

## **Astrid M. Eckert**

### **EDUCATION**

- 1999-2002    FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN, Ph.D. in History (2003), summa cum laude  
Dissertation advisor: Knud Krakau  
Second Reader: Norbert Frei, Bochum (now Jena)
- 1998-99      YALE UNIVERSITY  
Visiting Research Fellow, Fox International Fellowship
- 1994-95      UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, M.A. (1995)  
Major Field: American History
- 1991-98      FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN, M.A. (1998)  
Major Fields: Modern European History and American History

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- Since  
Jan. 2006    Assistant Professor of Modern European History, Emory University, Department  
of History, Atlanta, GA
- Affiliated faculty of the Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies  
and the German Studies Department
- Jan.-Dec.  
2008         Commissioned Writer for the Independent Historical Commission on the History  
of the German Foreign Office during National Socialism and the Early Federal  
Republic  
Contributed sections on 1) the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg 1945/46; 2) the  
Ministries Trial 1947-49 (Case 11); 3) the Foreign Office's treatment of former members of the  
German resistance in terms of restitution & memory; the Fischer controversy of 1961
- Fall 2002 –  
Fall 2005    Postdoctoral Research Fellow, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

### **RESEARCH RELATED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2009         Faculty International Research Grant, Institute for Critical Comparative and  
International Studies (ICIS), Emory University
- 2007         Faculty International Travel Grant, Institute for Comparative and International  
Studies (ICIS), Emory University
- Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung (ZZF) Potsdam, Summer Research  
Fellowship (Leibniz Summer Fellowships)

- 2005 Honorable Mention at H-Soz-u-Kult book award “History Books 2004” -- category *Award of the H-Soz-u-Kult Audience* at <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/index.asp?pn=forum&type=buchpreis&name=ergebnis&bereich=PP&year=2004>
- 2004 Hedwig Hintze Prize of the German Historical Association, awarded every two years for the best dissertation in history (entries from all fields, one award)
- 2004 Friedrich Meinecke Prize for best dissertation in the History Department of the Free University of Berlin
- 2000-02 German National Academic Foundation (*Studienstiftung*) Dissertation Grant
- 2000 German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., Dissertation Research Grant
- 2000 German Historical Institute, London, Dissertation Research Grant
- 1998-99 Fox International Fellowship, Yale University
- 1994-95 Fulbright Fellowship
- 1993-1998 Konrad Adenauer Foundation Scholarship

#### **TEACHING RELATED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2009 Hightower Fund to bring an external speaker to enrich HIST 385: Nazi Politics and Medicine
- 2008 Winner in peer-reviewed H-German Syllabus Contest for Emory HIST 585: Writing History, Fighting History – Controversies in German Historiography after 1945 (Graduate Course) at [http://www.h-net.org/~german/syllabi/syllabus\\_index.htm](http://www.h-net.org/~german/syllabi/syllabus_index.htm)
- 2006 Emory Center for Teaching and Curriculum Course Development Grant for Emory HIST 190: History that Never Happened (Freshman Seminar)
- 2006 Winner in peer-reviewed H-German Syllabus Contest for Emory HIST 487: Germany after 1945: Reconstruction & Memory (Senior Colloquium) at [http://www.h-net.org/~german/syllabi/syllabus\\_index.htm](http://www.h-net.org/~german/syllabi/syllabus_index.htm)
- 2005 Tenth Annual Summer Institute on teaching the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, June 19 - July 1, 2005

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

### Books

*Battle for the Files. The Western Allies and the Return of Captured German Archives* (Cambridge University Press, in preparation).

*Kampf um die Akten. Die Westalliierten und die Rückgabe von deutschem Archivgut nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg* (Stuttgart: Steiner, 2004). [Battle for the Files: The Western Allies and the Return of Captured German Archives after World War II]

*Feindbilder im Wandel. Ein Vergleich des Deutschland- und des Japanbildes in den USA 1945 und 1946* (Münster: Lit, 1999). [Images of the Enemy in Transition: American Perceptions of Germany and Japan at the End of World War II]

### Edited Collections

*Institutions of Public Memory: The Legacies of German and American Politicians* (Washington, D. C.: German Historical Institute/Sheridan Press, 2007).

*Das Deutsche Archivwesen und der Nationalsozialismus* [The German Archival Profession and National Socialism], ed. for the German Archival Association by Robert Kretzschmar in cooperation with Astrid M. Eckert, Heiner Schmitt, Dieter Speck, Klaus Wisotzky (Essen: Klartext Verlag, 2006).

*Der Holocaust und die westdeutschen Historiker. Eine Debatte* [The Holocaust and West German historians: a debate], eds., Astrid M. Eckert and Vera Ziegeldorf (Berlin: Clio-online, 2004).

### Referred Articles and Chapters

"Managing Their Own Past. German Archivists between National Socialism and Democracy," *Archival Science* [Springer Publ.] 7:3 (2007): 223-244.

"The Transnational Beginnings of West German *Zeitgeschichte* in the 1950s," *Central European History* 40:2 (March 2007): 63-87.

