

**Curriculum Vitae  
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## Personal Information

Date and Place of Birth : May 31, 1958, Brugg, Switzerland  
Nationality : Switzerland (Bürgerort: Auswil BE) and USA  
Family : Divorced, two daughters (aged 31 and 26)

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## Education

Ph.D. in Folklore, 1987.

Minors: Cultural Anthropology, German Studies, Indiana University,  
Bloomington

M.A. in Folklore, 1984

Minors: Cultural Anthropology, German Studies, Indiana University,  
Bloomington

B.A. in Folklore 1982

University of California, Berkeley  
Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

Three semesters of study at the University of Zurich in Volkskunde, German  
Language and Literature, Social Anthropology 1978-1980

Matura, Kantonsschule Aarau, Switzerland, 1978

Abschlussprüfung, Bezirksschule Brugg, Switzerland, 1974

## Research and Teaching Interests

Culture – politics – economics (tourism, cultural heritage, cultural property)

History of knowledge production - history of ethnological disciplines

Ethnography of the Senses

Ethnography and analysis of communication and narration across media

Ritual and theater

## Positions

### Current:

Professor (C4) for Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, University of Göttingen, Germany (2001-)  
Co-Dean, Philosophical Faculty, University of Göttingen (2018-2020)

### Past professional positions:

Director, Center for Modern Humanities (Zentrum für Theorie und Methodik der Kulturwissenschaft), University of Göttingen (2008-2012)  
Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology; Chair, Graduate Program in Folklore and Folklife; Graduate Group Member, History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA (1999-2001)  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Folklore and Folklife, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA (1993-1996)  
Guest Professor, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Universität Wien, Austria, 1998  
Guest docent, Institut for social anthropology, University of Vienna, 1997  
Guest Lecturer and Postdoc, Seminar für Volkskunde, University of Basel, Switzerland. 1991-92  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, USA, 1989.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of Communication and Anthropology, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, USA, 1988-89, 1990-91  
Instructor and Teaching Assistant, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA 1982-85

## Institutional Advisory Boards

Advisory Board, Institute for Social Anthropology of the Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 2013-, chair since 2018  
External advisory board for the PhD program in anthropology – Politics and Images of Culture and Museology, Lisbon (FCSH (UNL), ISCTE – IUL, CRIA, INET, IELT) (2013-)  
Center for Excellence in Cultural Theory, Estonia (2008-)  
International Advisory Board, The Meertens Institute (part of the Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences) (2009-2014)

### **Editorial positions past and present**

Co-Editor, *Zeitschrift für Volkskunde* (journal, 2019-)  
Co-Editor, *Narrative Culture* (journal, 2014-)  
Co-Editor, *Ethnologia Europaea* (rated A-journal, 2007-2015)  
Series Co-Editor: Göttinger Studien zur Kulturanthropologie/Europäischen Ethnologie (2014-)  
Series Co-Editor: Göttingen Studies in Cultural Property (Göttingen University Press 2010-2014)  
Series Co-Editor: Wissenschaftsforum Kulinaristik (LitVerlag, 2009-2015)  
Series Co-Editor: Studien zur Kulturanthropologie/Europäischen Ethnologie (LitVerlag, 2007-2015).  
Editor, principal writer for "Trends and Events in International Folkloristics" in the American Folklore Society Newsletter (1989-1995)  
Staff and Editor, *Folklore Forum* (1982-85)

### **Editorial Boards**

Editorial Board, Schweizerisches Archiv für Volkskunde (2016-)  
Editorial Board, Mobile Culture Studies Journal (2015-)  
Editorial Board, Approaches to Culture Theory (Tartu University Press)(2012-)  
Editorial Board, Slovenský Narodopis/ Slovak Ethnology (2009-)  
Editorial Board, "Europeanist Studies in Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology" (book series of the Europeanist Section of EASA) (2008-)  
Editorial Board, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Society (2004-2007)  
Editorial Board, *Fabula* (2005-09)  
Editorial Board, *Traditiones* (Ljubljana) (2004-)  
Editorial Board, Journal of Tourism and Culture (2002-)  
Editorial Board, Cultural Analysis (2002-)  
Editorial Board of Monograph Series "Progress in European Ethnology"(2002-10)  
Corresponding Editor, Journal of Folklore Research (1998-2017)

## Grants

### Research Grants

Trilater research grant “Half a century through personal stories: Palestinians and Israelis in 1967 and onwards” from the German Research Foundation (DFG) (2017-18 with possible three year extension)

Research grant from the Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony for the project “Horse Knowledge” (2016-19). 1 doctoral position.

