

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2017–2026: Doctoral student, University of Bremen; dissertation on Hamburg ties to slavery and people of non-European descent, 1760–1840
2015–2017: Master-level studies in History at the University of Bremen
Jan 2015: Second State Exam for teachers, Bremen
Jul 2013: MA in History/American Studies, University of Amsterdam
Jul 2012: First State Exam, University of Duisburg-Essen

Professional Positions

Since 2026: Postdoctoral researcher, University of Lucerne
2024 to 2026: Freelance historian, Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin, Dekoloniale, Stiftung Historische Museen Hamburg
2023 to 2024: Research fellowships in Halle, Washington D.C., Mainz
2022 to 2023: Teacher, Cuenca, Ecuador
2017 to 2022: Doctoral researcher, University of Bremen
2013 to 2017: Teacher trainee & teacher, Bremen
2010 to 2011: Foreign Language Teaching Assistant, Dartmouth College, USA

Scholarships and Honors

2026: Travel grant for conference attendances, University of Lucerne
2024: NFDI4Memory FAIR Data Fellowship, IEG Mainz
2024: Doctoral Fellowship, German Historical Institute Washington, D.C.
2023: Reemtsma-Fellowship for Enlightenment Research, IZEA Halle
2018: Participant in a Master Class on cosmopolitanism by Jürgen Osterhammel, Klassik Stiftung Weimar
2010/2011: Fulbright Scholarship to the US

Publications

Peer-reviewed publications

- “The Port City as Borderland: Hamburg Authorities and Their Interactions with People of Non-European Descent, 1770–1840,” *History Workshop Journal* (2026) advanced access, pp. 1–21.
- “No Safe Haven: Fugitives from Slavery as Contested Refugees in Hamburg, 1780–1840,” *Itinerario* (2026). Special Issue on Refugees. Edited by Thomas Mareite and Nicolás A. González Quintero, First view online, pp. 1–17.
- “European Port Cities and the Black Atlantic: On the Potential of Global Meso-Histories for the Age of Revolutions,” *Yearbook of Transnational History* 7 (2024). Special Issue on Scales in Migration History. Edited by Susanne Lachenicht, pp. 65–94.

Book chapters and non-peer-reviewed articles

- “In Pursuit of Freedom: Policing Runaways from Slavery in Northwestern Europe.” In *Policing the Black Presence*. Edited by Shandiva Banerjee, Ian Collier and Vincent Denis, forthcoming (2026).
- “Architektur und Macht: Planungen, Interaktionen und Alltag des brandenburgischen Bauingenieurs Carl Constantin von Schnitter auf dem kolonialen Fort »Großfriedrichsburg«, 1683–1685.“ In *Wer Was Wo ist kolonial? Berlin-Geschichte von Pokesu bis Anna-Mungunda-Allee erforschen*. Edited by Lorraine Bluche and Suy Lan Hopmann. Berlin 2026, pp. 41–56.
- “Carl Constantin von Schnitter (1657–1721): Ingenieur der kolonialen Expansion.” In *Berlin sammeln: Objekte und Geschichten aus dem Stadtmuseum*. Edited by Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin. Berlin 2025, p. 63.
- “German Slavery and Its Legacies: On History, Activism, and a Black German Past.” In *Cultural Heritage and Slavery: Perspectives from Europe*. Edited by Stephan Conermann, Claudia Rauhut, Ulrike Schmieder, and Michael Zeuske. Berlin 2023, pp. 303–32 (with Sarah Lentz).
- “Baumwolle aus Togo: Bremen und ein koloniales Rohstoffprojekt, 1901–1914.” In *100% Baumwolle* (TenDenZen 2022 | Jahrbuch 30). Edited by Jan-Christoph Greim. Bremen 2022. pp. 73–79.
- “Black Hamburg: People of Asian and African Descent Navigating a Late Eighteenth- and Early Nineteenth-Century Job Market.” In *Beyond Exceptionalism: Traces of Slavery and the Slave Trade in Early Modern Germany, 1650–1850*. Edited by Rebekka von Mallinckrodt, Josef Köstlbauer and Sarah Lentz. Berlin 2021, pp. 189–214.
- “Bremer Baumwollträume. Bremer Wirtschaftsinteressen und das Streben nach Rohstoffautarkie im kolonialen Togo,” *bonjour.geschichte: bremer online journal* 5 (2017), pp. 1–30.
- “Handel und Landraub. Bremer Kaufleute in Afrika.“ In: *Bremen - eine Stadt der Kolonien? Szenische Lesung mit der Bremer Shakespeare Company* (Aus den Akten auf die Bühne, vol. 10). Edited by Anna Mamzer, Eva Schöck-Quinteros and Mareike Witkowski. Bremen 2016, pp. 17–20.

