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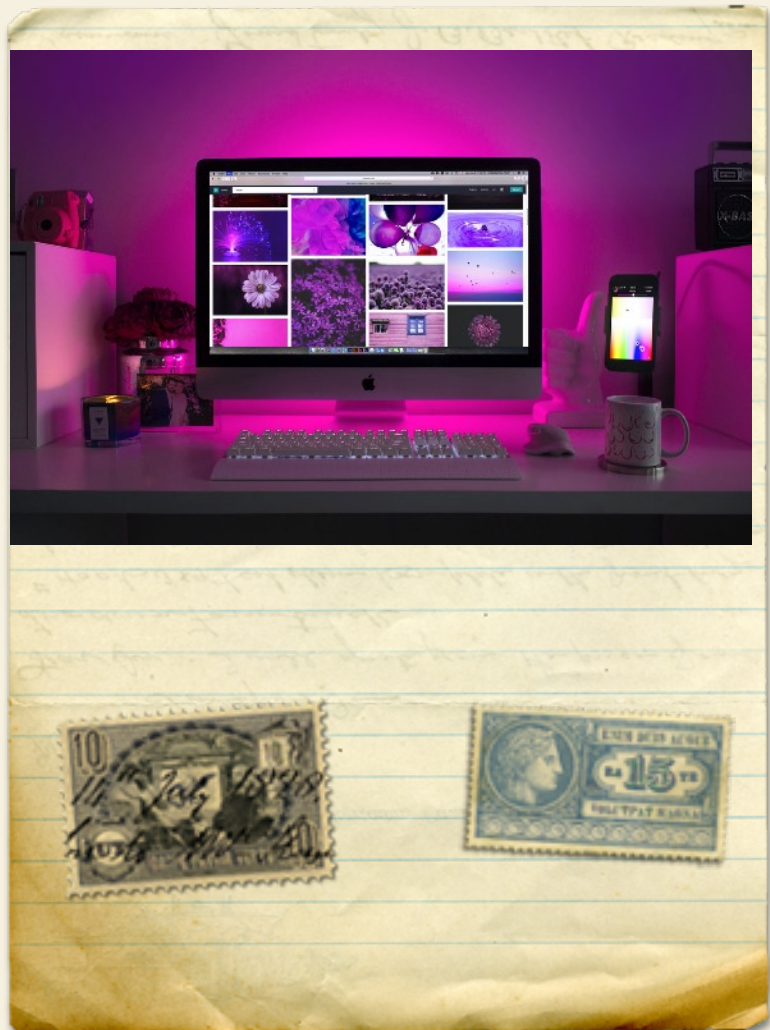
The Virtual 2020 Exhibit Hall can be found [here](#)

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR EUROPEAN HISTORY SECTION MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 4:00 P.M.**

The meeting is for Executive Committee members and committee chairs and will be held virtually. Attendees will be emailed the link to the virtual meeting.

***THE LIST OF EHS VIRTUAL PANELS BEGINS ON PAGE 2.
PANELS DEFERRED TO NEW ORLEANS, 2021, WILL
FOLLOW.***



European history sessions at the Southern Historical Association
Virtual Conference.

November 19-21, 2019

**Friday, November 20:
9:00-10:30 A.M. (all times eastern)**

**4. Slavery and Freedom in the Age of
Revolutions**

PRESIDING:

Andre Fleche
Castleton University

“In the Name of the Republic’: The Sale
of Enslaved People as *Biens Nationaux*
During the French Revolution”

Nathan E. Marvin
University of Arkansas-Little
Rock

“Red Republicans and Popish Plots: The
Impact of Europe’s Revolutions on
American Abolitionists and Catholics”

Spencer York
University of Alabama

“Coolies in Indian Literature:
Understanding Colonial History and
Modern Slavery”

Aratrika Ganguly
University of Calcutta

COMMENTS:

Andre Fleche
Castleton University

**Friday, November 20:
1:00-2:30 P.M.**

10. Black Lives Matter in Europe

PRESIDING:

Emily R. Gioielli
Imre Kertész Kolleg Jena

PANELISTS:

Rebecca Boehling
USHMM

Sunnie Rucker-Chang
University of Cincinnati

Tiffany N. Florvil
University of New Mexico

Kennetta Hammond Perry
De Montfort University

Andrew Daily
University of Memphis

Meredith L. Roman
SUNY Brockport

**Friday, November 20:
3:00-4:30 P.M.**

**13. European Historian or Teacher
of European History: The Risks and
Rewards of Teaching Outside the
Research University**