Part project in the Transdisciplinary Research-, Documentation-, and Education Project on the “Objects of Masters: Materialization of Tacit Knowledge between Tradition and Modernity (OMAHETI) (Funder: BMBF; Speaker: Kilian Bizer) (2015-18). 1 postdoctoral position.

Part project on “Writing Series” from the German research Foundation in the DFG FOR 1091 “Aesthetics and Practice of Popular Seriality” (Speaker: Frank Kelleter, American Studies) (2013-16), 1 doctoral position,  
[http://www.popularseriality.de/en/projekte/aktuelle\\_projekte/serienschreiben/index.html](http://www.popularseriality.de/en/projekte/aktuelle_projekte/serienschreiben/index.html)

Speaker and principal applicant for the interdisciplinary research group “The Constituting of Cultural Property”, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG FOR 772), phase 1 (2008-2011) and phase 2 (2011-2014) – five projects with 7 (phase 1) and 5 (phase 2) project leaders from cultural anthropology, ethnology, institutional economics, agricultural economics, economic law and international law; phase 1: 2 postdoc and 8 doctoral positions; phase 2: 5 postdocs and 7 doctoral positions. <http://cultural-property.uni-goettingen.de/>

Part project on “Everyday integration and social positioning of dime novel and tv-series” from the German research Foundation in the DFG FOR 1091 “Aesthetics and Practice of Popular Seriality” (Speaker: Frank Kelleter, American Studies) (2010-13) 1 doctoral position. <http://popularseriality.uni-goettingen.de/projects/7>

German Research Foundation (DFG) grant with Prof. Dr. Margret Kraul, education, for the project “School Culture” 2007-09 and prolongation 2009-10; 2 doctoral positions <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/74267.html>

German Research Foundation (DFG) grant for the pilot project “Encyclopedias as a knowledge format” within the research network “Volkskunde Knowledge and Knowledge Transfer to Society” (Coordinator: Wolfgang Kaschuba) (2006-08). 1 postdoctoral position.

<http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/205092.html>

Research grant from the Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony for the joint project “Perspectives on Cultural Studies: A Critical History of the Disciplines of European Ethnology and Folklore in Germany and Israel” with Hebrew University, Jerusalem (with Prof. Galit Hasan-Rokem) (2006-8), 2½ doctoral positions  
<http://www.kaee.uni-goettingen.de/projekte/geril/home.html>

Research grant from the Ministry of Science and Culture of Lower Saxony for the project “Fairytale-esque Lifeworlds: The Adaptation and Incorporation of Thematic Tourist-Routes in Everyday Life in Lower Saxony” (2003-05, prolongation 2006); 1 doctoral student.

#### Fellowships and Grants for Personal Research

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers, 1998  
John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 1992  
Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, N.J., Member of the School of Social Sciences, 1992  
Postdoc. Fellowship, *Schweizerische Geisteswissenschaftliche Gesellschaft*, 1991  
Indiana University Doctoral Student Research Fellowship, 1986  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for field research in Switzerland, 1985  
Indiana University Teaching Fellowship, 1985  
Indiana University Teaching Fellowship, 1983, 1984  
Indiana University Graduate School Fellowship, 1982  
President's Undergraduate Fellowship, Berkeley, 1981

#### Smaller Grants for Personal Research

Travel stipend from the DFG to attend the AFS Congress in Rochester, NY, 2006  
Fund for Women, Trustees Council of Penn Women, Philadelphia, 2000  
University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation, award in support of international collaboration (Conference Proceedings editing and publication), 1999  
Research Supplement, University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation, 1997  
Summer Research Award, University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation, 1996  
Summer Research Award, University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation, 1995  
Summer Fellowship, Trustees' Council of Penn Women, U. of Pennsylvania, 1994  
American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant, 1989

#### Conference grants

DFG Grant for the SIEF Congress 2017 in Göttingen  
Wenner-Gren Grant for the SIEF Congress 2017 in Göttingen  
DFG Grant for Three Trilateral Conference to Foster international cooperation at

Villa Vigoni, Italy with Chiara Bortolotto (Italy) and Sylvie Grenet/Nicolas Adell (France) 2009-2012.  
Wenner Gren grant in support of the conference “Future Past. Cultural Heritage and Collaborative Ethnographic Film Work” (2010)  
VW grant in support of the conference ““Future Past. Cultural Heritage and Collaborative Ethnographic Film Work” (2010)  
Gerda Henkel Stiftung conference and publication grant for the conference “Prädikat Heritage: Kultur als Wirtschaftsgut” (2006-07)  
Funds from the Walter Kahn Stiftung for the lecture series and book publication on the Märchen (2004)  
Wenner Gren Foundation Conference Support für den SIEF Kongress in Marseille (2004)  
Funds from the University Göttingen Research Foundation for the symposium “Sleepers, Moles and Martyrs” (2002)  
Grant for a German-American Conference in Bad Homburg from the German Research Foundation (main applicant and co-organizer: Gisela Welz) (1998).

