

## ICL-QUESTIONNAIRE

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### GERMAN HOST INSTITUTION

Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen

### ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

History of Science

### AREAS OF RESEARCH

Biomedicine in the Third Reich

### POSSIBLE LECTURE TOPICS

“Genetics, Eugenics and Research Without Moral Boundaries”

“Humangentik und Politik als wechselseitige Ressourcen: Das Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut für Anthropologie, menschliche Erblehre und Eugenik im Dritten Reich“

### ACADEMIC TRAINING AND DEGREES

Northwestern University, BA 1974  
The Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D 1983

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Townson State University, Instructor 1981

## PUBLICATIONS (selected)

### **BOOK**

*Race Hygiene and National Efficiency: The Eugenics of Wilhelm Schallmayer*, Berkeley and New York: University of California Press, 1987.

### **ARTICLES**

“Human Heredity and Politics: A Comparative Institutional Study of the Eugenics Record Office at Cold Springs Harbor (United States), the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Anthropology, Human Heredity and Eugenics (Germany) and the Maxim Gorky Medical Genetics Institute (USSR) (with Mark B Adams and Garland E. Allen), *Osiris*, Second Series, 20 (2005), pp. 232-262.

“*The Sword of Our Science*” as a Foreign Policy Weapon: *The Political Function of German Geneticists in the International Arena During the Third Reich*. Ergebnisse, Vorabdrucke aus dem Forschungsprogramm “Geschichte der Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft im Nationalsozialismus” der Präsidentenkommission der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. Berlin, 2005.

*Humangenetik und Politik als wechselseitige Ressourcen: Das Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut für Anthropologie, menschliche Erblehre und Eugenik, 1927-1945*. Ergebnisse 17, Vorabdrucke aus dem Forschungsprogramm “Geschichte der Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft im Nationalsozialismus” der Präsidentenkommission der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. Berlin, 2004. (A slightly modified English version is forthcoming in the *Journal of the History of Biology*, Winter, 2005.) An English conference version of article delivered in Beijing, China in May 2004 appeared (with Thomas M. Berez) in a peer-reviewed Chinese history of science journal entitled *Science Culture Review* (December, 2004), pp.47-55.

“German Eugenics, 1890-1933” in *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race* (Washington D.C. and Chapel Hill: U.S. Holocaust Museum and University of North Carolina Press, 2004), pp. 15-39; 206-207.

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