PRESIDING:

Lois Honeycutt
University of Missouri

PANELISTS:

Christopher Paoella
Valencia College

Rebecca Jacobs Pollez
Murray State College

Mark Singer
Minot State University

Tiffany A. Ziegler
Midwestern State University

Robert S. Babcock
Hastings College

MEMPHIS IN NEW ORLEANS

**DEFERRED EHS PANELS
(DATES AND TIMES TBD)**

**Central European Empire at the Fin
De Siècle**

PRESIDING:

Daniel Unowsky
University of Memphis

“Aesthetic Empire and the Invisible
Colony”

M. Blake Morley
Georgia State University

“The Pan-German League as Agents of
Discursive Colonialism”

William Greer
Georgia State University

“Fin-de-siècle German Settlers in
Southwest Africa”

Shawn M. Reagin
Georgia State University

COMMENTS:

Daniel Unowsky
University of Memphis

**Europe on the Threshold of
Modernity**

PRESIDING:

Isaac Stephens
University of Mississippi

“Annihilated in His Presence”: Image,
Dynasty, and Family in the Royal Portraits
of Henry VIII, James II, and George II”

Amber Anna Colvin
University of Memphis

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European history sessions deferred to New Orleans

**Astor Crowne Plaza
New Orleans, Louisiana
NOVEMBER 3-6, 2021**

“The Wages of Trade”
Zachary Schulz
Auburn University

“German Patriot, German Traitor?:
Friedrich Gentz, Nationalism, and the
Making of a German Confederation”
Travis Eakin
University of Missouri

COMMENTS:
Isaac Stephens
University of Mississippi

Expressions of National Identity in Lesser, Great, and Imperial Britain

PRESIDING:
Andrew Daily
University of Memphis

“*Arvot ha Argout*: Breton National Identity in
Landscape Prose and Gardens”
Kyra Sanchez-Clapper
University of Memphis

“Workers, Migrants, and Britons:
Circulating Concepts about Migration
among the Victorian Working Classes”
Alexandra Lindgren-Gibson
University of Mississippi

“From New Wave Polarization to Britpop
Pride and Angst: Examining Britishness
through 1980s and 1990s British Rock”
Neal Palmer
Christian Brothers University

COMMENTS:
Joshua First
University of Mississippi

Race and Belonging in European History

PRESIDING:
Andrew Behrendt
Missouri University of Science
and Technology

“*Le teint d'une cheminée*”: Beauty, the
Mazarinettes and the Politics of
Xenophobia, 1648-1699”
Emilie M. Brinkman
Thomas More College

“Germans, Danes, and the Invention of
Nordicism in the Early Nineteenth
Century”
J. Laurence Hare
University of Arkansas

“Heroes like Us: Positioning the Japanese in
the Nazi Racial State”
Sarah Panzer
Missouri State University

COMMENTS:
Andrew Behrendt
Missouri University of Science
and Technology

Race, Gender, and National Belonging in ‘New Europe’

PRESIDING:
Tait Keller
Rhodes College

“Deadly Winds from the East: Racialized
Interpretations of Poison Gas in Germany,
1915-1945”
Peter Thompson
University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign

“Administrative Violence: An Intersectional
Analysis of the Polish Constitution of
1921”

Meghann T. Pytko
Northwestern University

“‘Romanization’ and the Creation of Zones
of Allocation: Romanian Policies Targeting
Roma During the Interwar Period”
Cristina Stoica
Western University

COMMENTS:
Tait Keller
Rhodes College

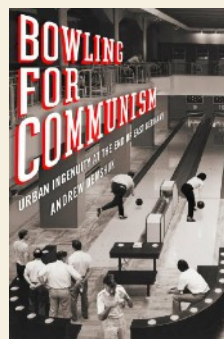
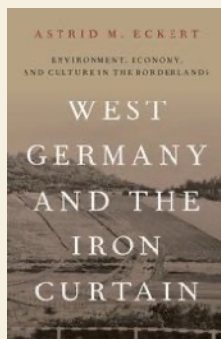


Interior of the Jewish Memorial,
Dachau Concentration Camp
Photo by David Redles

Section Member News

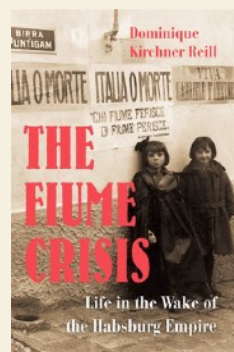
publications, prizes, promotions, retirements

