014 “4 Muzeji, 4 Vēstures” (“4 Museums, 4 Histories”). Invited talk presented to the Hamilton Latvian Society (Hamilton, ON). 31 May.

Languages

English: Native speaker.

Latvian: Native speaker.

German: Advanced.

French: Advanced.

Yiddish: Intermediate reading and speaking proficiency.

Russian: Elementary reading and speaking proficiency.

Middle High German: Elementary reading proficiency.

Digital Projects

2017–present Creator and manager, *Aural Transit: Soundscapes of Urban Movement*. Website devoted to the recording and mapping of soundscapes of urban spaces (Toronto, Riga, Berlin), www.auraltransit.com.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Data collection and organization. Professor James Retallack. University of Toronto. 2016–present.

Research Assistant, Transcription, data collection, and organization. Professor Bradley Miller. University of British Columbia. Summer 2016.

Academic and Departmental Service

2019–present Secretary, Graduate History Society (University of Toronto).

2019–2020 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Arts & Science (University of Toronto).

2018–2019 Vice President, Graduate History Society (University of Toronto).

2018 (Spring) Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Arts & Science (University of Toronto).

2017–2018 President, Graduate History Society (University of Toronto).

2016–2017 History Department Representative to the University of Toronto Graduate Student Union (UTGSU), Graduate History Society (University of Toronto).

2014–2016 Treasurer, History Graduate Students' Association (University of British Columbia).

2012–2014 Undergraduate Representative, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee of the German Department (University of Toronto).

2013–2014 Undergraduate Representative, Undergraduate Program Committee of the History Department (University of Toronto).

2011–2014 Various positions, History Students' Association (University of Toronto).

2012–2014 President, German Studies Students' Union (University of Toronto).

Professional Experience

Salaried Positions

2021 Co-Chair, Central Strike Committee. *CUPE 3902* (University of Toronto). Paid contract from January to May.

2018–2021 Mobilization Committee Steward, Unit 1 Div. 1, *CUPE 3902* (University of Toronto).

2020 Co-Chair, Bargaining Support Committee. *CUPE 3902* (University of Toronto). Paid contract from September to December.

2020 Communications Coordinator, Political Action Committee. *CUPE 3902* (University of Toronto). Paid Contract from January to December.

2019 Campaign Coordinator for “Resourcing Rank & File” mobilization campaign. *CUPE 3902* (University of Toronto). Paid Contract from August to December.

Volunteer Positions

- 2018–present Founder and Workshop Leader. *The Free History Project*. An initiative that provides workshops to high school students that teach historical thinking, critical analysis of news and media, and university preparation.
- 2017, 2021 Layout Designer, *University of Toronto Journal of Jewish Thought* (The Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto), Volume 6 &7. (Volume 6: tjt.cjs.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/UTJTT-2017-0-Full.pdf; Volume 7: *forthcoming*)
- 2018–2020 Social Media Coordinator. *Graduate Student Committee of the Canadian Historical Association (CHA)*.
- 2018–2020 Editor and Layout Designer, *Graduate Student Experience Handbook, Department of History* (University of Toronto), Editions 3–5.
- 2017 Layout Designer, *Past Tense: Graduate Review of History* (University of Toronto), Volume 4. (Link: pasttensejournal.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/past-tense-vol-5-final.pdf)
- 2013–2015 Layout Designer, *Zeitgeist: German Studies Students' Union* (University of Toronto), Volumes 1–2.

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

- 2016–present Central European History Society (CEH).
- 2016–present German Studies Association (GSA).
- 2016–present Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS).
- 2016–present American Historical Association (AHA).
- 2016–present Canadian Historical Association (CHA).
- 2016–present Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 3902.
- 2012–present Fraternitas Lataviensis, Member.