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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### CURRENT POSITION

Since 10/2015 Assistant Professor (tenure track) for Entangled History in the Americas (16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries) at the Department of Iberian and Latin American History, Center for InterAmerican Studies, Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology at Bielefeld University, Germany.

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 05-12/2013 Interim Project Coordinator of the Graduate Research Group “Democracy and Climate Change” at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen, Germany and research assistant to the Director, Prof. Dr. Claus Leggewie.
- 05/2013 Shortlisted (2<sup>nd</sup> place) for position as Assistant Professor for History of Science and Technology at the Interdisciplinary Center for Science and Technology Studies, Wuppertal University.
- 2008-2013 Doctoral fellow in the interdisciplinary research program *Climate and Culture*, research group “Memories of Disasters” Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen, Germany, funded by Mercator Foundation
- 2005-2009 Various appointments as Tutor and Junior Assistant (co-teacher) at the Department of History of the University of Bern, Switzerland.

### NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

- 01/2014-07/2015 Research Analyst and Project Coordinator for Swiss and international Climate Policy at the Foundation for Global Sustainability (FFGS)/ Swiss Cleantech, Zurich, Switzerland.

### EDUCATION

- 02/2014 Dr. phil. (University of Bochum, Germany) in environmental history; Thesis: “Hurricanes in New Orleans, 1718-1965: A History of Adaptation.” Thesis supervisor: Prof. Dr. Cornel Zwielerlein (Ruhr-University of Bochum, Germany)
- 2009 Lic. phil. hist. (M.A. equivalent, University of Bern, Switzerland) in economic and environmental history; Thesis: “The Swiss Re Fire Branch 1864-1906: Risk – Fire –

Climate;" Lic. thesis supervisor: Prof. Em. Dr. Christian Pfister, University of Bern, Switzerland.

- 2001-2009 Undergraduate studies in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century European economic, social and environmental history, medieval history, and English linguistics at the University of Bern, Switzerland.
- 1999 Matura (Abitur) (focus: modern languages) at Gymnasium Bäumlhof Basel, Switzerland.

### AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Nomination for the Karl Peter Grottemeyer Award for Excellence in Teaching (Bielefeld University)
- 2016 Visiting Fellow at the University of Cambridge, Trinity Hall
- 2015 Dissertation Award (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize) in Cultural Studies, awarded by the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities Essen.
- 2012 Ph.D. fellowship at the German Historical Institute in Paris (DHIP)
- 2011 Archival research grant (New Orleans) by the Swiss National Academic Foundation (*Schweizerische Studienstiftung*).
- 2011 Fellow of the 8<sup>th</sup> Spring Academy of the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA), March 21 to March 25.
- 2010 Ph.D. fellowship at the German Historical Institute (GHI) Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Young Researchers' Award, granted by the Research Group for Critical Business History, for the MA thesis "The Swiss Re Fire Branch 1864-1906. Risk – Fire – Climate."
- 2010 Best Young Scholar Paper: "Earthquake vs. Fire: The Struggle over Insurance in the Aftermath of the San Francisco 1906 Disaster," at the *Workshop for Young Scholars in Banking and Financial History*, European Association for Banking and Financial History (EABH) in Rüslikon, Switzerland
- 2009/2010 Visiting scholar at the Department for Geography and Anthropology of Louisiana State University.
- 2007-2014 Fellow of the Swiss National Academic Foundation (*Schweizerische Studienstiftung*).
- 2006 Literature Prize: Winner of the annual Short Story Contest of Stauffacher's English Bookshop (Bern, Switzerland), category "English as a Foreign Language."

### ACQUISITION OF THIRD-PARTY FUNDING/ MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2016 Co-PI in the interdisciplinary Collaborative Research Center (Sonderforschungsbereich) 1288 "Practices of Comparison" (Praktiken des Vergleichens) funded by the German Research Council (DFG) (Total funding period of 12 years, endowed with € 12 million).

Co-PI in the establishment of a Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Coping with Crises (CALAS); Lead:

Bielefeld University, in cooperation with a consortium of German universities and the University of Guadalajara, Mexico; funded by the German Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF) (Total funding period of 12 years, endowed with € 20 million).

