

Dr. James Ford Howell, Ph.D.

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Instructional Assistant Professor, Department of Global Languages & Cultures, Texas A&M University, August 2019 to present.

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of German Studies, University of Arizona, March 2018 to August 2019.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Transcultural German Studies, University of Arizona, 2017.

M.A., German Studies, University of Arizona, 2008.

B.A., German Studies, University of Arizona, 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

"The Hagiography of a Secular Saint: Alexander von Humboldt and the Scientism of the German Democratic Republic." *The German Quarterly* 91.1 (2018): 67-82.

"Recasting the Significant: The Transcultural Memory of Alexander von Humboldt's Visit to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C." *Humanities* 5.3 (2016): 49.

Review. Bersier, Gabrielle. *Wege des Heilens: Goethes Physiologische Autobiographie Dichtung und Wahrheit*. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2014. *Goethe Yearbook* 22 (2015), pp. 279-80.

Review. Koehn, Elisabeth Johanna, Daniela Schmidt, Johannes-Georg Schüle, Johannes Weiß and Paula Wojcik, eds. *Andersheit um 1800: Figuren – Theorien – Darstellungsformen*. München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag, 2011. *Goethe Yearbook* 21 (2014), pp. 296-98.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow of the 2018 Notre Dame Berlin Seminar, "German Literary Institutions – Der Literaturbetrieb: An Introduction to Key Players."

Max Kade Foundation Notre Dame Berlin Seminar Travel Subsidy, 2018 (\$1,200).

2017 College of Humanities Outstanding Graduate Assistant in Teaching Award, University of Arizona.

Professional Development Fellowship Grant, Department of German Studies, University of Arizona, 2017 (\$1,270).

Graduate Fellowship Grant, University of Arizona ConfluenCenter for Creative Inquiry, 2014 (\$5,000).

Professional Opportunities Development Grant, University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council, 2014 (\$1,132.71).

Graduate Fellowship Grant, University of Arizona ConfluenCenter for Creative Inquiry, 2013 (\$5,000).

Max Kade Graduate Fellowship, 2010-2011 (\$14,000).

TALKS

"Reassessing the Imperial Gaze: A Critical Survey of the English-Language Reception of Alexander von Humboldt since the Publication of Mary Louise Pratt's *Imperial Eyes*." Presented at the 136th Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association: Interdisciplinary, Intergenerational, Interlocutory - The Persistence of Alexander von Humboldt (2021).

"Measuring the Fictional World: A Critical Survey of the Literary Representation of Alexander von Humboldt." Presented at the 44th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association: Knowledge, Representation, and Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Scientific Thought (2020).

"Recasting the Canon: Alexander von Humboldt in Contemporary German Children's Literature." Presented at the 51st Annual Convention of the Northeastern Modern Language Association: Cosmos and Community: 250 Years of German Nature Writing (2020).

"Labeling the Cosmos: The Use of Alexander von Humboldt's Name in the Twenty-First Century." Presented at the 43rd Annual Conference of the German Studies Association: Legacies of Famous Germans: Luther, Goethe, Humboldt (2019).

"Writing Oneself into the Past: F.C. Delius and the Convergence of Cultural Memory and Autofiction." Presented at the 3rd Annual Conference of the Memory Studies Association: Magical Realism, Autobiography, Exoticism, and Sustainability in Literary Memory Work (2019).

"Empowerment, Restraint, Paradox: Examining the Role of Normativity in F.C. Delius' *Der Spaziergang von Rostock nach Syrakus*." Presented at the 41st Conference of the German Studies Association: Enabling or Restricting? Art and Fiction Articulating Norms (2017).

"Reintroducing a Hero: Alexander von Humboldt in Contemporary German Children's Literature." Presented at the University of Arizona's 4th Annual Oceans and Deserts Symposium: Charting Transdisciplinary Currents in Environment and Culture (2017).

"Alexander von Humboldt and the Changing Landscape of Memory Studies." Presented at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Colloquium "Global Research in the 21st Century: Perspectives of the U.S. Humboldt Network" (2017).

"Der Spaziergang nach Italien: Johann Gottfried Seume, Friedrich Christian Delius, and the Intertextuality of the *Italienreise*." Presented at the 40th Conference of the German Studies Association: Travel as a Venue for Wonder, Self-Reflection, New Career (2016).

"Die Vermessung des Gedächtnisses: Alexander von Humboldt und die Erforschung der transkulturellen Erinnerungslandschaft." Universität Bern Institut für Germanistik Herbst-Colloquium (2015).

"Recasting the Significant: Alexander von Humboldt in Philadelphia and Washington." Presented at the 68th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association: German Literature before 1900 (2014).

"The Hagiography of a Secular Saint: Alexander von Humboldt and the Scientism of the German Democratic Republic." Presented at the 38th Conference of the German Studies Association: Substance of the Secular (2014).

"Deadly Cultures of Love: Georg Forster on the Spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the South Pacific." Paper presented at the Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies at the University of California, Davis: Love and Affect in the Long Eighteenth Century (2014).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

"Beginning German II," Texas A&M University (Fall 2019).

"Intermediate German I," Texas A&M University (Fall 2020, Fall 2021).

"Intermediate German II," Texas A&M University (Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2022).

