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Current Academic Appointments

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico Professor of History	2017 –
City, University of London, United Kingdom Honorary Research Fellow, Department of International Politics	2019 – 2021

Prior Academic Appointments

University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil Visiting Professor of History (Sabbatical Leave)	2018 – 2019
Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico Associate Professor of History	2011 – 2017
Center for the History of Science and Technology, University of Hamburg Visiting Professor of History (Sabbatical Leave)	2013 – 2014
Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico Assistant Professor of History	2005 – 2011

Research Interests

- Euclidean geometry in European thought and culture between 1350 and 1850.
- Religion, cartography, and madness in Renaissance culture.
- European libraries in colonial Latin America and the global spatial imagination.
- Intellectual history, the history of science, race and gender, the history of visual culture, digital humanities.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles Ph.D. in History Major Field: European Intellectual History	2002
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill M.A. in History Major Field: European Intellectual History	1993
Drew University B.A. in History and Political Science (Double Major) <i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa	1989

Books

European Thought and Culture, 1350-1992: Burdens of Knowing (Oxfordshire, UK: Routledge, *forthcoming*)

The Spatial Reformation: Euclid Between Man, Cosmos and God (Philadelphia, Penn.: The University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019).

Visions of the Enlightenment: The Edict on Religion of 1788 and Political Reaction in Prussia, Brill's Studies in Intellectual History, vol. 177 (Leiden, NL: Brill, 2009).

Manuscripts in Process

The Cartographic Fool: Cartography, Religion and Visual Culture in Sixteenth-Century Europe

This work covers cartography, printmaking, and visual culture in Belgium, France, and Germany in the late sixteenth century. It uses two famous foolscap map prints—one that was cut in Paris in 1575 and another that was engraved in Antwerp in 1590—to highlight a Catholic rejection of cartographers' claims that the study of maps instilled wisdom.

The Decline of Space: Euclid between Ancient and Medieval Worlds

This manuscript emerged from my book *The Spatial Reformation*. It covers the rise and decline of "hierarchy of being" within Western thought and argues that the concentration on being marginalized Euclidean geometry's three-dimensional space. It was only when late medieval discourses on God's will undermined traditional views of being that Euclidean spatial thought re-entered the Western tradition. Two of a planned six chapters are written.

The Transatlantic Mind: European Libraries in Colonial Latin America

This manuscript explores the significance of colonial-era libraries to the development of Latin American intellectual traditions. At this stage, it concentrates on libraries in Argentina, Mexico, Peru, and Brazil. Initial research forays into various Mexican libraries have been done and other research trips in South America are underway. This project is being funded by a research grant from CIDE.

Project in Digital History

Digitization of the Monastic Library of the Convento San Francisco in Lima

This project will digitize part of the monastery's 24,000-volume library and make all the images available on the internet through the portal of the National Library of Peru. The National University of San Marcos in Lima and the National Library have already agreed to participate. We will submit a project proposal in the April of 2020 to the Mellon Foundation in the United States.

Publications in Refereed Journals

"The Starry Heavens: Outer Space and the Transformation of Anthropology in the Early Modern Period," *Historia y Grafía* (November, 2016).

"The Enlightenment on Trial: State Service and Social Control in Eighteenth-Century Germany's Public Sphere," *Modern Intellectual History* (August, 2008).

“Clock Watchers and Stargazers: Time Discipline in Early-Modern Berlin,” *American Historical Review* (June, 2007).

“Preaching, a Ponytail, and an Enthusiast: Rethinking the Public Sphere’s Subversiveness in Eighteenth-Century Prussia,” *Central European History* (December, 2004).

Co-authored, “Paris and the Rise of Clinical Medicine during the French Revolution and Under Napoleon,” *Osiris* (July, 2003).

Co-authored, “Why did Humphry Davy Not Explore the Pain-Alleviating Properties of Nitrous Oxide?” *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences* (April, 2002).

Refereed Book Chapters and other Publications

“Simmel’s Berlin and Money as Social Consensus,” in Jason Coy, Benjamin Marschke and Jared Poley, eds., *Money in the German States* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2017).

“For the Love of Geometry: The Rise of Euclidism in the Early Modern World, 1450-1850,” in Jason Coy, Benjamin Marschke, Jared Poley, and Claudia Verhoeven, eds., *Kinship and Community Society and Culture in European History* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2015).

“The First Globalization: Celestial and Terrestrial Globes in the Early Modern Period” in Gudrun Wolfschmidt, ed., *Der Himmel über Tübingen: Barocksternwarten-Landesvermessung-Hochenergieastrophysik* (Hamburg: tredition, 2014).