## IN THE MEDIA

- 10/ 2018 *Radio interview* with WDR 3 about the international conference Contact – Conquest – Colonization and the Collaborative Research Center 1288 Practices of Comparing.
- 04/ 2018 *Interview on WWL TV New Orleans* about the Hurricane History of New Orleans; airing in the station's hurricane segment, which will appear several times starting with June 1, 2018.
- 10/ 2017 Announcements of WIREs Climate Change article “Adapting to Hurricanes. A Historical Perspective on New Orleans from its Foundation to Hurricane Katrina, 1718-2005” on *EurekAlert (AAAS)* and *advancedsciencenews.com*, September 2017.

ZEIT-Online Quiz “Beat the Prof: Umweltgeschichte” by online version of the newspaper Die ZEIT (in German), July 12, 2017: <http://www.zeit.de/campus/2017-07/beat-the-prof-geschichte-klima-umwelt>

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

1. In Preparation: *Entangled History and the Environment? Socio-Environmental Transformations in the Caribbean, 1500-1800*, Bielefeld: Bielefeld University Press (forthcoming 2019).
2. *Changes in the Air. Hurricanes in New Orleans from 1718 to the Present*. (Environment in History: International Perspectives, edited by: Dolly Jørgensen, Christof Mauch, David Moon, Helmuth Trischler), Berghahn Books: New York/ Oxford, 2018.
3. *Sharing the Risk. Fire, Climate and Disaster. Swiss Re, 1864-1906* Lancashire: Carnegie Publishing/Crucible Books, 2011.

### Co-Edited Book

4. *Rethinking the Americas: The Routledge Handbook to Political Economy and Governance in the Americas*, Vol. II, Part II, co-edited with Olaf Kaltmeier, New York: Routledge (forthcoming 2019).

**Book Chapters & Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)**

5. (with Franz Mauelshagen and Andrea Janku) “Disasters and Resilience,” in: A Cultural History in the Little Ice Age, ed. by Franz Mauelshagen, London: Bloomsbury Publishing (forthcoming 2019).
6. (with Virginia Garcia Acosta) “Disaster,” in: *Rethinking the Americas: The Routledge Handbook to Political Economy and Governance in the Americas*, Vol. II, Part II, co-edited with Anne Tittor, Olaf Kaltmeier, Bernhard Leubolt, and Daniel Hawkins, New York: Routledge (forthcoming 2018).
7. (with George Adamson and Matthew Hannaford) “Rethinking the Present: The Role of A Historical Focus in Climate Change Adaptation Research,” in: *Global Environmental Change*, 48 (January 2018): p. 195-205.
8. “Adapting to Hurricanes. A Historical Perspective on New Orleans from its Foundation to Hurricane Katrina, 1718-2005,” in: *WIREs Climate Change* (September 20217), DOI: 10.1002/wcc.488.
9. “Beschwerde der Bürger von Louisiana. Der “Louisiana Purchase” 1803 und die lokale Opposition gegen die amerikainsche Territorialregierung,” in: Christian Büschges (ed.): *Das Ende des alten Kolonialsystems (Dokumente zur europäischen Expansion, vol. 8)*, München: C.H. Beck (forthcoming in 2018).
10. “Hurricanes on the Gulf Coast: Environmental Knowledge and Science in French Louisiana, 1722 and beyond,” in: Rood, Daniel, Manning, Patrick (eds.): *Works of Nature: Global Scientific Practice during the Age of Revolutions*, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2016: 38-53.
11. “Dealing with Hurricanes and Mississippi Floods in New Orleans, 1718-1794. Environmental (non-)knowledge in a Colonial Context,” in: Cornel Zwierlein (ed.): *Ignorance, Nescience, Non-knowledge: Late Medieval and Early Modern Coping with Unknowns* (Series Intersections), Leiden: Brill 2016, 314-332.
12. “Hurricanes in New Orleans: Disaster Migration and Adaptation, 1718-1794,” in: Bernd Sommer (ed.): *Climate Change in North America* (Series Climate and Culture), Leiden: Brill, 2015, 137-158.
13. “‘The Storm’. Hurrikan Katrina, 29. August 2005,” in: Gerrit Schenk, Monica Juneja, Alfred Wieczorek, Christoph Lind (eds.): *Mensch. Natur. Katastrophe: Von Atlantis bis Heute*. (Begleitband zur Sonderausstellung), Regensburg: Schnell & Steiner, 2014, 215-21.
14. (with Maike Böcker, Gitte Cullmann, Ingo Haltermann und Franz Mauelshagen) „The Enviro-Biographical Interview: Attachment to Place in the Aftermath of Disaster,” in: Cave, Mark, Sloan, Stephen (eds.): *Oral History and Crisis*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2014, 183-206.
15. “Earthquake versus Fire: The Struggle over Insurance in the Aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco Disaster,” in: Schenk, Gerrit, Janku, Andrea, Mauelshagen Franz (eds.): *Communicating Historical Disaster Experiences. Politics, Science and Religion*, London: Routledge, 2012, 174-194.
16. “From Wood to Stone. The Risk Management of Swiss Re in the Sundsvall Fire 1888,” in: *Environment and History* 17.1 (2011), 153-169.