Astrid M. Eckert, Emory University, won the 2020 GSA/DAAD Book Prize in History for *West Germany and the Iron Curtain: Environment, Economy and Culture in the Borderlands* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019). According to the presenters: “Astrid M. Eckert’s presentation of the borderlands as a fundamental geographic unit of the Cold War, and her deft analysis of its constitutive process in the postwar decades, breaks new ground in historiography. Written in crisp, pellucid prose and based on years of exacting archival research, the work provides students, scholars, and a general reading audience with a new understand of West Germany during the Cold War...A model of historical scholarship, Eckert’s opus is likewise a broader cautionary tale about the cultural, political, and economic consequences of borders and walls.”



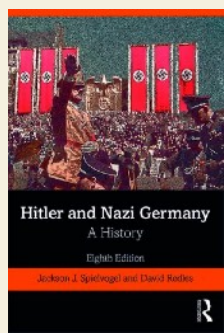
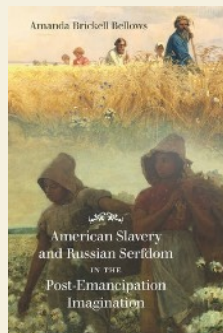
Andrew Demshuk, American University, published *Bowling for Communism: Urban Ingenuity at the End of East Germany* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020); and “Architecture beyond Ideology: The Politics of Forgotten Landmarks in Communist East Germany,” *Journal of Urban History* (Published online, September, 2020).

Dominique K. Reill, University of Miami, published *The Fiume Crisis: Life in the Wake of the Habsburg Empire* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Belknap, 2020).



Alice-Catherine Carls, University of Tennessee at Martin, published her own translation of her book with Stephen D. Carls, *Europe From War to War: 1914-1945* (Routledge, 2018) as, *L'Europe d'une guerre à l'autre: 1914-1945* (Lille: Presses Universitaires du Septentrion, 2020). She also was appointed to the editorial board of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society and is currently completing a student booklet for her book, co-edited with Hanno H. Weitering, *Finding Schifrah: The Journey of a Dutch Holocaust Child Survivor* (Pleasantville, TN: Dubois Press, 2019).

Amanda Brickell Bellows, The New School, published *American Slavery and Russian Serfdom in the Post-Emancipation Imagination* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020).



David Redles, Cuyahoga Community College, published, with Jackson Spielvogel, the 8th edition of *Hitler and Nazi Germany: A History* (London: Routledge, 2020).



Photo by Stephen D. Carls

Section Member News

In Memoriam: Nancy Rupprecht

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long-time EHS member Nancy Rupprecht on August 7, 2020 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Nancy was a historian, a dedicated faculty member, an exacting scholar, and a loyal friend. A graduate of the University of Missouri Columbia (B.A., 1965, M.A., 1967) and the University of Michigan (Ph.D., 1982), she spent the academic year 1965-1966 in Germany to study German youth in pre-war Nazi Germany; one highlight of that year was her being able to interview, along with representatives of multiple governments with recording equipment, former Nazi Party national youth leader Baldur von Schirach shortly before his release from Spandau prison. At the University of Michigan, she studied under Professor Gerhard Weinberg, who became her mentor and her dear friend.

As a graduate student, Nancy was a teaching fellow at the University of Michigan. She taught at Washington University in St. Louis, Grinnell College, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis before being hired at Middle Tennessee University in the fall of 1985, where she became Professor of History and taught until her death. There, she served as Faculty Advisor for the national History Honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, and organized the regional conference in 1989. She also served two terms as Director of the Women's Studies Program and directed the Holocaust Studies Program from 2000 until her death. She organized nine internationally renowned biennial Middle Tennessee Holocaust and Genocide Studies Conferences. At the time of her death, she was busy organizing the next conference, which was planned for 2019 but was postponed by COVID-19. Nancy was a dedicated and exacting teacher who was respected and loved by her students, colleagues, and peers.