“Leonhard Euler,” in Manfred Kuehn and Heiner Klemme, eds., *Dictionary of Eighteenth-Century German Philosophers* (Bristol: Thoemmes Continuum, 2010).

“Visions of the Enlightenment: Johann Christoph Woellner and Prussia’s Edict on Religion of 1788,” in John Christian Laursen, et. al., *Monarchists and Monarchisms in the Eighteenth Century* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2007).

“The Enlightenment on Trial: Religion, Resistance, and the Public Sphere in Eighteenth-Century Prussia,” (in Spanish) *Istor* (January, 2004).

“Reinhart Koselleck” in Alan C. Kors, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002).

“Freemasonry” in Derek Jones, ed., *Censorship: A World Encyclopedia* (London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2001).

Invited Book Reviews

Review of Aviva Rothman, *The Pursuit of Harmony: Kepler on Cosmos, Confession, and Community*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017, published by *American Historical Review* (December 2019).

“Made in Early Modern Europe,” review of Pamela H. Smith, Benjamin Schmidt, eds. *Making Knowledge in Early Modern Europe: Practices, Objects, and Texts, 1400 -1800*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007, published by H-German, URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.php?id=23734>

“Atlas Shrugs,” review of Adam Mosley, *Bearing the Heavens: Tycho Brahe and the Astronomical Community of the Late Sixteenth Century*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, published by H-German, URL: <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=H->

German&month=0806&week=e&msg=rcaJPlsdos6qfCnPJgfgYQ&user=&pw=

“From Pietism to Aufklärung,” review of Dirk Fleischer. *„Zwischen Tradition und Fortschritt: Der Strukturwandel der protestantischen Kirchengeschichtsschreibung im deutschsprachigen Diskurs der Aufklärung.“* Waltrop: Verlag Hartmut Spenner, 2006, published by H-GERMAN, URL: <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=H-German&month=0711&week=b&msg=B4Ypmx5RyL1aMoaYw8aiKg&user=&pw=>

“El Radicalismo y Las Luces,” review essay, *Istor* 30 (2007): 167-172.

“The Empire Strikes Back,” review of Christina Stange-Fayos. *„Lumières et Obscurantisme en Prusse: Le débat autour des édits de religion et de censure (1788-1797).“* Bern: Peter Lang, 2003, published by H-GERMAN, URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=56241171306252>.

Published Working Papers

“Sacred Texts and Secular Space,” Working Paper, Number 84, Department of History, CIDE, 2015.

“Melancholy is a Spatial Disease,” Working Paper, Number 83, Department of History, CIDE, 2015.

“The Starry Heavens: Outer Space and the Transformation of Anthropology in the Early Modern Period,” Working Paper, Number 82, Department of History, CIDE, 2015.

“Leviathan's Euclid,” Working Paper, Number 81, Department of History, CIDE, 2015.

“The Renaissance and the Round Ball: Spheres, Globes and the Early Modern Spatial Imagination,” Working Paper, Number 80, Department of History, CIDE, 2013.

“The Starry Heavens Above: The Astronomical Origins of Early-Modern Anthropology,” Working Paper, Number 79, Department of History, CIDE, 2013.

“Spanning the Poles: Spatial Thought and the “Global” Backdrop to our Globalized World,” Working Paper, Department of History, CIDE, 2012.

“Human Space: The Rise of Euclidism and the Construction of an Early-Modern World,” Working Paper, Department of History, CIDE, 2011.

“Strangers to the World: Astronomy and the Birth of Anthropology in the Eighteenth Century, Working Paper, Department of History, CIDE, 2011.

“The Liminality of Man: Astronomy and the Birth of Anthropology in the Eighteenth Century,” Working Paper, Department of History, CIDE, 2010.

“Between Outer Space and Human Space: Knowing Space as the Origin of Anthropology,” Working Paper, Number 57, Department of History, CIDE, 2009.

“Conscience and the Rhetoric of Freedom: Fichte’s Reaction to the Edict on Religion,” Working Paper, Number 53, Department of History, CIDE, 2008.

“The Edict on Religion of 1788 and the Statistics of Public Discussion in Prussia,” Working Paper, Number 52, Department of History, CIDE, 2007.

“Germans in Space: Astronomy and *Anthropologie* in the Eighteenth Century,” Working Paper, Number 42, Department of History, CIDE, 2006.

“The Enlightenment on Trial: Autonomy, the State and the Public Sphere in Eighteenth-Century Prussia” Working Paper, Number 39, Department of History, CIDE, 2004.

“Clock Watchers and Stargazers: On Time Discipline in Early-Modern Berlin,” Working Paper, Number 38, Department of History, CIDE, 2004.