Outreach and Miscellaneous

- “Made in the Caribbean: The Schön Family,” *Dekoloniale Geschichte[n]*, <https://dekoloniale.de/en/map/stories/made-in-the-caribbean-die-familie-sch%C3%B6n?view=map>, Dec 2024 (interactive feature, with Sophia Aubin).

- “Minderheitengeschichten digital: Über den Versuch, prosopografische Daten zu nicht-weißen Menschen im Hamburger Raum aufzubereiten“, DH Lab, Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte (IEG), Nov 2024, <https://dhlab.hypotheses.org/5756> (with Josefa Cassimo).
- “Fugitives in a Free City: Hamburg and Its Handling of Slavery in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries,” *Age of Revolutions*, June 2023, <https://ageofrevolutions.com/2023/06/15/fugitives-in-a-free-city-hamburg-and-its-handling-of-slavery-in-the-eighteenth-and-nineteenth-centuries/>.
- “Atlantic Slavery and Its Repercussions in German-Speaking Territories, c. 1650–1850,” WORCK Cost Action Bibliographies, Aug 2021, archived: <https://media.suub.uni-bremen.de/entities/publication/bb1a382c-ec72-49b8-8ddd-1406eab066b7>.
- “People of African Descent in Early Modern Europe,” *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, January 2020 (with Rebekka von Mallinckrodt and Josef Köstlbauer).

Reviews and Conference Reports

- Review: “Josephine Akinyosoye, Johannes Tesfai: Sichtbar werden: Auf den Spuren der Kämpfe linker Afrikaner*innen in Hamburg“, *Arbeit – Bewegung – Geschichte*, in press (2026)
- Review: “Eva Seemann: Hofzwerge: Kleinwüchsige Menschen an deutschsprachigen Fürstenhöfen der Frühen Neuzeit.“ *WerkstattGeschichte* 1 (2025), pp. 148–150.
- Review: “Marine Fiedler: Von Hamburg nach Singapur. Translokale Erfahrungen einer Hamburger Kaufmannsfamilie in Zeiten der Globalisierung (1765–1914),“ *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte* 74, 3 (2024), pp. 498–500.
- Review: “Janet L Polasky: Asylum between Nations: Refugees in a Revolutionary Era,” *Social History* 49, 4 (2024), pp. 560–563.
- Review: “Teubner, Melina. Die 'zweite Sklaverei' ernähren: Sklavenschiffsköche und Straßenverkäuferinnen im Südatlantik (1800–1870)“. *Comparativ* 33, 5/6 (2023), pp. 742–744.
- Review: “Globalized Peripheries: Central Europe and the Atlantic World, 1680–1860, ed. Jutta Wimpler and Klaus Weber.” *The English Historical Review*, 138, 594/595 (2023), pp. 1436–1438.
- Conference reports: “HT 2021: Das Alte Reich und die Schweiz in globaler Perspektive“ (panel report, *HSozKult*, Dec 2021), “Spuren des Sklavenhandels im Heiligen Römischen Reich und seinen Nachfolgestaaten. Diskurse, Praktiken und Objekte 1500–1850“ (*HSozKult*, April 2019, H-Slavery), “Geschichte im Rampenlicht. Inszenierungen historischer Quellen im Theater“ (with Christina Sachs, *HSozKult*, January 2018)

