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**Professional Experience**

Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, 2013-2017.  
Associate Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 2005-present.  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Northwestern University, 1999-2005.

**Education**

Harvard University, Ph.D. in History, 1999.  
Harvard University, Master of Arts in History, 1993.  
Columbia University, Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1991.

**Books and Current Manuscript Projects**

*The Ghetto without Walls: The Identification, Isolation, and Elimination of Bohemian and Moravian Jewry, 1938-1945.* The history of the development, implementation and enforcement of antisemitic measures in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. Book project in progress.

*Czechoslovakia: From Birth to Death (and Beyond), 1918-2004.* Under contract with Blackwell Publishing.

*National Cleansing: Retribution against Nazi Collaborators in Postwar Czechoslovakia.* New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005. Translated and published in Czech as: *Národní očista: Retribuce v poválečném Československu.* Prague: Academia, 2010.

**Articles and Book Chapters**

“Verfolgung durch die Presse: Wie Prager Büroberater und die tschechische Polizei die Juden des Protektorats Böhmen und Mähren isolieren halfen” [Persecution through the Press: How Prague Bureaucrats and the Czech Police Helped to Isolate the Jews of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.] *Leben und Sterben im Schatten der Deportation: Der Alltag der jüdischen Bevölkerung im Großdeutschen Reich 1941-1945*, ed. by Doris Bergen, Andrea Löw and Anna Hájková (Oldenbourg: München, 2013), 137-150.

“The Holocaust in Occupied Poland, Then and Now.” *East European Politics and Societies* 25:3 (Summer 2011), 575-580. Reprinted in: Jan Gross, ed., *The Holocaust in Occupied Poland: New Findings and New Interpretations*, Warsaw Studies in Jewish History and Memory, vol. 1 (New York: Peter Lang, 2012).

“Legitimacy in Inter-War Europe” (contributor to chapter by Peter Romijn) in *The War on Legitimacy in Politics and Culture*, ed. by Martin Conway and Peter Romijn (Oxford and New York: Berg Publishers, 2008), 29-65.

“Denouncers and Fraternizers: Gender, Collaboration, and Retribution in Bohemia and Moravia during the Second World War and After.” *Gender and War in 20th-Century Eastern Europe*, ed. by M. Bucur and N. Wingfield (Bloomington: Indiana UP, 2006).

- “Getting the Small Decree: Czech National Honor in the Aftermath of the Nazi Occupation.” *Constructing Nationalities in East Central Europe*, ed. by Pieter M. Judson and Marsha L. Rozenblit (New York: Berghahn Books, 2004), 267-282.
- “Retribution as Legitimation: The Uses of Political Justice in Postwar Czechoslovakia,” *Contemporary European History* 13:4 (2004), 477-492.
- “To Prosecute or to Expel? Czechoslovak Retribution and the ‘Transfer’ of the Sudeten Germans,” in Philip Ther and Ana Siljak, eds., *Redrawing Nations: Ethnic Cleansing in East-Central Europe, 1944-1948* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001), 221-240.
- “Expulsion or Integration: Unmixing Interethnic Marriage in Postwar Czechoslovakia.” *East European Politics and Societies* 14:2 (Spring 2000), 381-410.

### **Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

Charles Deering McCormick Professorship of Teaching Excellence	2013-2017
Visiting Fellow, Masaryk Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences	2013
Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Fellowship	2012-2013
Wayne V. Jones Research Professorship in History	2010-2012
HEF Summer Institute of the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization	2011
Fulbright Senior Research Scholar to the Czech Republic	2009-2010
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award	2007
Visiting Fellow, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna	2004-2005
International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) research fellowship	2003
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Postdoctoral Fellowship	2002-2003

### **Invited Lectures** (selected)

- “Československo 1945-1948 z pohledu zahraniční historiografie“ (Czechoslovakia, 1945-1948 from the Perspective of Foreign Historiography), Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague (28 March 2013).
- “Šestkrát smíšené: Česko-německo-židovské manželství v době nacistické okupace a poté” (Six Times Mixed: Czech-German-Jewish Marriage during the Nazi Occupation and After), Moravian Provincial Library, Brno, Czech Republic (26 March 2013).
- “Poválečná česká retribuce ve stínu celoevropského zúčtování s nacisty a domácími kolaboranti” (Postwar Czech Retribution in the Shadow of the Reckoning with Nazis and Domestic Collaborators throughout Europe), Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic (25 March 2013).
- “Popular and Unpopular Justice: Czech and Slovak Postwar Collaboration Trials,” The Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago (2 March 2012).
- “I Got the Small Decree: Small Fish in the Web of Postwar Retribution,” Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic (15 Dec. 2011).
- “A Ghetto without Walls,” Philosophical Faculty of Charles University, Prague (13 Dec. 2011) and at the Jewish Museum Educational and Cultural Centre in Brno, Czech Republic (14 Dec. 2011).
- “The Holocaust in Czech Historiography,” Jewish Museum of Prague (12 Dec. 2011).
- “Aryan Struggle: How a Czech Tabloid Contributed to the Holocaust and How Its Authors Were Punished Afterwards,” Department of History, Rice University, Houston, Texas (10