“Clock Watchers and Stargazers: Berlin’s Clocks between Science, the State, and the Public Sphere at the Eighteenth Century’s End” Working Paper, Number 26, Department of History, CIDE, 2003.

“Preachers, Ponytails, and Enthusiasm: Rethinking the Public Sphere’s Subversiveness in Eighteenth-Century Prussia,” Working Paper, Number 24, Department of History, CIDE, 2003.

“Visions of the Enlightenment: Johann Christoph Woellner and Prussia’s Edict on Religion of 1788,” Working Paper, Number 23, 2003.

Invited Talks

“Relocating “Global” Knowledge: Colonial Latin American Libraries and the European Spatial Imagination,” *University of California, Los Angeles*, Conference on Historical Epistemology, Los Angeles, CA, May 18, 2018.

“Eden’s End: Geography and the Humanization of Space, 1550-1650,” *McGill University* and *The Newberry Library*, The Politics of Conversion IV, Chicago, IL, September 15, 2017.

“Deracinating the Divine: Albrecht Dürer’s *Melencolia I* Between Theology and the Rise of Geometry,” *McGill University* and *CIDE*, The Politics of Conversion III, Mexico City, March 9, 2017.

“Alexander von Humboldt,” *CIDE*, Unveiling the Portrait of Humboldt and the Vintage Map of Mexico, Mexico City, February 23, 2017.

“The Spatial Reformation: Euclidean Geometry and the Transformation of Western Thought, 1350 – 1850,” *Autonomous Metropolitan University (UAM)-Iztapalapa*, Colloquium on Critical Engagement with the History of Europe, January 29, 2015.

“The First Globalization: Terrestrial and Celestial Globes in the Early Modern Period,” *University of Tübingen* Conference for the History of Astronomy, Tübingen, Germany, September 22, 2013.

“Strangers to the World: Astronomy and the Rise of Early-Modern Anthropology,” *Institute for Advanced Study*, Göttingen, Germany, July 3, 2013.

“Clockwatchers and Stargazers in the 18th Century,” *Hamburg Observatory*, Hamburg, Germany, January 16, 2013.

“Making Human Space: Globes and the Spatial Imagination, 1450-1600,” *Duke University*, FNI Conference: Visual Acuity and the Arts of Communication in Early Modern Germany, Durham, NC, March 30, 2012.

“Germans in Space: Astronomy and *Anthropologie* in the Eighteenth Century,” *Clark Library*, Spaces of the Self in Early Modern Culture Part 2 – Sites of Exteriority, Los Angeles, CA, November 30, 2007.

“Germans in Space: Astronomy and Anthropologie in the Eighteenth Century,” *University of Indiana at Bloomington*, Bloomington Eighteenth-Century Workshop, Bloomington, IA, August 24, 2007.

“Clockwatchers and Stargazers: The 'Public' Origins of Time Discipline in Eighteenth-Century Berlin,” *Duke University*, FNI Conference: Orthodoxies and Diversities, Durham, NC, April 8, 2005.

“Lost in Space: Astronomy and the Boundaries of the German Mind, 1686-1791,” *University of South Florida*, The Nineteenth Annual DeBartolo Conference, Tampa, FL, February 18, 2005.

“Europe as Export Product: Germany and the Problem of Europe since AD 1000,” Annual Meeting of German Teachers in Mexico, Mexico City, May 14, 2004.

“Preachers, Ponytails, and Enthusiasm: On the Nature of Subversiveness in Eighteenth-Century Prussia,” *National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)*, Homage to Immanuel Kant: Reason-Liberty-Right, Two Centuries Since His Death, February 12, 2004.

Conference Participation

Papers:

“Geometry between Luther and the Enlightenment: Homogeneous Space and the Rise of a New *Deus Absconditus*,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 5-8, 2017.

“Melancholy is a Spatial Disease: Dürer’s *Melencolia I*, the Divine, and the Limits of Space,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO, September 18-21, 2014.

“Germans in Space: Astronomy and *Anthropologie* in the Eighteenth Century,” German Studies Association Convention, San Diego, CA, October 4-7, 2007.

“The Lure of Secret Knowledge: Politics and the Rise of Eighteenth-Century Esotericism,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 28 - October 1, 2006.

“Preachers, Ponytails, and Enthusiasm: On the Nature of Subversiveness in Eighteenth-Century Prussia,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 8-11, 2004.

Conferences Organized:

CIDE-ITAM Annual Colloquium, *CIDE-ITAM*, Mexico City, Every Spring, 2006-2007.

“Sources of Modernity: Thoughts on the French and Scientific Revolutions,” *CIDE*, Mexico City, March 13-14, 2003.

“Science and the Global Mind: Alexander von Humboldt in Mexico,” *CIDE*, Mexico City, April 7-8, 2002.

