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**Professor Emeritus**

**Professor** (unranked), 1996-2022  
**Department Chair**, 2001-2016, 2018-2022  
**Fine Arts and Humanities Division Chair**, 2011-2018

**EDUCATION**

<b>University of Iowa</b>	Ph.D. in History
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> School of Advanced International Studies	M.A. in International Affairs
<b>Cambridge University</b> Wolfson College	M.A. in History
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	M.S. in Education B.A. in History

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book:**

*Becoming German: The 1709 Palatine Migration to New York.* Cornell University Press, 2004.

**Book Chapters, Articles, Online Resources:**

“Interview mit dem Historiker Philip Otterness über die Werbeschrift Joshua Kocherthals von 1709” and “Zwei Petitionen der ‘Palatines’ in London” in *Plötzlich Da. Deutsche Bittsteller 1709, Türkische Nachbarn 1961*, edited by Simone Blaschka-Eick and Christoph Bongert, Deutsches Auswandererhaus, Bremen, 2016. Articles translated to German by the editors.

“The Palatine Immigrants of 1710 and the Native Americans.” In *“A Peculiar Mixture”: German Language Cultures and Identities in Eighteenth-Century North America*, edited by Oliver Scheiding and Jan Stievermann. Penn State University Press, 2013.

“Germans in the Atlantic World.” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Atlantic History*, Oxford University Press, 2011. [www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com](http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com)

“‘Versprochenes Land’: The 1709 Palatine Migration to America.” In *Pfälzer in Amerika*. edited by Werner Kemp, Roland Paul, and Helmut Schmahl. Wissenschaftlichen Verlag Trier, 2010. (This chapter was also translated into German for distribution in Germany.)

“The 1709 Palatine Migration and the Formation of German Immigrant Identity in London and New York,” *Explorations in Early American Culture*, 3 (1999), 8-23.

“The New York Naval Stores Project and the Transformation of the Poor Palatines, 1710-1712,” *New York History*, 75 (April 1994), 133-54.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Keynote addresses and invited lectures:

*The Wendell Tripp Lecture in New York State History*. “What’s Elvis Got to Do with It? Palatine Migration and New York’s Colonial Legacy” delivered at the Conference on New York State History, Syracuse, June 2005.

“The Palatines of New York: First Arrivals as Exemplars and Exceptions.” Keynote lecture delivered at the conference German-Speaking People in the Greater Mid-Atlantic Region, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, October 8, 2009.

“Versprochenes Land: Ansiedlungsprojekte in den USA.” *Pfälzer in Amerika* conference, Kaiserslautern, Germany, June 12, 2009.

“The 1709 Palatine Migration and its Colonial Legacy.” Conference of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, Kutztown, PA, September 10, 2011.

“‘Neither French, nor English, nor Indian’: The Palatine Germans of New York.” The 2011 Western Frontier Symposium, Johnstown, NY, October 15, 2011.

### Conference and seminar papers:

“‘In perfect peace and in very good friendship’ Myth and Reality in German-Speaking Migrant Encounters with Native Americans in Early Eighteenth-Century North Carolina.” *Habsburg Encounters with Native America* conference, Innsbruck, Austria, June 22, 2023.

“The 1710 Palatine Migration and German Identity in New York and North Carolina.” Annual Conference of the German History Society, London, September 2020. Delivered online.

“The 1709 Palatine Migration and the Formation of German Immigrant Identity.” Seminar of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, and the Maryland University-Georgetown University Colonial History Seminar, December 1997.

“The ‘Poor Palatines’ of 1709: The Origins and Characteristics of an Early Modern Mass Migration.” International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1800, Harvard University, September 1996.

“German Identity in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World.” Annual Conference of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Boulder, May 1996.

“The Naval Stores Project of 1710-12 and the Transformation of the Poor Palatine Refugees.” Conference on New York State History, Brooklyn College, June 1994.

### **Public history and other presentations**

“Christoph von Graffenried’s Grand Adventure and the Palatine and Swiss Founding of New Bern.” National Genealogical Society Conference, Raleigh, NC, May 10, 2017.

Television appearance with Katey Sagal explaining her genealogy and eighteenth-century Amish roots. TLC’s *Who Do You Think You Are?* First televised April 17, 2016.

“From the Rhineland to the Hudson River Valley: The Palatine German Migration of 109-1710.” Dutchess Heritage Days. The Dutchess County Historical Society. September 18, 2014.

Television appearance with Reba McEntire explaining the history of early nineteenth-century Raleigh. NBC’s *Who Do You Think You Are?* First televised March 2, 2012.

Television appearance with Tim McGraw telling the story of early German migration to New York. NBC’s *Who Do You Think You Are?* First televised February 11, 2011.

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

*Dixon Ryan Fox Award* presented for the best manuscript on New York State History. Presented in 2003 for manuscript of *Becoming German: The Palatine Migration to New York*.

*National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship* to complete research and write book on the 1709 Palatine migration and the formation of German immigrant identity in Early America, July 2002-June 2003.

*Fulbright Scholarship* to participate in German Studies Seminar. Bonn, Berlin, and Munich, Summer 1999.