In all her work, Nancy paid great attention to protest political humor and was fond of using examples in her presentations, adding a unique perspective on the subjects she taught or researched. Her areas of expertise included modern Germany, European women since 1700, and Holocaust Studies. Her most important contribution to historical scholarship was as co-editor with Wendy Koenig of three volumes of the proceedings of MTSU's Holocaust and Genocide Studies Conferences: *Holocaust Persecution: Responses and Consequences* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010), to which she contributed two chapters; *The Holocaust and World War II in History and in Memory* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012), to which she also contributed two chapters and *Global Perspectives on the Holocaust*, (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015), to which she contributed another chapter. Her article "'Live faithfully, fight bravely, die laughing' – The Behavioral Socialization of German Boys in the Pre-War Hitler Youth" was published in *Nationalism, War, and Sacrifice* by the Library of Social Science (2015). Nancy was also working on a biography of Neville Chamberlain, on Jewish humor in the Holocaust era, and on a book on Sylvia Pankhurst at the time of her death.

Nancy was a lifelong member of the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association. She joined the Section in the 1980s. Her first official position was on the Nominating Committee in 1996; she served again on it in 2012 and 2015. She served as Vice-Chair of the Southern Historical Association's Program Committee responsible for non-US sessions in 2001, and served as Section Vice-Chair and Chair in 2002-2003 and again in 2006-2007. She faithfully attended the annual meetings of the Southern Historical Association as presenter, commentator, and panel chair on the European History Section programs. At the 2015 annual meeting of the SHA in Little Rock, Arkansas, she presided the roundtable entitled "Reflections on the Scholarship of Gerhard L. Weinberg. Her last conference paper, scheduled for the 2016 Annual Meeting, was entitled "The Death of Innocence: Racial Education in the Pre-War Hitler Youth."

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Nancy's presence in the Section was also felt in the many friendships that she nurtured and in the lasting memories that she leaves behind among her friends and colleagues, notably Gerhard Weinberg, professor emeritus of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Don McKale, a longtime professor of History at Clemson University, who was her classmate at "Mizzou;" Joanne Rao-Sanchez, professor emerita of History at St. Edwards University; Robert Billinger, professor emeritus of History at the Wingate University; Joel Dark, former MTSU student and Professor of History at Tennessee State University; Wendy Koenig, Professor of Art History at Long Beach City College; and Alice-Catherine Carls, Tom Elam Distinguished Professor of History, University of Tennessee at Martin. She also brought EHS managing editor David Redles, Professor of History at Cuyahoga Community College, into the group, for which he is eternally grateful. Together Nancy's circle of friends and scholars contributed much to the development and success of the Section.

Nancy received many awards for her service to her university and the History profession. Middle Tennessee State University awarded her the King-Hampton award for outstanding service to Women and the Ayne Cantrell Award for service to the Women's Studies program. The European History Section of the Southern Historical Association awarded her the Enno E. Kraeche award in 2010 for exceptional service to the Section. Nancy will be deeply missed.

Alice-Catherine Carls, Distinguished Professor of History, University of Tennessee at Martin:

Remembrances:

"Nancy Rupprecht, as I came to know her, was never one to go just a little way toward her goals but rather a person determined to keep pushing energetically to goals that certainly were clear to her. Whether it was the substantive area of research in which she was engaged or an organizational project in which she believed, Nancy Rupprecht invariably gave it her all. One more reason why she will very much be missed."

Gerhard Weinberg, Professor Emeritus University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

"Nancy had a major influence on my life, first as my professor in European and German history classes at MTSU and later as a friend and colleague when I chose those subjects as a career. I recognize her in all of the beautiful tributes that friends have posted—from the ambitious reading lists in her classes to her vision for new programs at MTSU to her love of Nero Wolfe. She was able to care so well—authentically and meaningfully—about so much, and I will always be grateful to have been one of the many students she looked after so well."

Joel Dark, Professor of History and Associate Dean of Liberal Arts, Tennessee State University

"Nancy and I spent days and nights together over the years as co-editors of three Holocaust Studies books and she introduced me to numerous scholars and survivors who have impacted my life. She was witty, smart as a whip and had a memory for details that rivaled people half her age. I am grateful for her mentorship and friendship over the years and I will miss her tremendously. We shared a love of reading, music, movies, good conversations, hot salsa and, of course, Coca-Cola products ("not that Devil's spawn, Pepsi," as she like to say). Nancy enriched the lives of so many students and colleagues and I regret that I will never hear her voice or her laugh again."

Wendy Koenig, Professor of Art History at Long Beach City College



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Statue of Maximilian Joseph Graf von Montgelas, near Promenade Square, Munich
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