17. "Fire in Swiss Re's Early History, 1864-1906: Perspectives for an Environmental Business History?," in: *EABH Bulletin* 1 (2010), 40-46. (*non-peer-reviewed*)

### Book Reviews & Conference Reports

18. Review of Ortwin Pelc (ed.): *Katastrophen in Norddeutschland. Vorbeugung, Bewältigung und Nachwirkungen vom Mittelalter bis ins 21. Jahrhundert* (Studien zur Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte Schleswig-Holsteins 45). Wachholtz, Neumünster 2010, in: *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte* 98.2 (2011), 220.
19. Conference „The Politics of Disasters“ (2007), Department of History of the University of Bern, Published on the internet platform „H-Soz-u-Kult“: <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/beitraeger/id=38761>.

### Blog-Post

20. "Hurricanes, Climate Change, and Adaptation. The Role of Knowledge and Memory, Past and Present", History of Knowledge Blog (German Historical Institute, Washington D.C.)

### CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2019            discussant and co-organizer of the Roundtable: *Teaching the Environmental History of the Colonial Americas: Challenges, Prospects, and Future Directions*", at the Annual Conference of the American Historical Association (AHA), Chicago (Jan 03-06, 2019).
- 2018            "Decolonizing the Anthropocene?", at the final conference of the BMBF Project "The Americas as a Space of Entanglement", Bielefeld University (Dec 14-15, 2018).
- "Unfamiliar Environments: The 1494-96 Famine on Hispaniola - 'Indigenous Ploy' or Climate Anomaly?", at the Workshop "The Colonial Transformation of the Americas. Environment and Society, from 1492 to the Present (Part II)", at the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS), supported by the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), Bielefeld University (Jul 12-13, 2018).
- Speaker at the roundtable "The Caribbean after Irma and Maria: Climate, History, Responsibility", Latin American Specialty Group; Ethics, Justice and Human Rights Specialty Group; Development Geographies Specialty Group, Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, USA (April 11, 2018).
- "‘Comprehensive-Risk’ or ‘Flood-only’? The Controversies surrounding the National Flood Insurance Program in the Wake of Hurricane Betsy (1965)," Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, USA (April 9-14, 2018).