Grants to bring guest professors to Göttingen  
DAAD grant for a guest docent (invited scholar: Dr. Ewa Klekot, Warsaw, Polands) 2019  
DAAD grant for a guest docent (invited scholar: Dr. Susanne Österlund-Pötzsch, Helsinki, Finland) 2017  
DAAD grant for a guest docent (invited scholar: Dr. Brigitte Frizzonoi, Zürich), 2012  
DAAD grant for a guest docent (invited scholar: Prof. Mairead Nic Craith, Derry, Northern Ireland), 2010  
DAAD grant for a guest docent (invited scholar: Prof. Dr. Laura Stark, Jyväskylä, Finnland), 2008  
DAAD grant for a guest docent (invited scholar: Prof. Dr. Milena Benovska, Sofia, Bulgaria), 2006

## Honors

2011-12 Sabbatical year with full replacement (competitive, Göttingen University)  
2008 Invitation to the Swedish Collegium for the Advanced Studie of Social Sciencs (declined for family reasons)  
2005 Election to the international advisory board of the Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée in Marseille  
2005 Honorary Member of the Hungarian Ethnographic Society  
2002 Election to the Folklore Fellows of the Finnish Academy of Letters and Sciences  
1999 University of Pennsylvania, Honorary MA Degree  
1998 Second place, Chicago Folklore Prize  
1997 Elected to the Fellows of the American Folklore Society

1993 Honorable Mention, Elli Königäs-Maranda Prize  
*Phi Beta Kappa*, University of California at Berkeley, 1982  
Jean P. Steger Prize, University of California, 1982

## **Evaluation Experience**

### Institutional Evaluations

International Evaluation of the Humanities Faculty, University of Helsinki, 2011  
ZeVA Evaluation in Frankfurt, 2011 (reaccreditation of BA and MA program)  
Aquin Evaluation in Marburg, 2010 (accreditation of a BA and MA program)  
Evaluation of the Sorbian Institute, Bautzen, 2008  
International Evaluation of the Division Volkskunde/Folkloristik of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, 2007  
ZeVA Evaluation in Frankfurt, 2006 (accreditation of a BA and MA Program)

### Evaluation of grant applications

Social Science Grant panel, Swiss National Fund (2018-, 4 year term)  
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, Germany  
Deutsche Forschungsgesellschaft, Germany  
Estonian Science Foundation, Estonia  
European Science Foundation  
European Research Council  
Jubliäumsfond der Österreichischen Nationalbank, Austria  
Ludwig Boltzmann Stiftung, Austria  
National Endowment for the Humanities, USA  
Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Austria  
Österreichische Sparkassenstiftung, Austria  
Schweizerischer Nationalfond, Switzerland  
Stiftung Niedersachsen, Germany  
Fritz Thyssen Stiftung

## **Peer Reviews**

For publishers: Oxford University Press, Blackwell Publishers and Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, Berg Publishers, Routledge, University of California Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Göttingen Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of Tennessee Press, University of Wisconsin Press, Folklore Institute Monographs (Bloomington), Center for Field Research

For scholarly journals (selection): American Ethnologist (USA), Annals of Tourism Research (international), Anthropological Linguistics (USA), British Journal of Sociology (England); Cultural Anthropology (USA), Folklore (England), Journal of American Folklore (USA), Journal of Folklore Research (USA), The World of Music (international), Language and Intercultural Communication (England), Cultural Analysis (USA), Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change (England), Narodna Umjetnost (Croatia), Linguistics and Education (USA), Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (England), [kommunikation@gesellschaft](mailto:kommunikation@gesellschaft), Finnish Journal of Rural Sociology, International Journal of Heritage Studies, Etnografia (Portugal)

### Juries

2015- Dissertation Prize Committee, Unibund, Göttingen  
2008 Göttingen Internationales Filmfestival, Germany  
2007 Pro Helvetia, Echos Preis, Switzerland  
2000/01 Staley Prize Committee, School of American Research, Santa Fe, USA

### Offices for Scholarly Association

President, SIEF – Société Internationale d'Ethnologie et de Folklore (international, secretariat in the Netherlands) (2001-8)  
Vice President SIEF (1998-2001)  
President,.dgv Sektion für Frauen und Geschlechterforschung, Germany (2001-2005)  
President, volkskundlichen Kommission Niedersachsen, Germany (2002-2007)  
Executive Board, American Folklore Society, USA (1997-99)  
Executive Board, Gesellschaft für Interkulturelle Germanistik (international) (1994-2000)

