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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019–present Fellow in Residence, Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Philadelphia

EDUCATION

2019 Ph.D. Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science, with Highest Honors, 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

Book Manuscripts

(in preparation) *Nazi Entanglement: Pascual Jordan, Quantum Mechanics, and the Legacy of the Third Reich*

Refereed Journal Articles

March 2019 “Big Science, Nazified? Pascual Jordan, Adolf Meyer-Abich, and the Abortive Scientific Journal *Physik*,” *Isis* 110, no. 1: 68-90

Book Reviews

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

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019-2021 Teaching Fellow, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago (declined)

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, 25th 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

Stevens Institute of Technology

Instructor

Computers and Society (2 sections) Fall 2019

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

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 75th 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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