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### EDUCATION

- 2001 **University of Minnesota**, PhD – Germanic Studies,  
Free University Berlin, Graduate Student Technology Exchange (1997-1998)  
Humboldt University Berlin, German Academic Exchange Service/DAAD Grant (1998-1999)
- 1995 **University of California, Los Angeles**, MA – Modern European History
- 1992 **Indiana University**, BA – History and German  
University Hamburg, Indiana/Purdue/Ohio State Junior Year Abroad (1990-1991)

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2024- Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies & Administration, Michigan State University
- 2017-2023 Associate Dean of Academic Personnel & Administration, Michigan State University  
Interim Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies May 2023 – December 2023
- 2015-2017 Professor and Department Chair, Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures, MSU
- Summer 2015 Dozentin, Internationale Sommerschule (FUBiS), Free University, Berlin, Germany
- 2014-2015 Professor of German & Eastern European Studies, Illinois Wesleyan University
- 2014-2015 Department Chair, German, Russian & Asian Languages, IWU
- 2009-2012 Department Chair/Co-Chair, Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures, IWU
- 2007-2008
- 2007-2014 Tenured Associate Professor of German & Eastern European Studies, IWU
- 2001-2007 Assistant Professor of German & Eastern European Studies, IWU

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

#### Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

**Professor and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies & Administration** 2024-present  
College of Arts & Letters

Michigan State University is an R1, AAU, land-grant university with 50,000 students and 13,000 faculty and staff. The College has a \$36M budget, 9 Departments, 17 interdisciplinary centers and programs, 24 majors, 38 minors, 437 faculty and academic staff, 1325 undergraduate and 228 graduate and professional students in seven campus buildings. This associate dean position oversees academic affairs as well as the college's career oriented Excel Network. It also is a central administrative resource for chairs and directors and is responsible for tenure stream promotion and tenure review as well as non-tenure stream promotion review in the College. All work is values-enacted guided by equity, openness, and community with inclusion as a matter of habit. See below for a summary overview of key accomplishments in the two Associate Dean positions.

#### Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

**Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Personnel & Administration** 2017-2023  
College of Arts & Letters Jan-Aug 2017 (50% time)

The College's Undergraduate Studies Associate Dean resigned in May 2023 and I shifted my duties into that area starting January 1, 2024, which I had also overseen together with academic personnel from 2017-2019. This academic personnel associate dean position is the central administrative resource for college chairs and directors in areas of faculty affairs/success and resources with professional development and diversity equity and inclusion in its portfolio. All work is values-enacted guided by equity, openness, and community with inclusion as a matter of habit. The position oversees recruitment and retention, annual review, promotion and tenure, retirement processes for all faculty and academic staff. It advises the Dean on hiring, raise process, and strategic planning decisions and in the areas of faculty personnel and salary policies, chair annual review, faculty discipline, corrective actions, and grievances. The position also oversees the college summer supplementary instructional budget. See below for a summary overview of key accomplishments in the two Associate Dean positions.

### **Organizational Development**

- Established infrastructure of College-level academic HR policies and base-line data reports and dashboard for evidence-based strategic decision making guided by values-guided leadership.
- Ongoing collaborative creation and implementation of the [Culture of Care Initiatives](#) and the [Charting Pathways to Intellectual Leadership](#) model with the goal of “living the values” ([HuMetricsHSS](#)), addressing “epistemic exclusion” (Buchanan, Dotson, Jones, Settles 2020), faculty and staff retention, wellbeing, community/communication building and strengthening of faculty and staff shared governance structures (See related publications).
- March 1, 2023 to present: Vision, organization, and lead of College's Off-Campus Curriculum Instruction (OCCI) Revenue and Summer Budget Planning Committee advisory to the Dean. Tasked with assessing expenditures under newly ended OCCI revenue model and creating a values-enacted College budget with Provost's new funding model.
- 2023: Co-lead of selected University-level proposal to revise non-tenure stream faculty career pathways as part of the MSU Strategic Planning Big Idea Initiative in the pillar area of faculty and staff success.

2018-2023: In the College: Developed new promotion pathways for and with non-tenure stream faculty including as organizer and lead of College Advisory Committee Task Force on Non-Tenure Stream Career Pathways with faculty co-chairs (see new College guidelines and university team for union negotiation).

*Faculty Success:* Due in part to the implementation of transparent non-tenure stream promotion policies and criteria as well as intentional work to create a sense of belonging for such faculty in their units, a greater number of non-tenure track faculty have gone through promotion review successfully.

- Co-Organizer of College's Arts & Humanities Extension Task Force Collaborative with MSU Extension in College of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Spring 2019–2022. PI on two grant proposals; facilitated multiple collaborative undergraduate efforts between the college and extension.
- Contributed to hybrid centralization of College administrative support staff AY 2020-21 for efficiency and greater communication and performance, with particular focus on the Human Resources (HR) Team reorganization. Collaborated with new College HR Director to train new HR Team.