- 2017
- Invited Speaker: „Vulnerability and Adaptation to Hurricanes: Historical Examples from New Orleans,“ Conference „*Shocks and Hazards in History: Vulnerability and Resilience*,“ University of Antwerp, Belgium (November 27-28, 2017).
- „Making Rain: Early 'Climate Engineering' through Forest Conservation in the 18th Century Caribbean,“ Conference "El lado colonial del patrimonio natural", Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (CALAS), University of Guadalajara, Mexico (November 23-24, 2017).
- „Rethinking the Present. The Role of a Historical Focus in Climate Change Adaptation,“ *SIDE EVENT Building Through Historical Knowledge: Social Construction of Disasters and Disaster Risk Reduction* at the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), Cancún, Mexico (May 22-26, 2017).
- “Environmental Knowledge in New Orleans. Transcending Boundaries of Time, Place and Political Regimes”, Workshop *Boundary Processes in World Society*, Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZIF), Bielefeld (Apr 20-21, 2017).
- Invited Speaker: “Transforming Unfamiliar Environments in the Caribbean, 1500-1850,” Berlin-Brandenburg Colloquium for Environmental History, Humboldt-University, Berlin (Feb 16, 2017).
- “Black Voices from New Orleans's Lower Ninth Ward after Hurricane Betsy (1965) - Or: Including Environmental Factors into ‘Entangled Black Americas’”, Conference *Entangled Black Americas: Studying Black Hemispheric Americas in Transdisciplinary Ways*, Center for InterAmerican Studies, University of Bielefeld (Jan 19-20).
- 2016
- “300 Years of Environmental Knowledge and Political Change in Louisiana and the U.S. - Implications for the Present?”, Conference: *Reflecting the Americas as a Space of Entanglement*, Center for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld (October 27-29).
- “Encountering the Tropics and Transforming Unfamiliar Environments in the Caribbean, c. 1500 to 1850,” at the workshop *Transforming Unfamiliar Environments in the Americas, 1600-1850 and Beyond*, University of Cambridge, Trinity Hall (September 24-26).
- Invited Speaker: “Hurricane and Slave Revolt? Risk and Uncertainty in New Orleans in 1812” at the workshop *Uncertainty and Risk in America. (Un)Stable Histories from the Late Colonial Period to the ‘Gilded Age’*, John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin (June 30-July 2).

- 2015 Invited Speaker to the Roundtable „History and Disaster Studies: What’s Next”, Ta-  
gung: 8<sup>th</sup> ESEH Conference: *Greening History. Studying the Environment across Eisci-  
plines Ppast, Present and Future*, Versailles, Frankreich (June 30-July 7).
- Invited Speaker to the Colloquium of the Department for Economic and Social History  
at the University of Zurich: “Hurricanes in New Orleans, 1718-1968: 250 Jahre kul-  
turelle Anpassung an eine Naturgefahr“, [*Hurricanes in New Orleans, 1718-1968: 250  
Years of Cultural Adaptation to a Natural Hazard*], Zürich (March 2015).
- “Dealing with Hurricanes and Mississippi Floods in New Orleans, 1718-1794. Environ-  
mental (non-)Knowledge in a Colonial Context, Conference: *Ignorance, Nescience, Non-  
knowledge: Late Medieval and Early Modern Coping with Unknowns*, Department of His-  
tory, Harvard University, Cambridge/ Massachusetts (February 19-20).
- 2013 Invited speaker to the lecture series of the Interdisciplinary Center for the History of  
Science and Technology of Bergische Universität Wuppertal: “Hurricanes in New Or-  
leans, 1718-1968: 250 Jahre kulturelle Anpassung an eine Naturgefahr,” [*Hurricanes in  
New Orleans, 1718-1968: 250 Years of Cultural Adaptation to a Natural Hazard*], Wup-  
pertal (November 27).
- “Hurricanes in New Orleans: A Long-Term Perspective on Cultural Adaptation, 1718-  
1765 and beyond,” *Circulating Natures*, biannual conference of the European Society for  
Environmental History (ESEH), Munich, Germany (August 21-24).
- “Hurricanes in New Orleans: A Long-Term Perspective on Cultural Adaptation, 1718-  
1765 and beyond,” *Climate History and Colonialism*, workshop organized by the Insti-  
tute for Advanced Study in the Humanities in Essen, in cooperation with the Mortara  
Center for International Studies, Washington, D.C. and the German Historical Insti-  
tute (GHI), Washington, D.C (June 6-7).
- “Hurricanes in New Orleans: A Long-Term Perspective on Cultural Adaptation, 1718-  
1765 and beyond,” *Lives, Stories, Places*, 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American His-  
torical Association (AHA), New Orleans (LA), USA (January 3-6).
- 2012 “A ‘frightening Phenomenon:’ New Orleans’s first Hurricane Experience, September  
12, 1722,” *Cultural Dimensions of Climate Change and the Environment in North America*,  
Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen, Germany (June 28-29).
- “Hurricanes on the Gulf Coast: Environmental Knowledge and Science in French Lou-  
isiana, 1722 and beyond,” *First Annual Conference in the World History of Science: “Lin-  
nean Worlds: Global Scientific Practice during the Great Divergence, 1750-1850”*, Pitts-  
burgh (PA), USA (May 4-5).

