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**Academic Positions**

- 04/2016– Assistant Professor (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 04/2015–10/2015 Adjunct Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragter) and Research Assistant (Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft), Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 10/2014–03/2015 Assistant Professor (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 12/2013–09/2014 German Library of Congress Fellow, John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- 10/2012–09/2013 Assistant Professor (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 2007–2012 Various Positions as Tutor and Research Assistant, Institute for English and American Studies and Comparative Literature Department, Goethe University Frankfurt

**Education**

- 10/2016– Postdoctoral Researcher in the Project “American Literature and the Transformation of Privacy,” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 07/2012–07/2016 Doctoral Candidate, Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt  
Dissertation: “The Novels of Crude Psychology: Richard Wright, Fredric Wertham, and the Twofold Truth of Literary Practice”  
Grade: “summa cum laude”  
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Christa Buschendorf  
Reviewers: Prof. Dr. Johannes Völz, Professor Werner Sollors
- 10/2005–03/2012 Magister Artium (“with honors”), Goethe University Frankfurt  
American Studies and Comparative Literature
- 08/2009–05/2010 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Special Student, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, in affiliation with the Department of African and African American Studies

## **Fellowships and Grants**

- 07/2019 Conference Grant, The Ralph and Fanny Ellison Charitable Trust, “(Re)Reading Ralph Ellison,” Symposium at Goethe University Frankfurt, July 19–21, 2019
- 09/2017 Travel Grant, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), The International Ralph Ellison Symposium, Oxford University, Oxford, England
- 08/2016–09/2016 Travel Grant, Association of Friends and Supporters of the Goethe University Frankfurt (Vereinigung von Freunden und Förderern der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), Research trip to the Harvard University Libraries, Cambridge, MA, the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library of Yale University, New Haven, CT, and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library, New York City, NY
- 04/2016 Travel Grant, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), European Association for American Studies Conference, Ovidius University, Constanta, Romania
- 02/2015 Travel Grant, Association of Friends and Supporters of the Goethe University Frankfurt (Vereinigung von Freunden und Förderern der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt), Creating, Shaping, Signifying: The 10<sup>th</sup> Brno Conference of English, American and Canadian Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 12/2013–09/2014 German Library of Congress Fellowship, awarded by the German Association for American Studies (DGfA) and the John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- 12/2013–06/2014 Stipend, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, Washington, DC
- 08/2009–05/2010 Full Stipend, German-American Fulbright Commission, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

## **Awards**

- 2016 Obama Dissertation Prize (for “The Novels of Crude Psychology: Richard Wright, Fredric Wertham, and the Twofold Truth of Literary Practice”), Transnational American Studies Institute, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

## **Publications**

### *Monograph / Manuscript*

*Crude Psychology: Richard Wright's Literary Practice*. Jackson: UP of Mississippi, (under contract).

### *Articles*

"Psychoanalysis." *Richard Wright in Context*. Ed. Michael Nowlin. New York: Cambridge UP, (in preparation).

"The Wright School." *Ralph Ellison in Context*. Ed. Paul Devlin. New York: Cambridge UP, (in preparation).

"The Private Sphere of the Text: Emily Dickinson's Literary Practice and Her Public." *American Counter/Publics*. Ed. Ulla Haselstein, Frank Kelleter, Alexander Starre, and Birte Wege. Heidelberg: Winter, (forthcoming 2019).

"The Topos of Lyrical Gunplay: Hip Hop and the Process of Civilization." *Violence in the American Imagination*. Ed. Andrew Dix and Peter Templeton. New York: Routledge, (forthcoming 2019).

"Richard Wright's Transnationalism and His Unwritten *Magnum Opus*." *The Cambridge Companion to Richard Wright*. Ed. Glenda R. Carpio. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, (forthcoming 2019). 185–198.

"Intellectual Disposition and Bodily Knowledge: Richard Wright's Literary Practice." *Power Relations in Black Lives: Reading African American Literature and Culture with Bourdieu and Elias*. Ed. Christa Buschendorf. Bielefeld: transcript, 2018. 55–76.

"Guilty Children: Richard Wright's *Savage Holiday* and Fredric Wertham's *Dark Legend*." *African American Literary Studies: New Texts, New Approaches, New Challenges*. Ed. Glenda R. Carpio and Werner Sollors. Spec. issue of *Amerikastudien/American Studies* 55.4 (2010): 667–684.

## **Conference Contributions, Lectures, Colloquia**

Panel Moderation. "Aesthetic Theory Today." The Return of the Aesthetic in American Studies Conference. Goethe University Frankfurt. November 29–December 1, 2019.

"Privacy and Americanist Literary Studies: The Case of Emily Dickinson." Current Research in American Studies. Goethe University Frankfurt. October 31, 2018.

"Private Language and American Literary Publics." "American Counter/Publics": 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the German Association for American Studies. Free University of Berlin. May 24–27, 2018.

"The Trope of the Shooting Mouth: Signification and Depacification in Hip Hop." American Studies Research Colloquium. Goethe University Frankfurt. January 16, 2018.

“‘Race’ and Hannah Arendt’s Concept of Privacy.” *Current Research in American Studies*. Goethe University Frankfurt. November 28, 2017.

“Richard Wright: *Native Son*.” *Fully Booked—American Literature at Goethe University*. Goethe University Frankfurt. November 14, 2017.

“‘Finding the Formula’: Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, and Their Positions in the Literary Field.” *The International Ralph Ellison Symposium*. Oxford University, Oxford, England. September 28–30, 2017.

“The Private and the I: Detective Fiction between Romanticism and Modernism.” “Modernities and Modernization in North America”: 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the German Association for American Studies. Leibniz University of Hanover. June 8–11, 2017.