### **Student Recruitment and Student Success**

- Administrative Lead of the initiative Arts & Humanities Healthcare Degree Pathway to create a new interdisciplinary major and pathways in the College AY 2023-24. Organizational partners: Morgan Shipley and MaryBeth Heeder in the College of Arts & Letters. Two concentrations lead to pre-Med, pre-Nursing, pre-Vet while a second prepares for healthcare related positions such as patient advocate, care coordinator, etc. The initiative has as its focus bringing students from underrepresented groups into the healthcare pipeline and close collaboration with colleagues in the MSU Health

Sciences - College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Human Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Veterinary Medicine – as well as College of Natural Sciences, Lyman Briggs College, and College of Social Science. Target program start date is AY 2025-26.

- Co-PI of Mellon BTAA Less Commonly Taught and Indigenous Languages Partnership Grant (see grants) – This grant has as one goal the support of less commonly taught language and Indigenous language instruction to create community and a sense of belonging for both native speakers and heritage learners.
- College representative on the new College DEI Alumni Advisory Board that has identified their key areas to be application to classroom, classroom to community, and classroom to career.
- Led Academic Affairs in the College from AY 2017-2019. Oversaw all matters of curriculum including facilitating shared governance, new undergraduate initiatives, interdisciplinary majors and the Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities; academic program review and assessment; oversaw and served ex-officio on the College Curriculum Council (CCC); Facilitated the creation of and implemented the new College experiential learning requirement via the CCC. Worked with the Dean to create new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies position in the College. Established the College Undergraduate Committee to provide a space for best practices discussions of teaching and learning and student success;

### **Multiple Diversity Initiatives in the College and University**

- Overhauled college academic search structures and procedures with focus on inclusive, equitable, and transparent hiring at all levels and points of process. Developed handbooks, implemented required inclusive practices search training, and College oversight process.
- Oversight of and collaboration with the College Inclusive Practices Committee on multiple agenda items, including biyearly awarding of Engaged Pedagogy and Programming Grants, DEI in annual and promotion review, department and program DEI committees, COVID-impact.
- Cross-College Accessibility Fellows Grant (2019-2020) to support curricular development. Creation and implementation of the College Inclusive Pedagogy Initiative: workshops (2020-22) and the College Inclusive Pedagogy Fellows (2022-23) to support faculty curricular development.
- MSU Academic Advancement Network Learning Community Co-facilitator “Anti-Racist Strategies for Teaching, Learning, and Faculty Development Efforts.” AY 2020-21
- Administrative, cluster hire searches, and new chair support for the creation of the new Department of African American and African Studies; College postdoc cluster hires 2022-23.
- Collaboration with Serling Institute for Jewish Studies to bring Israel Institute Teaching Fellow (\$209,000) to campus for three years to teach in the Integrative Studies in the Arts & Humanities Program.
- University level: MSU Council of Diversity Deans Subcommittee member that created evaluation recommendations for new DEI annual review/promotion and tenure criteria (See guidelines);
- University level: Organizer, facilitator, author [social media support initiative for faculty and staff who have been trolled](#)

### **Faculty and Academic Staff Development**

- Revised and expanded College New Faculty Orientation Series and holistic collaborative workshops on Charting a Pathway to Intellectual Leadership model
- Established the College Mentoring Fellows Program for both tenure stream and non-tenure stream and academic staff. Has built trust, community/belonging, and resulted in multiple collaborative projects
- Established the College New and Newish Administrators Meeting Series; Created the College Academic Administrators Onboarding Handbook.
- Established the College Faculty Leadership Fellows Program to reduce the hidden curriculum.

### **Development**

- College representative on the new College DEI Alumni Advisory Board. The board has identified three areas 1) Application to Classroom, 2) Classroom to Community, 3) Classroom to Career, and will identify initiatives they wish to support whether monetarily or through volunteer work.
- Ongoing work with the College Executive Director of Development on the above initiative as well as in local and on-site meetings with prospective donors.
- Oversight of multiple endowed chair searches.
- Participated in CASE Advanced Development for Deans and Leaders in January 2019.

### **University-level Leadership**

- Founder and Co-chair of the University-wide [Council of Faculty Affairs Associate Deans](#) (2018-2020, member 2020-present), Location of monthly campus wide faculty affairs administrative conversations with 25 associate deans and directors from wide variety of academic units
- College representative, MSU/Non-tenure-track Teaching Faculty & Academic Staff Union (UNTF) contract negotiation – 2018, 2023.
- Internal Reviewer for the MSU Higher Learning Commission 2024 Reaffirmation Narrative, Spr 24
- Co-Lead, University Committee on Remote Work: Workplace of the Future, Spring 2021
- Co-Chair of MSU Education Abroad Program Innovation & Quality Workgroup, 2019-2020
- Co-Organizer of the University [Education 2035](#) Initiative – multidisciplinary, cross-campus conversations on the Future of Artificial Intelligence and Teaching and Learning with Prof. Andrew Christlieb, Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering (CMSE), 2018-Fall 2019.