“Disaster and Insurance: The Development of the National Flood Insurance Program in the Wake of Hurricane Betsy 1965,” *From the Local to the Global: Ethics, Environmentalism and Environmental History in an Interdependent World*, American Society for Environmental History (ASEH), Madison (WI), USA (March 28-31).

Invited speaker: “New Orleans’s primordial hurricane experience, September 12, 1722,” *Climate Workshop*, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany (March 6).

Invited speaker: “There sprang up the most terrible hurricane which has been seen in these quarters: New Orleans’s primordial hurricane experience, September 12, 1722,” *Crises and Crisis Management in U.S. History*, Historians of the German Association for American Studies, Trier, Germany (February 10-12, 2012).

2011 Presentation of the Ph.D. Project “Hurricanes in New Orleans, 1722-2005. An Urban Biography of Disaster,” *Colloquium for Early Modern and Environmental History*, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany (June 22, 2011).

Invited Speaker: „Katastrophen und Politik: Die Versicherungsindustrie im 19. Jahrhundert und das Erdbeben von San Francisco 1906 (am Beispiel der Swiss Re)“ (*Disasters and Politics: The Insurance Industry of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the Earthquake of San Francisco 1906 (narrated through the perspective of Swiss Re)*), in the research colloquium *Economic History of Modernity*, University of Bielefeld (June 10, 2011).

Presentation of the PhD Project “Hurricanes in New Orleans, 1722-2005. An Urban Biography of Disaster,” *Colloquium for History Ph.D. Candidates*, University of Essen-Duisburg, Germany (June 5, 2011).

Presentation of the PhD Project “Hurricanes in New Orleans, 1722-2005. An Urban Biography of Disaster,” *Heidelberg Spring Academy*, Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) in Heidelberg, Germany (March 21 to 25, 2011).

2010 Presentation of the PhD Project “Hurricanes in New Orleans, 1722-2005. An Urban Biography of Disaster,” *Doctoral Fellows’ Workshop*, German Historical Institute (GHI) Washington, D.C. (June 10, 2010).

Invited Speaker (best young scholar paper): “Earthquake vs. Fire: The Struggle over Insurance in the Aftermath of the San Francisco 1906 Disaster,” *Annual conference of the European Association for Banking and Financial History (EABH)* in Brussels, Belgium (May 21 to 22, 2010).



“Earthquake vs. Fire: The Struggle over Insurance in the Aftermath of the San Francisco 1906 Disaster,” *Workshop for Young Scholars in Banking and Financial History*, European Association for Banking and Financial History (EABH) in Rüslikon, Switzerland (March 17 to 18, 2010).

Invited Speaker: “Transforming Hazards into Risk. Reinsurance and Fire Disasters in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Europe,” at the Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge (January 27, 2010).

2009 “From Wood to Stone: The Risk Management of Swiss Re in the Sundsvall Fire of 1888,” *The History of Insurance: Perspectives and Research Sources*, European Association for Banking and Financial History (EABH) in Lisbon, Portugal (November 20, 2009).

“Fire, Climate and the Fortunes of a Reinsurer, 1864-1906,” *First World Congress of Environmental History* in Copenhagen, Denmark (August 4 to 8, 2009).

“Fire, Networks and Lobby Groups. Swiss Re and the Conflagration of Sundsvall 1888,” *Cities of Business, the Business of Cities*, Association of Business Historians (ABH) in Liverpool, England (July 3 to 4, 2009).

“From Wood to Stone: The Risk Management of Swiss Re in the Sundsvall Fire of 1888,” *Learning from the History of Natural Disasters*, Research network “Historical Study of Disasters in Cultural Comparative perspective” in Bamberg, Germany (March 27 to 28, 2009).

2007 „Redefining the Risk for Wooden Cities in Sweden: The Fire of Sundsvall 1888,” *Uncertain Environments. Natural Hazards, Risk and Insurance in Historical Perspective*, German Historical Institute (GHI) in Washington D.C. (September 13 to 15, 2007).

#### CONFERENCE/ EVENT ORGANIZATION

2018 October 11-13, organization of the international conference “Contact – Conquest – Colonization. Practices of Comparing between Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas, from Antiquity to Present”, at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld University, Germany.

