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## EDUCATION

- 2018 (expected) Ph.D. Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, University of Chicago  
Dissertation Title: *The Forgotten Founder of Quantum Mechanics: The Science and Politics of Physicist Pascual Jordan, 1902–1980*  
Adviser: Robert J. Richards
- 2013 M.A. History, University of Chicago
- 2011 B.A. History, with Honors, Princeton University

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- Dec 2018 “Big Science, Nazified? Pascual Jordan, Adolf Meyer-Abich, and the Abortive Scientific Journal *Physis*,” forthcoming in *Isis* 109, no. 4

### Book Reviews

- March 2017 Jan Rüger and Nikolaus Wachsmann, eds, *Rewriting German History: New Perspectives on Modern Germany*, H-Net Online

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018-2019 Visiting Scholar, Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018-2019 Fishbein Fellowship, Morris Fishbein Center for the History of Science and Medicine, University of Chicago
- 2016 Visiting Predoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (January to August)
- 2015-2016 Graduate Research Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 2012-2018 Five-Year Graduate Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago (on reserve 2015-2016)
- 2011 Horace H. Wilson '25 Senior Thesis Prize for Best Thesis in the Field of History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, History Department, Princeton University

- 2011 Travel Funding for Independent Senior Thesis Research, History Department, Princeton University
- 2010 Book Prize, German Department, Princeton University

## INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “Denazification in Postwar German Physics: The Case of Pascual Jordan,” Physical Sciences Working Group, Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Philadelphia, September 21
- 2017 “An Unlikely Collaboration: The Geopolitical Context of Pascual Jordan’s Eponymous Algebra,” Global Mathematics Symposium, 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress of History of Science and Technology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 23–29
- 2017 “Finding the Forgotten Founder of Quantum Mechanics; or how I became a Historian of Science,” Summer Science Program, University of Colorado, Boulder, July 6
- 2016 “Pascual Jordan, the Göttingen Eighteen, and the 1957 West German Elections,” University of Cambridge, History and Philosophy of Science Reading Group, June 10

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Panels Organized

- 2018 “Usable Pasts: Historical Memory in Modern Science,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, November 1–4 (co-organized with Benjamin Wilson)
- 2017 “Marking the Other: Speech, Archetype and Deviance in Europe, 1900-1960,” German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 5–8 (co-organized with Katya Motyl)

### Papers Presented

- 2018 “Pascual Jordan, the Cold War, and Remembrance of Nazi Pasts,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, November 1–4
- 2017 “‘An Unbelievably Queer Duck’: The Physicist Pascual Jordan and his Stammer,” German Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 5–8
- 2016 “Biophysics in the Third Reich: The Curious Case of *Physis*,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 3–6
- 2016 “Pascual Jordan, the Göttingen Eighteen, and the 1957 West German Elections,” American Institute of Physics Early-Career Conference for Historians of the Physical Sciences, Annapolis, Maryland, April 6–10

## DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2017 “Denazification and Rehabilitation in West German Science: The Case of Physicist Pascual Jordan,” Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, November 8
- 2017 “The Denazification and Reinvention of the Physicist Pascual Jordan, 1945–1953,” Fishbein Workshop in the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, May 19
- 2017 “Pascual Jordan, Adolf Meyer-Abich, and the Abortive Scientific Journal *Physis*,” Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, January 25
- 2016 “Pascual Jordan, the Göttingen Eighteen, and the 1957 West German Elections,” Fishbein Workshop in the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science, May 20
- 2014 “The Nuclear Anthropocene: A West German Case Study,” Fishbein Workshop in the History of the Human Sciences, May 2

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Chicago

#### Instructor

Scientists and the Political Sphere in Six Germanys, 1871-Present (self-designed) Spring 2017

#### Teaching Assistant

Science, Culture, and Society in Western Civilization III: Modern Science Spring 2015

Science, Culture, and Society in Western Civilization III: History of Medicine I Winter 2015

Science, Culture, and Society in Western Civilization II Fall 2014

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Coordinator, History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science Workshop, 2017-2018

Coordinator, History of the Human Sciences Workshop, 2017-2018

Organizer, Nuclear Reactions Lecture Series (commemorating 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of first artificial nuclear reactor), 2017

Departmental Representative, Social Sciences Graduate Activities Committee, 2013-2015

## **LANGUAGES**

German, near-fluent reading and speaking

Russian, first-year reading

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

History of Science Society; German Studies Association

## REFERENCES

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