“Privacy, Consciousness, Literature.” With Johannes Völz. *Current Research in American Studies*. Goethe University Frankfurt. November 30, 2016.

“Obama Dissertation Prize Lecture.” *Transnational American Studies Institute*. Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. November 24, 2016.

“James Baldwin and Richard Wright in Paris.” “A Language to Dwell In”: James Baldwin, Paris, and International Visions Conference. The American University of Paris, France. May 26–28, 2016.

Panel Moderation. “The Myriad Connections of James Baldwin.” “A Language to Dwell In”: James Baldwin, Paris, and International Visions Conference. The American University of Paris, France. May 26–28, 2016.

“‘Bigger Thomas was not black all the time; he was white, too’: References to Richard Wright in Contemporary American Literature.” “Mapping Transnational America”: European Association for American Studies Conference. Ovidius University, Constanta, Romania. April 22–25, 2016.

“The Aesthetics of Surveillance and the Process of Allegorical Reading.” *Surveillance | Society | Culture: International Conference*. Georg-August-University Göttingen. February 26–28, 2016.

“Signification and Depacification: Violence in the Aesthetics of Hip Hop.” *Violence in the American Imagination Conference*. Loughborough University, Loughborough, England. July 22–23, 2015.

“Richard Wright’s Urgent Scholasticism: On the Necessary Social Conditions for ‘Signifying’ and Intertextuality.” *American Studies Research Colloquium*. Goethe University Frankfurt. June 30, 2015.

“Richard Wright’s Urgent Scholasticism: On the Necessary Social Conditions for ‘Signifying’ and Intertextuality.” *Creating, Shaping, Signifying: The 10<sup>th</sup> Brno Conference of English, American and Canadian Studies*. Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. February 5–7, 2015.

Panel Moderation. “African American Voices: McKay, Hurston, Fauset.” Creating, Shaping, Signifying: The 10<sup>th</sup> Brno Conference of English, American and Canadian Studies. Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. February 5–7, 2015.

“Relational Sociology as Text Sociology: Pierre Bourdieu’s *Pascalian Meditations* and Richard Wright’s *The Outsider*.” Current Research in American Studies. Goethe University Frankfurt. January 20, 2015.

“Between Neurosis and Innocence: Richard Wright’s Psychology of Colonization and Decolonization.” Postgraduate Forum of the DGfA Conference. Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. October 10–12, 2014.

“‘The Matricidal Theme’: Richard Wright, Fredric Wertham, and the Psychoanalytic Readings of *Hamlet*.” John W. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress, Washington, DC. August 19, 2014.

“Beyond Savagery: Richard Wright on West Africa and White America.” American Literature in the World Graduate Conference. Yale University, New Haven, CT. April 11, 2014.

“Repression and Omission in Richard Wright’s *Native Son*.” American Studies Research Colloquium. Goethe University Frankfurt. July 2, 2013.

“Money, Exchange, Language in Zora Neale Hurston’s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.” Nathan I. Huggins Commemorative Conference. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. December 5, 2009.

### **Organization of Conferences, Symposia, Panels**

“(Re)Reading Ralph Ellison.” Co-Organized with Luvena Kopp and Nicole Lindenberg. Symposium at Goethe University Frankfurt. July 19–21, 2019.

“Rethinking Privacy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives.” Co-organized by DFG Research Project “American Literature and the Transformation of Privacy,” Goethe University Frankfurt, and DFG Research Training Group “Privatheit und Digitalisierung,” University Passau. Symposium at Goethe University Frankfurt, May 28, 2018.

“Post-Black Aesthetics versus Black Lives Matter: Debating ‘Race’ in Contemporary American Society and Culture.” Co-organized with Nicole Hirschfelder, Luvena Kopp, Marlon Lieber, and Jiří Šalamoun. Panel at “Mapping Transnational America”: European Association for American Studies Conference. Ovidius University, Constanta, Romania. April 22–25, 2016.

### **Teaching**

“Privacy in American Literature and Culture,” Summer Term 2018 (M.A. seminar); “Introduction to Literary Studies,” Summer Term 2016 (B.A. seminar); “Introduction to Literary Studies,” Summer Term 2016 (B.A. seminar); “Race and Intertextuality in Contemporary American Literature,” Summer Term 2016 (B.A. seminar); “Scenes of Withdrawal in Literature and Culture from the 1860s to the 1960s,” Summer Term 2016

(B.A. seminar); “Ghetto Poetry: Sociogenesis and Symbolism,” Summer Term 2015 (B.A. seminar); “Introduction to American Cultural Studies,” Summer Term 2015 (B.A. seminar); “Introduction to American Cultural Studies,” Winter Term 2014/15 (B.A. seminar); “Introduction to American Cultural Studies,” Summer Term 2013 (B.A. seminar); “Richard Wright, *Native Sons*: The Novel and Its Adaptations,” Winter Term 2013/14 (B.A. seminar); “Introduction to American Cultural Studies,” Winter Term 2013/14 (B.A. seminar)

### **University and Departmental Service**

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| 2016            | Member of the admissions committee for the Master’s Program in American Studies for the Winter Term 2016/17, Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt |
| 2014            | Member of selection committee for student exchange with North American partner universities, Goethe University Frankfurt   |
| 10/2012–09/2013 | Study Abroad Advisor, Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt  |
| 2012            | Member of selection committee for student exchange with North American partner universities, Goethe University Frankfurt   |
| 2009            | Member of selection committee for Junior Professorship (W1) in American History, Institute for English and American Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt                             |

### **Memberships**

Frankfurt Humanities Research Centre (FZHG)  
German Association for American Studies (DGfA)  
German Fulbright Alumni Association  
Modern Language Association (MLA)  
The Ralph Ellison Society