March 2011). A revised version of this talk was presented at the Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin (24 March 2011).

“Czechoslovakia: Nationalism and Communism,” Briefing of Ambassador-Designate to the Czech Republic, U.S. State Department, Washington, DC (20 October 2010).

“The Enforcement of Anti-Semitic Measures in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia,” Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Vienna, Austria, (15 June 2010).

“Retribution Fatigue: Why Czech Courts Became Lenient over Time,” Institute for Contemporary History, Prague, Czech Republic (9 June 2010).

“Building the ‘Ghetto without Walls’: How Czech Fascists, Prague Bureaucrats and the Local Police Enforced Antisemitic Regulations in the Protectorate,” Collegium Carolinum, Munich, Germany (7 May 2010).

“Czech Jews and their Neighbors before, during, and after World War Two,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (11 October 2007).

### **Conference and Panel Organization**

Organizer of “The Limits of Ethnic Intermixing in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union,” Panel, Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, DC, 19 November 2011.

Primary organizer and director of the Ninth Annual Czech Cultural Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston and Chicago, Illinois, 25-27 April 2008.

Organizer of “War Crimes Trials as Sources for Writing History,” Roundtable, American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., 9 January 2004.

Co-organizer of “Compensating for History? Restitution and Retribution for World War Two Crimes” Symposium, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 19-20 May 2000.

### **Paper Presentations**

“How Postwar Czech Courts Exposed and Exonerated Perpetrators of Crimes against Bohemian and Moravian Jews,” Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, New Orleans, 15 November 2012.

“The Jewish Department of the Prague Police: What its Czech Directors Did During the War, and How They Escaped Justice Afterwards,” Lessons and Legacies XII, Evanston, IL, 2 November 2012.

“‘Jews Not Allowed’: The Aryanization of Public Spaces in Bohemia and Moravia, 1939-1941,” Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of European History and Public Spheres, Vienna, Austria, 19 June 2012.

“The Last Jews: Intermarried Families in the Nazi Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia,” Association for the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies annual convention, Washington, DC, 19 November 2011.

“How Czech Fascists, Prague Bureaucrats and Local Police Helped Build the Nazi ‘Ghetto without Walls,’” presented at Princeton University (30 October 2010) and at the University of Toronto in Berlin, Germany, 20 November 2010.

“Historians Twenty Years after the Fall: The Czech Case in Comparative Perspective,” Stanford University, 17 September 2010.

- “The Not-so-Strange Case of Milan Kundera,” Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria, 26 September 2009.
- “Victims are Perpetrators: Wartime Violence, Postwar Revenge, and their Interwoven Legacy in Central Europe,” Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 18 April 2009
- “One Country, Two Reckonings: A Comparison of Slovak and Czech Trials of Nazi Collaborators,” presented at Princeton University, 7 November 2008.
- “Czechoslovak Justice (and Injustice) before, during, and after February 1948,” The Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University, Washington, DC, 24 October 2008.
- “Narratives of Sudeten German Suffering: The Czechs’ Special Role,” Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 13 October 2007.
- “The Postwar European Reckoning: A Comparative Approach to the Punishment of War Criminals and Collaborators.” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Washington, DC, November 17, 2006.
- “In the Shadow of the Iron Curtain: The Czech/Slovak - German/Austrian Borderlands from the Second World War to the European Union (1945-2004),” World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), Frankfurt-an-der-Oder, Germany, 29 July 2005.
- “One Country, Two Reckonings: Slovak and Czech Retribution against Nazi Collaborators,” Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria, 12 April 2005.
- “From Democratic Paragon to Nationalist Hypocrite: American Historiography Revisits Czechoslovakia,” Collegium Carolinum annual conference, Bad Wiessee, Germany, 13 November 2004.
- “War Crimes Trials as Sources for Writing History: Czechoslovakia,” American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C. , 9 January 2004.
- “Prague People’s Court 1947: Two Women and a Nation’s Past,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention (AAASS) National Convention, Toronto, Canada, 20 November 2003.
- “Reflections on the Consequences of Ethnic Cleansing in Czechoslovakia.” German Studies Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, 20 September 2003.
- “Retribution as Justification: Legitimizing the ‘Transfer’ and the Regime in Postwar Czechoslovakia.” European Science Foundation Workshop, “Moments of Transition,” Ghent, Belgium, 15 September 2002.
- “The Consequences of Ethnic Cleansing in Czechoslovakia.” Princeton University Davis Center conference, “Unsettling Europe: Migration and Its Aftermath in the Twentieth Century,” Princeton, New Jersey, 4 May 2002.
- “Victims and Perpetrators: Czech Women under Nazi Rule and After.” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, Arlington, Virginia, 17 Nov. 2001.
- “Dismembering the Bourgeoisie: The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and the Bat’a Trials.” Czech Cultural Studies Workshop, U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 23 March 2001.