Service to the Discipline

Departmental:

Member of the Steering Committee for the Foundation of an MA/PhD in Comparative History at CIDE, 2010-2011.

Faculty Representative for the Department of History to the CIDE Library Committee, 2005-2009.

University:

Member of the Academic Senate (*Consejo Académico*), CIDE, 2016-2018.

Official University Observer to CONCACYT's Selection Process for Director General, CIDE, 2018.

Co-Founder of the "Theodor Heuss Chair," Annual Guest Professorship at CIDE and ITAM sponsored by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, 2007-2009.

General:

Member of the Editorial Board of H-GERMAN, 2008-2011.

External Project Evaluator, *Autonomous University of Puebla*, 2006-2008.

Teaching

Online Teaching Platforms/Speaking Platforms:

- Microsoft Teams
- Moodle
- BlueJeans
- Zoom

Graduate Courses:

- Graduate Seminar: History of European Thought, 1400 – 1991, Professor, *Universidade de São Paulo*, Winter Semester 2019.
- Graduate Seminar: European Intellectual History, 1300 – 1945, Professor, CIDE, Spring Semester 2017.
- Thesis Seminar: Professor, CIDE, Spring Semester 2016, 2018.
- Graduate Seminar: Historical Methods: Professor, CIDE, Fall Semester 2012, 2014, 2016, 2020.
- Graduate Seminar: History of Modern Europe: Professor, CIDE, Spring Semester 2014.

Undergraduate Courses:

- World History II: From 1650 to the Present: Professor, CIDE, Spring Semester 2006-2020.
- World History I: From 3500 B.C.E. to 1650 C.E.: Professor, CIDE, Fall Semester 2005-2020.
- Western Thought: Professor, CIDE, Fall Semester 2007.
- The History of World Civilizations: 3500 B.C.E. to 1492 C.E.: Professor, CIDE, Spring Semester, 2004.
- History of Europe: 1800-1955: Professor, CIDE, Spring Semester, 2003; Spring Semester, 2002.

Teaching Awards:

"Competition for the Improvement of Teaching Programs, 2009." Award given for superior class design as evidenced in classroom syllabus.

Teaching Interests:

World History	Early Modern Europe	Race and Gender
History of Science	Intellectual History	History of Cartography

Fellowships, Grants and Research Stays

National System of Researchers (<i>CONACYT</i>). (Monthly stipend.)	2019-2022
Faculty Research Grant (CIDE). (\$7000 USD)	2019
National System of Researchers (<i>CONACYT</i>). (Monthly stipend.)	2007-2017 2002-2004
Visiting Scholar, <i>Duke August Library</i> , Wolfenbüttel, Germany. (Stipend plus airfare.)	2010
Visiting Scholar, <i>Clark Library/Center for Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Studies</i> , Los Angeles, CA. (Stipend.)	2008
Visiting Scholar, <i>Max Planck Institute for History</i> , Göttingen, Germany. (Stipend.)	2008
Research Fellowship, <i>DAAD-CONACYT, Max Planck Institute for History</i> , Göttingen, Germany. (Stipend plus airfare.)	2006
Research Fellowship, <i>National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT)</i> for the project: “Science and the Political Elite in Mexico: Understanding the Influence of Knowledge Production on the Political System,” Monterrey, Mexico. (Travel funds.)	2006
Research Fellowship, <i>University of Erfurt/Merian Foundation</i> , Erfurt, Germany. (Stipend plus airfare.)	2003
National System of Researchers (<i>CONACYT</i>). (Monthly stipend.)	2002-2004
Research Fellowship, <i>Parliament of Berlin</i> , Berlin, Germany. (Monthly stipend, housing, airfare.)	2000-2001
Dissertation Year Fellowship, <i>University of California, Office of the President</i> . (Stipend.)	2000-2001
Research Fellowship, <i>DAAD</i> , Göttingen, Germany. (Stipend plus airfare.)	1997-1998
Research Grant, <i>Center for German and European Studies</i> , Berkeley, California. (Stipend plus airfare.)	1996
Recruitment Fellowship, <i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> . (Stipend plus tuition.)	1994-2000
Recruitment Fellowship, <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i> . (Stipend plus tuition.)	1991-1993
Fulbright Scholarship, <i>Institute for International Education</i> , Bonn, Germany. (Stipend plus airfare.)	1989-1990
Post-Graduate Scholarship, <i>National Collegiate Athletic Association</i> (Stipend.)	1989

Foreign Languages

- German (bi-lingual)

- Spanish (fluent)
- French, Portuguese, and Latin (reading)
- Dutch (current language study)

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association
 American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
 World History Association

German Studies Association
 History of Science Society

References

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