"...[a]nd grant German and foreign scholars access at all times': Archival Access in West Germany during the Cold War," in Michael Cook, Margaret Procter, and Caroline Williams, eds., *Political Pressure and the Archival Record* (Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2005), 75-91.

"Glasplatten im märkischen Sand: Ein Beitrag zur Überlieferungsgeschichte der Tageseinträge und Diktate von Joseph Goebbels," *Vierteljahrshefte für Zeitgeschichte* 52 (2004): 479-526 (with Stefan Martens). [New sources on the postwar fate of the so-called Goebbels' diaries]

## Other Articles and Chapters

“Notwendige Kooperation: Westdeutsche Zeitgeschichte als transnationales Projekt in den 1950er Jahren” (“Unavoidable Cooperation: West German Contemporary History as a Transnational Project in the 1950s”) in *Die Rückkehr der deutschen Geschichtswissenschaft in die Ökumene der Historiker nach 1945. Ein wissenschaftsgeschichtlicher Ansatz*, ed. Ulrich Pfeil, (Munich: Oldenbourg, 2008), 133-152.

“‘Im Fegefeuer der Entbräunung’. Deutsche Archivare auf dem Weg in den Nachkrieg,” in *Das deutsche Archivwesen und der Nationalsozialismus*, ed. by Robert Kretzschmar, Astrid M. Eckert, Heiner Schmitt, Dieter Speck, Klaus Wisotzky (Essen: Klartext Verlag, 2006), 422-444. [‘In the hell of denazification’: German archivists on the path into the postwar era]

“Zur Einführung: Archive und Archivare im Nationalsozialismus,” in *Das deutsche Archivwesen und der Nationalsozialismus*, 9-17. [Introduction: Archives and Archivists during National Socialism, see above]

“Bundesdeutsche Souveränität und die Rückgabe der diplomatischen Akten,” *APuZ – Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 17/2005 (25 April 2005): 24-30. [Federal sovereignty and the return of the captured diplomatic files]

"American History in Germany: The View of the Practitioners," *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, no. 32 (Spring 2003): 51-84.

"*Homo Politicus vs. Homo Academicus*: Der amtliche Historiker im Spannungsverhältnis zwischen Regierungsauftrag und historischer 'Objektivität'," *Francia* 29 (2002): 119-23. [The government historian between governmental contract and scholarly "objectivity"]

"Hinter den Kulissen der Rückgabediplomatie. Interne Positionen der Briten und Amerikaner zur Rückgabe deutschen Schriftguts in den 1950er Jahren," in *Archive und Herrschaft. Referate des 72. Deutschen Archivtags. 18. – 21. September 2001 in Cottbus. Veranstaltet vom Verband deutscher Archivarinnen und Archivare* (Der Archivar. Beiband 7) (Siegburg: VdA, 2002), 107-17. [Behind the scenes of restitution diplomacy: debates between the British and Americans on the return of captured records in the 1950s]

"Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act – Aktenfreigaben in den National Archives, Washington, D.C.," in *H-Soz-Kult* (June 30, 2000), <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/BEITRAG/essays/ecas0600.htm>

## Conference and Research Reports

“German-American Historiography since the 1930s: Some New Views”, on *H-German* online discussion network (November 29, 2007).

"Access – Presentation – Memory: The American Presidential Libraries and the Memorial Foundations of German Politicians" *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, no. 36 (Spring 2005): 105-113.

"Reconstituting Public Realms: Archivists, Librarians, and Journalists in Postwar Germany," *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, no. 35 (Fall 2004).

"The Fight for the Files: Captured German Records After World War II," *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, no. 32 (Spring 2003), 144-148, and on *H-German* online discussion network (November 26, 2002)

### Essays in Newspapers

"Eine alliierte Posse um Goebbels' Nachlass: Die Notate des Reichspropagandaministers – neue Funde," *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, no. 163 (July 16, 2004), 44 (with Stefan Martens). [An Allied farce involving Goebbels' papers: new findings on the notes of the Reich Propaganda Minister]

"Unbedenklich? 50 Jahre Bundesarchiv: Ein Amt mit Vergangenheit," *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, no. 125 (June 3, 2002), 14. [Unproblematic? The 50th anniversary of the Federal Archives, an institution with a past]

"Was Ernst Jünger dem nationalen Führer kredenzte: Die Library of Congress in Washington listet die Bücher aus dem Besitz Adolf Hitlers samt ergebenen Widmungen auf," *Die Welt* (May 29, 2001), 35. [What Ernst Jünger presented to his national Führer: The Library of Congress in Washington holds the books from Hitler's library, inscribed with loving dedications]

### Book Reviews

Central European History, Historisch Politisches Buch, Historische Zeitschrift, Journal of American History, Militärgeschichtliche Zeitschrift

### RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES (2004-09)

2009 invited speaker for a conference in Weimar, Germany, on libraries and librarians during National Socialism, Dec. 7-9, 2009.

