

ICL-QUESTIONNAIRE

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GRANT PERIOD: 15.09.2009-14.06.2010

PRESENT POSITIONS US:

- Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- Chair, Advisory Council of the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
- Senior Research Fellow, Cold War International History Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
- Research Fellow, National Security Archive, Washington, D.C.
- Member, International Advisory Board, Cold War Museum, Berlin
- Member, Editorial Board, H-Diplo

BORN: Albany, NY, USA, 1963

LANGUAGES: German and Russian (while I am fluent conversationally, it is hard for me to give a talk in these languages, although obviously I will be working on my German to be more comfortable presenting in German)

GERMAN HOST INSTITUTION

Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur

ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE

History

AREAS OF RESEARCH

History, politics and memory concerning the Berlin Wall.

*My first book was on the Soviet and East German decision to build the Berlin Wall in 1961. That book is based on extensive research in archives in Moscow and Berlin and interviews with former diplomats. The book, *Driving the Soviets Up the Wall: Soviet-East German Relations, 1953-1961* (Princeton, 2003), won the Marshall Shulman Prize for the "best book on the international relations of the former Soviet bloc" for the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in 2004. There is a lot of attention in the German press right now on the issue of the East German vs. Soviet role in the decision to build the Wall. I am expert on this issue and expect to be giving talks on this.

*The book I will be working on while on the Fulbright is tentatively entitled, "The Demise and Resurrection of the Berlin Wall: German Debates about the Wall as a Site of Memory, 1989-2009." In my research, I am tracing the process of German thinking about the Wall from the 1989 consensus on tearing it down and leaving it in the past to the post-2004 consensus that the Berlin Wall played an important role in history and that it should be commemorated more. I have interviewed many of the top politicians, officials, historians, and experts on this process.

POSSIBLE LECTURE TOPICS

- the history of the Berlin Wall and the decision to build it
- how the Berlin Wall has been treated in Germany politically, historically and physically since 1989
- the cold war and Berlin and Germany

- the end of the cold war
- US-German-Russian relations now and in the past
- US-Russian relations now and in the past
- The making of current US foreign policy

ACADEMIC TRAINING AND DEGREES

1993, Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University

1985, BA, Social Studies, Harvard University

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Director, Institute for European, Russian & Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, July 1, 2005-Aug. 31, 2009.
- Director, European and Eurasian Affairs, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President, 2000-2001. Portfolio encompassed White House relations with Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Greece, and Cyprus.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Law, Lafayette College, 1995-1999.
- Lecturer in Politics, Brandeis University, 1994-1995.
- George H.W. Bush Fellow, American Academy in Berlin, spring 2004
- Research Fellow, The Norwegian Nobel Institute, spring 1999.
- Pre-doctoral Fellow, Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, Free University of Berlin, 1991-1992.

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- *Driving the Soviets Up the Wall: Soviet-East German Relations, 1953-1961* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003).
- "The Demise and Resurrection of the Berlin Wall: German Debates about the Wall as a Site of Memory," in *Diktaturueberwindung in Europe (Overcoming Dictatorship in Europe)*, Universitätsverlag Winter Heidelberg, forthcoming, October 2009.
- "A Cold War Museum for Berlin," *Zeithistorische Forschungen/Studies in Contemporary History* 5 (2008), pp. 270-274.
- "Teaching and Scholarship on the Cold War in the United States," *Cold War History*, Vol. 8, no. 2 (May 2008), pp. 259-284.
- "Ulbricht und der XX. Parteitag der KPdSU: Die Verhinderung politischer Korrekturen in der DDR, 1956-1958," 1 (2006) *Deutschland Archiv*, pp. 43-53.
- "The Berlin Wall—an Icon of the Cold War Era?" in *On Both Sides of the Wall: Preserving Monuments and Sites of the Cold War Era*, eds., Leo Schmidt and Henriette von Preuschen (Berlin and Bonn: Westkreuz-Verlag, GmbH, 2005), pp. 18-27.
- "Ein Superallierter und eine Supermacht? Sowjetisch-ostdeutsche Beziehungen, 1953 bis 1961," in Hans Ehlert and Matthias Rogg, ed., *Militär, Staat und Gesellschaft in der DDR: Forschungsfelder, Ergebnisse, Perspektiven* (Berlin: Christoph Links Verlag, 2004), pp. 83-95.
- "Wie die Sowjetunion zum Mauerbau getrieben wurde. Ein Superallierter, eine Supermacht und der Bau der Berliner Mauer" ("How the Soviet Union was Pushed into Building the Wall. A Superally, a Superpower and the Building of the Berlin Wall"), in Hans-Hermann Hertle, Konrad H. Jarausch and Christoph Klessmann, eds., *Mauerbau und Mauerfall. Ursachen--Verlauf--Aufwirkungen (The Rise and Fall of the Wall. Causes--Process--Effects)* (Berlin: Christoph Links Verlag, 2002), pp. 77-96.