Talks and Presentations (since 2023)

Conference Organized:

- October 2026: International conference *Global Histories of Hair, c.1500–2026*, Lucerne (with Sarah-Maria Schober and Laura Schleiss)

Invited Talks:

- February 2026: Presentation at the digital book launch of *Wer Was Wo ist kolonial? Berlin-Geschichte von Pokesu bis Anna-Mungunda-Allee erforschen*, Berlin
- November 2023: “Heinrich Carl Schimmelmann, Auswirkungen kolonialen Handels,“ (Heinrich Carl Schimmelmann, repercussions of colonial practices), public thematic lecture on traces of colonialism and forced labor, organized by the *Arbeitsgruppe Lern- und Gedenkort im Alten Speicher*, Ahrensburg

Conference and Workshop Presentations:

- June 2026: “*Motley Crews? Arbeitswelten nicht-europäischer Seeleute im Hamburg des frühen 19. Jahrhunderts und Versuche obrigkeitlicher Regulierung,*” Conference *Handelsplatz und Weltkulturerbe: Von der Speicherstadt zur Hafen-City: Arbeits- und Lebenswelten im Hamburger Hafen im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert*, Hamburg
- June 2026: “Intimate Labour: Black Female Servants in Hamburg and the German-Speaking Territories, 1760–1840,” *European Labour History Network Conference*, Barcelona
- April 2026: „Colonial Fatherhood and the Question of Slavery,” Workshop *German Anti-Slavery*, FernUniversität Hagen
- April 2025: “Transient Sojourners: People of Color Arriving in Hamburg 1760–1840,” Workshop *Global Gateways: Port Cities as Points of Passage*, University of Bern
- March 2025: “Gradual Manumission: Baptism, Education, Employment, and Their Role in Achieving Freedom from Slavery in Germany, 1760s to 1830s,” *European Social Science History Conference*, Leiden
- June 2024: “Koloniale Gegenströme in Hamburg: Nicht-weiße Menschen und transnationale Ungleichheiten im 18. und frühen 19. Jahrhundert;“ *Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Globalgeschichte*, Bremen
- November 2023: “Anti-Slavery and Alien Laws in Hamburg in the 19th Century: Conditions and Hurdles of an Early Black German Diaspora,” *Conference Between Economy and Morality: The Anti-Slavery Movements as a Transnational Network in the ‘Long 19th Century,’* Bochum
- October 2023: “Negotiating Freedom and Enslavement in the German-Speaking Territories: The Case of Hamburg,” Roundtable discussion “Freedom Across the Atlantic,” *Omohundro Institute Conference For 2026*, Williamsburg, Penn.
- September 2023: “Integrating Early Modern Colonialism: Slavery Legacies as a Blind Spot in German Public Memory,” *PointSud Workshop Decolonising the Public Space in Germany and its Former African Colonies*, Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study
- June 2023: “Making It in Hamburg: Flights from Slavery and the Policing of Black People in a Free City, 1780–1840,” Workshop *Policing Black Presence in Europe in the Long Eighteenth Century*, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris

Colloquia, Lecture Series:

- March 2024: “Hamburg Entanglements with Enslavement and the Presence of non-European People in Hamburg, 1750–1840,” fellowship colloquium, GHI Washington D.C.
 - December 2023: “Verkörperte Fremde. Nicht-europäische Menschen in der Hamburger Populärkultur,” (Embodied Others: Non-European People in Hamburg’s Popular Culture), fellowship colloquium, IZEA, Halle
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Memberships

Verband der Historiker und Historikerinnen Deutschlands (VHD); Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH); Global Urban History Project (GUHP); Gesellschaft für Globalgeschichte (GG); Caribbean Genealogy Library (CGL), Historikerinnennetzwerk Schweiz, German Labour History Association (GLHA)