September 11, organization of the workshop “Climate Change Adaptation and History: An Interdisciplinary Conversation” (in cooperation with Prof. Dr. George Adamson (King’s College London) and Prof. Dr. Matthew Hannaford (University of Lincoln), at the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), Bielefeld University, Germany.

July 12-13, organization of the workshop „The Colonial Transformation of the Americas. Environment and Society, 1500 to Present (Part II)“, at the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), Bielefeld University, Germany.

- May 5 and 12, co-organization (with Prof. Dr. Wilfried Raussert, North American Literatures and Cultures, Bielefeld University) of the MA Block-Seminar „Ecocriticism, Eco-poetry, Ecoculture(s), Ecocinema“ with invited literary scholar and poet Prof. Dr. Ann Fisher-Wirth (Mississippi).
- 2017 January 23, organization of the round table discussion „The Trump-Effect“ – Right Wing Populism in the Americas and Europe,“ in cooperation with Dr. Julia Roth (Bielefeld), (Bielefeld University).
- 2016 September 24–26, organization of the workshop “Transforming Unfamiliar Environments in the Americas, c. 1600–1850 (Part I)” (in cooperation with Prof. Dr. William O'Reilly (University of Cambridge) and Dr. Franz Mauelshagen (IASS Potsdam)) in Cambridge UK.
- May 6-7, organization of the workshop “From Past to Future. Towards Historically-Informed Research in Climate Change Adaptation,” in the Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZiF) Bielefeld (supported by the *Center for InterAmerican Studies*), in cooperation with *Dr. George Adamson (King's College London)* and *Dr. Matthew Hannaford (University of Sheffield)*.
- 2015 August 28, organization of the event “A Swiss Perspective on the New Climate Economy Report,” Center for International Environmental Studies at the Graduate Institute Geneva.
- 2014 June 12, organization and moderation of the scientific part of the economic association *swisscleantech's* quarterly event (by mandate of the Foundation for Global Sustainability): “Pioneering Climate Protection – Why it is Worth it”, Hotel Bellevue Palace Bern, Switzerland.
- 2013 August 18-21, organization of the annual summer retreat of the graduate research group “Climate Change and Democracy” of the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities Essen, in Fürstentagen, Germany.
- June 6-8, in cooperation with Dr. Franz Mauelshagen (Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities) and Prof. Dr. John R. McNeill (Georgetown University): organization of the international conference „Climate History and Colonialism“ at the Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.
- 2011 June 15–16, in cooperation with the research group “Memories of Disasters” at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities Essen: organization of the Ph.D. workshop „Naturkatastrophen‘ erforschen: Das Phänomen aus Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaftlicher Perspektive“ (*Researching “natural disasters:” a socio-cultural perspective*) at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities Essen, Germany.

## REVIEW AND CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

- 2018            Reviewer for the journal *Environmental History*
- Reviewer for the *Journal of Extreme Events*
- Reviewer for the journal *Zeitschrift für Weltgeschichte*
- Reviewer for *Routledge Early Modern History*
- 2017            Reviewer for the German Research Council (DFG)
- Reviewer for the *Journal for the History of Environment and Society*
- Reviewer for the Academic Council of the Espacio Universitario de Estudios Avanzados (UCREA) of the University of Costa Rica.
- 2016-18        Reviewer for the Bielefeld School of History and Sociology (BGHS)
- 2013            Reviewer for the *Journal Business History*
- 2013-2014     Member of the scientific Advisory Board of the Exhibition “Mensch. Natur. Katastrophe – Atlantis bis heute“ [*Humans. Nature. Disaster – Atlantis to Present*] (September 7, 2014 to January 25, 2015), in cooperation with the University of Heidelberg, the Technical University of Darmstadt and the Reiss-Engelhorn Museums of Heidelberg.