Commentary on panel "Border Regimes as Political Governance", 33<sup>rd</sup> German Studies Association (GSA), Washington, D. C., October 8-11, 2009.

"Seeing is Believing: Tourism to the Inter-German Border During the Cold War," 33<sup>rd</sup> German Studies Association (GSA), Washington, D. C., October 8-11, 2009.

“Getting Used to Partition: Tourism to the Inter-German Border during the Cold War,” paper at the conference *Constructing Nation: From Modernity to the New Millennium*, University of Colorado-Boulder, March 13-14, 2009.

“The Memory of the Underbrush: The Green Belt along the former Iron Curtain,” pre-circulated position paper for the [South East German Studies Workshop \(SEGSW\)](#), University of South Carolina at Columbia, March 5-6, 2009.

- 2008 “Bulk Filming: Enabling the Transatlantic Study of National Socialism.” Roundtable contribution: Perspectives on National Socialism, Global War and the Holocaust: Symposium in Honor of Gerhard L. Weinberg, held at the German Historical Institute Washington, D. C., May 2, 2008.

“Ash on the Iron Curtain”, pre-circulated position paper for the South East German Studies Workshop (SEGSW), University of South Carolina at Columbia, March 7-8, 2008.

“Zeitgeschichte in der richtigen ‘Währung’: Die Institutionalisierung der westdeutschen Zeitgeschichte als transnationales Unternehmen nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg,” Research Center for Contemporary History Hamburg (Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte), invited talk for the annual meeting of the Center’s advisory board, February 10, 2008.

“Where the West Ended: Tourism in the West German Borderland Region”. AHA January 3-6, 2008, Washington, D. C., Panel “‘The Wall in the Head’: Making East and West on the German-German Border, 1949-1989”.

- 2007 Commentary to the Panel “German-American Historiography since the 1930s: Some New Views”, German Studies Association (GSA), San Diego, October 4-7, 2007.

“Tourism to the Inter-German Border, 1950s to 1989”. Workshop Presentation at the Center for Contemporary History Research (ZZF), Potsdam, 18 July 2007.

“Notwendige Kooperation: Westdeutsche Zeitgeschichte als transnationales Projekt in den 1950er Jahren,” Conference on “The Return of the German Historical Profession into the International Scientific Community after 1945,” convened by the German Historical Institute Paris, July 5 and 6, 2007. [“Unavoidable Cooperation: West German Contemporary History as a Transnational Project in the 1950s”]

“Vom Persilschein zum Generationswechsel: Westdeutsche Archivare in der Nachkriegszeit”, Public Talk at the Center for Contemporary History Research Potsdam (ZZF), June 7, 2007. [“From *Persilschein* to Generational Change: West German Archivists during the Postwar Era”]

“Turning Presence into History: Writing German Contemporary History after the Second World War”, Lockmiller Seminar, Department of History, Emory University, March 19, 2007.

- 2006 "German Archivists and National Socialism". Lecture and seminar discussion at the German Archives School in Marburg, June 6, 2006.
- 2005 "'Im Fegefeuer der Entbräunung': Deutsche Archivare auf dem Weg in den Nachkrieg," 75th Deutscher Archivtag: Deutsche Archive und Archivare im Nationalsozialismus und Nachkrieg, Stuttgart, Germany (Sept. 27-29, 2005). ["In the Purgatory of Denazification": German Archivists on the Path into the Postwar Era]
- Closing Roundtable Discussion (invited participant), 75th Deutscher Archivtag: Deutsche Archive und Archivare im Nationalsozialismus und Nachkrieg, Stuttgart, Germany (Sept. 27-29, 2005). [German Archivists' Annual Meeting]
- "Managing Their Own Past: German Archivists between Nazism and Democracy," Second International Conference on the History of Records and Archives (I-Chora 2). Amsterdam (Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2005).
- "Testing Freedom on the Frontier. Edward Coles and the Issue of Slavery in the Old Northwest," 27th Annual Meeting of the Historians in the German Association for American Studies "American Historiography: Approaches, Issues, Controversies," Stiftung Leucorea, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, 11-13 February 2005.
- 2004 "The Transnational Beginnings of German *Zeitgeschichte* after the Second World War," Mid-Atlantic German History Seminar, George Mason University, Washington, D. C., Nov. 13, 2004.
- "The History Makers: German Archivists in the Immediate Postwar Period," 118th Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 8-11, 2004).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2007 Member of the Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize Committee, awarded annually by The Friends of the German Historical Institute
- Since 2006 Member of the Steering Committee South-Eastern German Studies Workshop (convened for the first time March 2008 at Univ. South Carolina, Columbia, SC)
- 2006-09 Member (2009: Chair) of the Parker-Schmidt-Simpson Dissertation Award Selection Committee, European History Section of the Southern Historical Association
- 2006-08 Jury Member, H-Soz-Kult Book of the Year Award
- Since 2004 Archives Committee, German Studies Association (GSA)
- 2002-04 Acquisitions Committee, German Historical Institute
- 2000-02 Selection Committee, German Fulbright Commission