### Memberships in scholarly organizations

American Anthropological Association  
American Folklore Society  
European Association of Social Anthropologists  
Society for Cultural Anthropology  
Society for the Anthropology of Europe  
International Society for Folk Narrative Research  
Societe Internationale d'Ethnologie et du Folklore  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Volkskunde  
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Volkskunde

Tübinger Vereinigung für Volkskunde

### **Conference organization**

2017 Ways of Dwelling. Crisis – Craft –Creativity. 13<sup>th</sup> Congress of SIEF, Göttingen, March 26-30 (more than 800 international delegates)

2016 Paths toward Dwelling. Preparatory Conference for SIEF 2017. At the Dept of Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Göttingen University.

2012 Exploring Expertise (international, at the Lichtenberg Kolleg Göttingen, with Don Brenneis, Dorothy Noyes and Kilian Bizer)

2011 The Constitution of Cultural Property: Interim results (international, Göttingen Conference Center)

2011 Heritage Regimes and the State (international, at the Institute for Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, Göttingen)

2008 SIEF Congress in Derry, Northern Ireland (international)

2006 „Prädikat Heritage: Wertschöpfung aus kulturellen Ressourcen“ (at the Institut für KAEE) (international)

2004 SIEF Congress in Marseille, France (international)

2004.dgv Sektionstagung “Geschlecht und Ökonomie” (national).

2002-2007 Annual Meeting of the volkskundliche Kommission Niedersachsen

2002. „Sleepers, Moles and Martyrs: Secret Identifications, Societal Integration, and the Differing Meanings of Freedom“. International Symposium in Reinhausen near Göttingen (international) 2002.

1998 Co-organisation of "Public Folklore: Forms of Intellectual Practice in Society," a German-American Symposium gehalten an der Friedrich Reimers Stiftung, Bad-Homburg, Germany.

### **Service to Department, University**

Göttingen, Germany

Co-Dean, Faculty of Humanities, 2018-2020

Chairmanship, Institute for Cultural Anthropology/European Ethnology, April 2004-September 2008, 2013-17, Sept. 2019 -

Director of the Center for modern Humanities (2008-2012)

Faculty and University Committees:

Universitätsbund, Commission for best dissertation across the university,  
2015-

Göttingen Research Council (including university, MPIs, and other research  
institutions embraced by Göttingen Campus), 2012-2017

Restructuring Committee, Philosophical Faculty, 2012-14

Faculty Council, Philosophical Faculty 2005-2011

Senate committee for development and finances 2005-2007

President's committee evaluating faculty salaries .2005-2009

Ombudsperson for the Philosophical Faculty, 2003-2012

Habilitation Committee 2002-2005

Search Committees:

Germanistik Nachfolge Barner (2001-02)

Germanistik Nachfolge Turk /2002-03)

Philosophie Nachfolge Nida-Rümelin (2004-05)

KAEE Nachfolge Rosenbaum (2005-06, chair)

Pädagogik Nachfolge Lemmermöhle (2006-07)

Anglistik Nachfolge Rippl (2006-07)

Musikwissenschaft Nachfolge Brandl (2008-9 and 2010-11)

KAEE Nachfolge Schmidt-Lauber (2009-10)

Art History Nachfolge Schnell (2010)

Interkulturalität und Mehrsprachigkeit (2012)

KAEE Nachfolge Lipp (2014-15, chair)

Materiality of Knowledge (2014-16; chair for the second effort)

Interkulturalität und Mehrsprachigkeit (2018)

Philadelphia, USA

Chair, Graduate Program in Folklore and Folklife (1999-2001)  
Undergraduate chair, Folklore and Folklife (1997-99)  
Undergraduate Advisor, Folklore and Folklife (1995-99)  
Various departmental committees (exams, archives, etc.)

Dept. of Anthropology  
Chair, Museum Advisory Committee (1999-2001)

College of Arts and Sciences  
Freshman Advisor (1994-2001); Film Studies Committee (1996-7); Writing  
Committee (1998-2001)

Campus wide service:

Student Health Campus Advisory Board (1995-2001);  
Hearings List of Faculty Grievance Commission (1997-1999); Faculty Senate  
Subcommittee on Education, Management and Reward (1997-98); SAS Faculty  
Advisor for Lauder Institute Students (1998-2001)

Search Committees

Anthropology and South Asian Studies 2000  
Anthropology and Folklore, 2001