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Jul 2018-  
Feb 2019        Member of the Search Committee for an Assistant Professorship “British Studies with a Focus on Migration/ Anglophone Cultures of the Global South”, at the Faculty for Literature and Linguistics, Bielefeld University
- Oct 2016-  
Jul 2017        Member of the Search Committee for an Assistant/ Associate Professorship “Global South” at the Faculty of Sociology, Bielefeld University
- Member of the Search Committee for an Associate Professorship “American Studies” at the Faculty of Literature and Linguistics, Bielefeld University
- Since 07/2017 Member of the Executive Board of the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), Bielefeld University
- Since 10/2016 Member of the Faculty Committee of the Faculty of History, Philosophy and Theology, Bielefeld University
- Since 10/2016 Member of the Executive Board of the inter-faculty (History, Literature & Linguistics) Master Studies Program InterAmerican Studies, Bielefeld University

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE/ PROJECTS

Since 2016 Collaborative Research Center 1288: Practices of Comparing (funded by the German Research Council (DFG)); Co-PI in Project A03: “World Orders and Societal Futures. Comparative Practices during the Phase of High Imperialism,” together with Prof. Dr. Angelika Epple, Bielefeld University.

Designated Co-Coordinator (together with Prof. Dr. Olaf Kaltmeier, Bielefeld University, Director of CALAS) for the research group “Coping with Environmental Crises” at the Maria Sybilla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (CALAS) (funded by the BMBF), in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 2022-23. Team member of the group who wrote and presented the proposal for the Center in front of the BMBF Committee in 2016.

Member of the informal interdisciplinary research group of three (supported by small-scale grants from the Center for InterAmerican Studies, Bielefeld) “Historical Perspectives on Climate Change Adaptation,” together with project partners Prof. Dr. George Adamson (King’s College, London) and Prof. Dr. Matthew Hannaford (Lincoln University).

Initiator and organizer of the initiative “The Colonial Transformation of the Americas. Environment and Society, 1500 to Present“, (supported by small-scale grants from the Center for InterAmerican Studies, Bielefeld) comprised of 10 international and interdisciplinary researchers; outlining a “Handbook of the Environmental Transformation of the Americas.” (see Workshop-Organization)

Member of the interdisciplinary research network (BMBF-funded) (historians, literary scholars, sociologists) “Entangled Black Americas” located at the Center for InterAmerican Studies, Bielefeld University.

Since 2015 Third Book Project “*Encountering the Tropics and Transforming Unfamiliar Environments in the Caribbean, 1494 to 1804*” Archival research (so far): 1 month research at the Archivo de Indias (AGI), Seville, 16<sup>th</sup> century manuscript records of the Cabildo of the city of Santo Domingo; 3 weeks at the John Carter Brown Library (JCB), Providence, USA, working with 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century rare books and manuscripts; 2 weeks at the Library of Congress (LoC), Latin American History reading room, rare books, prints and manuscripts.

2009-2013 *Ph.D. thesis: Archival research:* 4 months research at the National Archives (NARA) in Washington, D.C., 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century manuscript and printed sources; 2 months research at the Historic New Orleans Collection (HNOC), Louisiana State Museum (LSM), New Orleans Archdiocesan Archives (NOAA), at the Howard Tilton Memorial Library and the New Orleans Public Library (NOPL) in New Orleans, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

century manuscript sources; 6 weeks research at the Archives Nationales de France (ANF) in Paris (French colonial history of New Orleans), 18<sup>th</sup> century manuscript sources

*Oral history:* 2 months interviewing 60 Hurricane Katina victims (qualitative interviews) in New Orleans, transcription and analysis with MAXQDA software; collaboration within the interdisciplinary research group “Memories of Disasters;” collaboration with climatologist Prof. Dr. Cary Mock (University of South Carolina) for the assessment and reconstruction of historical hurricane data.

2012 *Research Assistant, project Climates of Migration:* contributing socio-historical and historical climate data to the project database “climmigration.dat.”

2007-2008 *M.A. thesis: Archival research:* 4 months research in the business archives of the Swiss Re-insurance Company (*Swiss Re*) in Zurich, Switzerland; 19<sup>th</sup> century manuscript and printed sources; collaboration with climatologist Prof. Dr. Jürg Luterbacher (Justus Liebig-University Giessen, Germany) for the reconstruction of historical climate data

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Bielefeld, Department of Iberian and Latin American History (2015-2018)

S 2019 MA Seminar “Energy History of the Americas, 1500 to the Present“

BA Seminar “From Silver to Cocaine: The History of Resources in the Americas” (Co-taught with Joseph Büker, Bielefeld University)

W 2018 BA Seminar “Cannibals, Slaves, Narcos. The History of Violence in the Americas II” (Co-taught with Albert Manke, Bielefeld University)

BA Seminar “You are What You Eat: Food, Health, and The Environment in the Americas, 1500-1850”

S 2018 BA Seminar “Cannibals, Slaves, Narcos. The History of Violence in the Americas I” (Co-taught with Olaf Kaltmeier, Bielefeld University)

W 2017 MA Seminar “The Beginning of the Age of Revolution. America, France and Haiti, 1775-1804.”

