

# Bethany Hicks

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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor of History, Ouachita Baptist University, August 2017 - Present  
Assistant Professor of History, Ouachita Baptist University, August 2012-Spring 2017  
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Ouachita Baptist University, 2010-2012

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D, Michigan State University, History, August 2010

Bachelor of Arts (cum laude), Western Michigan University, History and German  
(Honors), May 2002

Dissertation committee: Prof. Leslie Page Moch (chair), History; Prof. Keely Stauter-Halsted, History; Prof. Karrin Hanshew, History; and Prof. Elizabeth Mittman, German Language and Literature.

Comprehensive exams passed with distinction, May 2006. Examination Fields: European History, Migration Studies, World History and German Language and Literature.

## **RECENT COURSES TAUGHT**

Germany since 1945, The World at War, Revolutionary Europe, Medieval Europe, Early Modern Europe World History to 1600, Western Civilization in a Global Context, OBU Connections: The Berlin Wall, Research Seminar, Human Geography, U.S. History since 1877, Honors Seminar: Human Trafficking, Honors Seminar: Propaganda.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

### **Outside Grants**

Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej (Institute for National Remembrance) Warsaw, PL  
Travel Grant, March 2015  
Fulbright IIE Research Grant to Germany, October 2008-July 2009  
German-American Fulbright Commission Travel Grant, December 2009

### **Internal Grants - Ouachita Baptist University**

Henry Grant for Academic Enrichment, Fall 2018  
Sabbatical (awarded Spring 2017 - to be taken Spring 2019)  
Faculty Development Grant (Summer 2018)  
Faculty Research Grant, 2017-2018  
Henry Grant for Academic Enrichment, Fall 2012  
Instructional Technology Grant, 2012-2013

### **Michigan State University**

Milton Muelder Graduate Fellowship, 2009-2010  
Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship, 2008 – 2009  
Department of History - Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2007  
MSU International Studies Predissertation Research Grant, Summer 2006  
Department of History - Muelder-Lowe Endowed Graduate Award, Spring 2006  
Department of History - Jeff Rooney Paper Prize, Spring 2005  
Graduate School - Competitive Doctoral Enrichment Fellowship, 2003-2007

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Book Chapter**

“Cold War Migration: Germany” in *East Central Migrations During the Cold War: A Handbook*. Edited by Anna M. Mazurkiewicz. Oldenbourg: DeGruyter, 2019 (forthcoming).

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/product/506317>

## **Book Reviews**

Review of Richard Ivan Jobs, *Backpack Ambassadors: How Youth Travel Integrated Europe*.

*Europe Now - Journal of the Council for European Studies*. (Fall 2017)  
<https://www.europenowjournal.org/2017/09/05/backpack-ambassadors-how-youth-travel-integrated-europe/>

Review of *Migration in History: Human Migration in Comparative Perspective*, ed. Marc S. Rodriguez and Anthony Grafton. *Journal of Social History* 33, no. 4 (Summer 2009): 1089-1090.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Invisible Emigration: East German Exiles in the Federal Republic of Germany, 1976-1989.” Presentation at the European Social Science History Association Biannual Conference (Belfast, UK - March 2018).

“Transgressive Migration, Normative Politics: Transforming Cold War Exiles into Political Capital,” Presentation at the Association for Eurasian, Eastern European, and Slavic Studies (Chicago, IL - November 2017)

“The East- “Othering” of GDR Refugees during the Revolution of 1989”.  
Presentation at the American Historical Association Conference (Denver, Colorado, January 2017)

“East German Repatriates as Political Capital, 1953-1961.”  
Presentation at the European Social Science History Association Biannual Conference (Valencia, Spain - March 2016).

“Building the ‘Wall in the Head’: The Portrayal and Perception of East German Migration in the Federal Republic, Summer 1989-October 1990.”  
Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies (Philadelphia - November 2015).

“The German Democratic Republic” Research Conference - Eastern European Migrations During the Cold War. Sponsored by the Instytutu Pamięci Narodowej (Institute of National Remembrance) (Warsaw, Poland - March 2015).

“Axel Springer, the Lutheran Church, and Ransoming of Political Prisoners in the GDR, 1968-1985.” Presentation at the European Social Science History Association Biannual Conference (Vienna, Austria – April 2014).

“From Political Refugee to Economic Opportunist: East German migration into the Federal Republic before and after the Fall of the Berlin Wall.”  
Presentation at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference  
(Vancouver, BC – November 2012).

“The Management of GDR Refugees in West Germany, 1989-1990.”  
Presentation made to the European Social Science History Conference,  
(Glasgow, Scotland – April 2012).

“Not Real Germans at all!: GDR Refugees in the Federal Republic,”  
Presentation at the German Studies Association Conference,  
(Louisville, KY, September 2011).

“Internal Migration and Regional Identity after German Reunification,”  
Institut für Migrationforschung und Interkulturelle Studien,  
(Universität Osnabrück - February 2009).

“Renegotiating Migration and Memory after German Reunification.”  
International Fulbright Day, (Universität Potsdam - December 2008).

### **Professional and University Service**

Interdisciplinary Studies Committee (Fall 2016 - )

Planning Committee (Summer 2016 -)

Faculty Advisor - White Dot (Spring 2016 - Spring 2017)

Phi Alpha Theta (Chi Theta Chapter) Faculty Advisor (Spring 2016 - )

European Study Tour Co-Leader (Spring 2016)

Professional Reviewer for *Region: Regional Studies of Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia*

Social Justice Committee (Fall 2015)

Faculty Advisor – Phi Alpha Theta (Fall 2014 -)

Faculty Advisor – History Club (Fall 2014 -)

Fulbright Program Faculty Advisor (Fall 2014 -)

Honors Council, Ouachita Baptist University (2013-2015)

CORE course coordinator – Western Civilization in a Global Context (Fall 2014 -)

Online Repository Committee (Summer 2014)

Online Study Group, Ouachita Baptist University (Fall 2013)

Michigan State University Department of History

Internal Review Committee. Graduate Student Representative (2007-2008)

Michigan State University Department of History

Graduate Historical Association. Graduate/Faculty Liaison (2006-2007)

## **Languages**

German (Fluent)

French (Research competency)

## **Professional Memberships**

American Historical Association

Arkansas Association of College History Teachers

Association of Eurasian, Eastern European, and Slavic Studies

European Social Science History Association

Social Science History Association