"German Conversation," Texas A&M University (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

"German Composition," Texas A&M University (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022).

"German Culture and Civilization I," Texas A&M University (Summer 2021).

"German Culture and Civilization II," Texas A&M University (Summer 2022).

"German Author and Genre," Texas A&M University (Fall, 2020).

"Current Issues in International Studies," Texas A&M University (Fall 2021)

"Directed Study," Texas A&M University (Spring 2020, Fall 2022).

"Research: Senior Honor Thesis," Texas A&M University (Spring 2021).

"Tales of Love," University of Arizona (Spring 2019)

"German Culture, Science and Technology," University of Arizona (Spring 2019).

"Crisis and Rebellion" (online), University of Arizona (Fall 2018).

"Contemporary German Culture" (online and in person), University of Arizona (Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019).

"Thinkers and Dreamers," University of Arizona (Fall 2018).

"Voices Past & Present," University of Arizona (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2015).

"Beginning German I," University of Arizona (Fall 2006, Spring 2016).

"Beginning German II," University of Arizona (Spring 2007, Summer 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016).

"Intermediate German I," University of Arizona (Fall 2007).

"Intermediate German II" (online and in person), University of Arizona (Spring 2008, Summer 2016).

"Intermediate Intensive German," University of Arizona (Summer 2013).

"Becoming Transcultural: Maximizing Study Abroad," University of Arizona (Fall 2014).

"Encounters in Language & Culture," University of Arizona (Fall 2014, Spring 2017).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President of the South Texas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (Fall 2022 to present).

Panel Moderator: "Collective Identities in German Soccer" at the 46th Conference of the German Studies Association (2022).

Vice President of the South Texas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (Fall 2021 to Fall 2022).

Panel Moderator: "New Beginnings for the Gift and Debt" at Given Time in Three Times: 1978-79, 1991, 2021 – A Symposium on Derrida's *Donner le Temps I & II* at Texas A&M University (2021).

Panel Moderator and Commentator: "Resonances of the 19th Century in Literary Studies" at the 45th Conference of the German Studies Association (2021).

Panel Commentator: "Turn of the Century Discourses on Modernity" at the 43rd Conference of the German Studies Association (2019).

Panel Organizer: "Enabling or Restricting? Art and Fiction Articulating Norms" at the 41st Conference of the German Studies Association (2017).

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Global Languages & Cultures, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022 to present.

Member of Faculty Senate, College of Arts & Sciences Caucus, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022 to present.

Member of Academic Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022 to present.

Member of College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Instruction Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022 to present.

Chair of Department of Global Languages & Cultures Academic Professional Track Annual Review Committee, Texas A&M University, Spring 2023 to present.

Chair of Department of Global Languages & Cultures Curriculum Committee, Texas A&M University, Spring 2021 to Spring 2022.

Member of Department of Global Languages & Cultures Executive Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022 to present.

Member of Global Languages & Cultures BA in Global Studies Program Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2022 to present.

Coordinator of First- and Second-Year German Courses, Department of International Studies, Texas A&M University, August 2019 to present.

Faculty Advisor to the German Club, Department of International Studies, Texas A&M University, August 2019 to present.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of International Studies, Texas A&M University, Spring 2021 to Fall 2022.

Member of Texas A&M University Path Forward Implementation Work Group #12 (Bush School of Government & Public Service), Spring 2022 to Summer 2022.

Member of Texas A&M University Path Forward Implementation Work Group #12 (Bush School of Government & Public Service) Career & Student Services Subcommittee, Spring 2022 to Summer 2022.

Member of the College of Liberal Arts Scholarship Committee, Texas A&M University, Spring 2022 to Summer 2022.

Member of Faculty Senate, College of Liberal Arts Caucus, Texas A&M University, Fall 2020 to Summer 2021.

Member of Budget Information Committee, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University, Fall 2020 to Summer 2021.

Member of College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Instruction Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2020 to Spring 2022.

Chair of Department of International Studies Curriculum Committee, Texas A&M University, Spring 2021 to Spring 2022.

Member of Department of International Studies Executive Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2021 to Spring 2022.

Member of Department of International Studies Curriculum Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2020.

Department of International Studies Annual Review Committee, Texas A&M University, Spring 2020 to Spring 2022.

Member of Department of International Studies Climate and Inclusion Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2019 to Spring 2021.

Member of Department of International Studies Language Instruction Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2019 to Spring 2022.

Member of Department of International Studies Search Committee for French Lecturer Position, Texas A&M University, Summer 2021.

Member of Department of International Studies Search Committee for Russian/German Lecturer Position, Texas A&M University, Spring 2021.

Member of College of Liberal Arts Strategic Planning Workgroup, Texas A&M University, Spring 2021.

Member of Department of International Studies Strategic Planning Connections and Partnerships Taskforce, Texas A&M University, Fall 2019 to Spring 2022.

Member of College of Liberal Arts Climate and Inclusion Committee, Texas A&M University, Fall 2019 to Summer 2020.

Member of Department of International Studies Search Committee for Chinese Lecturer Position, Texas A&M University, Spring 2020.

LANGUAGES

English
German
French (reading)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st Century German culture, literature, and history
Cultural and transcultural memory studies
Travel literature and travel writing
Alexander von Humboldt studies

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Teachers of German
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
German Studies Association
Modern Languages Association
Women in German Studies