“Mutual Condemnation, Mutual Compensation: Making Amends for a Decade of Czech-German Ethnic Violence, 1938-1948.” Symposium on “Compensating for History,” Northwestern U., Evanston, Illinois, 20 May 2000.

### Book Reviews

Smetana, Vít. *In the Shadow of Munich: British Policy towards Czechoslovakia from the Endorsement to the Renunciation of the Munich Agreement (1938-1942)*. Prague: Karolinum, 2008. *Journal of World History* 22:3 (Sept. 2011), 647-650.

Cornwall, Mark and R. J. W. Evans, eds. *Czechoslovakia in a Nationalist and Fascist Europe, 1918-1948*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. *The English Historical Review* CXXIV:507, 496-99.

Curp. T. David. *A Clean Sweep? The Politics of Ethnic Cleansing in Western Poland, 1945-1960*. Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2006. *The American Historical Review* (December 2008), 1624-25.

Haar, Ingo and Michael Fahlbusch, eds., *German Scholars and Ethnic Cleansing, 1920-1945* (Oxford and New York: Berghahn Books, 2005), *Central European History* 41:4 (December 2008), 710-12.

Rothkirchen, Livia. *The Jews of Bohemia and Moravia: Facing the Holocaust*. Lincoln, NE and Jerusalem: University of Nebraska Press and Yad Vashem, 2005. *Association of Jewish Studies Review* (2008), 209-11.

Blaive, Muriel. *Une déstalinisation manquée: Tchécoslovaquie 1956*. Brussels: Éditions Complexe, 2005. *The American Historical Review* 111:4 (Oct. 2006), 1276.

Calhoun, Noel. *Dilemmas of Justice in Eastern Europe's Democratic Transitions*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004. *IWM Post* 87, winter 2005.

Naimark, Norman M. *Fires of Hatred: Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth-Century Europe*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2001. *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*.

Jiřík, Václav. *Nedaleko od Norimberku: Z dějin Mimořádného lidového soudu v Chebu v letech 1946 až 1948*. Cheb: Svět křídel, 2000. *Bohemia* 44/1 (2003), 266-68.

MacDonald, Callum and Jan Kaplan. *Prague in the Shadow of the Swastika: A History of the German Occupation, 1939-1945*. Vienna: WUV Universitätsverlag, 2001. *HABSBURG Net (H-Net) Reviews* 2002/26 (18 December 2002).

### University Service

Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS) Teaching Award Committee (2011-2012)

The Graduate School of Northwestern Research Grants Committee (2010-2012)

Co-Director, Central and Southeastern Europe Study Group (2005-2012)

Humanities Council, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities (2008-2010)

Steering Committee, Center for Historical Studies (2008-2009)

Director of European Studies, 2006-2009.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 2005-2008.

### Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching

Nations and Nationalism (graduate)

The Historiography of the Habsburg Monarchy (graduate)

The Historiography of Communist East Europe (graduate)

Testimony and Justice

The History of Modern Europe since 1750

The Culture and History of Eastern Europe

East-Central Europe from the First to the Second World War

The Second World War in Eastern Europe

East-Central Europe under Communist Rule and Beyond, 1945 to the Present

Retribution against War Criminals and Collaborators in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe

Divided Continent: Eastern and Western Europe, 1945-1989

**Foreign Languages**

Czech, French, German, and Slovak. Reading knowledge of Russian.