Interdisciplinary MA Seminar “Exploring America and the World. French (Pre-)Revolutionary Travel Literature” (Co-taught with Prof. Dr. Kirsten Kramer, Bielefeld University)

- S 2017 MA Seminar “Wood in the Americas, 1750 to present. Tracing a Resource from the Solar, to the Fossil – to a New Solar? - Age” (Co-taught with Prof. Dr. Joachim Radkau, Bielefeld University)
- MA Seminar “Resource Use in the Americas, 1500 to present” (Co-taught with guest lecturer Prof. Dr. Ted Beatty (University of Notre Dame))
- W 2016 BA Seminar “Environmental History of the Americas II” (Co-Taught with Olaf Kaltmeier, Bielefeld University)
- S 2016 BA Seminar “Environmental History of the Americas I” (Co-Taught with Olaf Kaltmeier, Bielefeld University)
- MA Seminar “Empire(s) and Migration: The Americas and South-East Asia in Comparison, 1500-1850” (Co-taught with guest lecturer Prof. Dr. William O’Reilly (University of Cambridge))
- W 2015 MA Seminar “Natural Hazards and Disasters in North America and the Caribbean, 1600 to Hurricane Katrina”
- MA Seminar “Transnational History, Comparison and Entanglement”: “Transnational Environmental History”

### University of Bern, Department of History (2005-2009)

The listed courses were undergraduate introductory courses (Proseminars) in different fields of history. As Tutor/ Junior Assistant I taught a separate, weekly 90 minutes introductory course in historical methodology and assisted in/ preparing a Professor’s undergraduate courses. Classes varied in size between 15 and 26 students.

- W 2008/9 Proseminar (Introduction to European History after 1800): Atomenergie – von der Euphorie zur Phobie [*Nuclear Power – From Euphoria to Phobia*]
- W 2007/8 Proseminar (Introduction to European History after 1800): Das „Waldparadigma,“ [*The „Forest Paradigm“*]  
 Proseminar (Introduction to Swiss History before 1800): Netzwerk Bern – vernetzte Berner [*Network Bern – Networked Bernese*]
- S 2007 Proseminar (Introduction to European History after 1800): Irlands „großer Hunger“ (1845-1849) [*Irland’s Great Famine, 1845-1849*]
- W 2006/7 Proseminar (Introduction to European History after 1800): Katastrophen und ihre Bewältigung in Deutschland und der Schweiz (19./20. Jahrhundert) [*Coping with Catastrophes in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Germany and Switzerland*]
- S 2006 Proseminar (Introduction to Contemporary European History): Zur Geschichte von Fahrrad, Auto und Eisenbahn [*On the History of the bicycle, the automobile, and the train*]

W 2005/6      Proseminar (Introduction to Contemporary European History): Süßes und Bitteres aus der Geschichte des Zuckers [*The bitter-sweet History of Sugar*]

## LANGUAGES

*German and Swiss German*: mother tongues.

*English*: academic proficiency, written and spoken (see publications).

*French*: professional proficiency, written and spoken.

*Spanish*: professional proficiency, written and spoken.

*Italian*: some spoken, some reading proficiency.

## FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

2011-2014      Member of the Zurich Minds Community, <http://zurichminds.com/>

2006              Certificate by Leadership Management International (LMI) “Leadership Development – High Potential Coaching,” (6-month course).

1999/2000      Year abroad in Dublin, Ireland (non-academic work experience).

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)

European Society for Environmental History (ESEH)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Amerikaforschung (DGfA)

Deutscher Historikerverband

Förderverein of the Center for InterAmerican Studies (CIAS), Bielefeld

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

Association of American Geographers (AAG)