### **Michigan State University**

#### **Professor and Department Chairperson**

**2015-2017**

Department of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures

After two years, I shifted positions to join the leadership team of the new College Dean. The position oversaw a department with a \$4.5M budget, 50 faculty members (32 tenure stream) with two PhD programs, three MA programs, six undergraduate majors, ten minors, and a nationally-recognized Less Commonly Taught Language (LCTL) and African Languages program. In 2016, there were 346 majors/661 minors. The primary responsibilities included budget management, personnel (searches, hiring/immigration, promotion and tenure, annual review and merit raise processes) and faculty mentoring, course scheduling (F2F, hybrid, and online), coordination with the Associate Chair, Department Advisory Committee, three Graduate Studies Directors, program coordinators, seven staff and an undergraduate advisor, Department website, social media, and newsletter, fundraising and alumni relations, campus and external networking, department conflict resolution, department documents online.

### **Significant achievements**

- Helped raise \$800,000 in donations for the German and Linguistics Programs and organized the first Department Alumni Reunion
- Completed overhaul and launching of the new Department website
- Organized and completed an Academic Program Review for the Dean/Provost's Office
- Created a Department strategic plan, Department online course strategy and Less Commonly Taught Languages business plan
- Streamlined staff procedures to improve communication and transparency
- University/College Service: College of Arts and Letters Dean's Language School Exploratory Task Force and Action Committee, MSU Confucius Institute Review Committee

**Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL**

**Professor and Department Chairperson, Co-Chairperson**      **Fall 2007, Spring 2008-Fall 2008,**  
Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures      **Fall 2009-Spring 2012, Spring 2014-2015**

Illinois Wesleyan University is a private, independent liberal arts institution of 2000 students. Oversaw department of eight faculty with four undergraduate majors and six minors; as Co-Chair oversaw Chinese, German, Japanese, and Russian as well as department duties. 3/2 load as chair. Last year in Dept. of German, Russian and Asian Languages.

**Significant achievements**

- Secured external funding of over \$200,000 in two grants from the Department of Education and Hanban as co-Principal Investigator to support a pilot Mandarin Chinese program
- Organized and completed Departmental Self-Study/External Review
- Coordinated and implemented departmental assessment plans
- Conducted multiple visiting faculty searches, Overhaul of the German Studies Curriculum
- Multiple University and Department Service roles including Chair of the University Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable and Acting Chair of Implementation Committee service of the University's Mellon Foundation Humanities Grant (\$300,000)

**Other related faculty service/administrative positions**

- German Studies Section Coordinator, Illinois Wesleyan University      2005-2007, Spring 2008-2015
- Language Resource Center Coordinator, Illinois Wesleyan University      2012-2014
- Russian & East European Studies Team Coordinator, IWU 2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2007, 2009-2015  
International Studies Program, Illinois Wesleyan University  
Included service on the International Studies Program Steering Committee during these years.
- Campus Fulbright Coordinator, Illinois Wesleyan University      2003-2011
- First Year Student Advisor, Illinois Wesleyan University      2002-2003, 2005-2008, 2009-2015

**CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Article reviewed - revise and resubmit. "Able Fragility, Precarity, and Vulnerability in German Autism Memoirs."

In Process. "Navigating Change in Indigenous Language Revitalization Grant Work." Co-authored with Mellon grant personnel. Will submit by May 1, 2024.

In Process. Transcription and Translation of Roundtable. "Das Erbe der DDR Science Fiction/The Legacies of East German Science Fiction." Public event held at the German Hygiene Museum. Joint Science Fiction Research Association/Gesellschaft für Fantastikforschung. Dresden, Germany. August 17, 2023.

In Process. Current co-authored book project. *White, Able Fragility: Affect in German Caregiver Storytelling On and Off the Autism Spectrum.*

Book project. *Central European Women Science Fiction Writers Since 1991.*

Article In Progress. "The Transformative Power of Play in the Science Fiction of Johanna and Günter Braun."

## BOOKS

4. Lisa Yaszek, Sonja Fritzsche, Keren Omry, and Wendy Gay Pearson, eds. *The Routledge Companion to Gender and Science Fiction*. Routledge, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003082934>  
(Reviewed by *Foundation* 2023, *Medien/wissenschaft* 2023)

3. Co-edited collection and Introduction with Anindita Banerjee. *Science Fiction Circuits of the South and East*. World Science Fiction Series. Peter Lang Oxford, 2018.  
<https://www.peterlang.com/document/1055585>  
(Reviewed by *SFRA Review* 2020, *Science Fiction Studies* 2020).

2. Editor and Introduction, *The Liverpool Companion to World Science Fiction Film*. Liverpool Science Fiction Texts and Studies 47. Liverpool UP, 2014. Paperback and E-Book edition 2021.  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt18kr755>  
(Quoted in *New York Times*, 21 Aug 2014: C1. Reviewed by *SFRA Review* 2015, *Science Fiction Studies* 2015, *ReS Futurae* France 2015, *Zeitschrift für Fantastikforschung* Germany 2015, *Foundation* 2016).

1. *Science Fiction Literature in East Germany*. DDR Studien/East German Studies Series 15. Bern; Oxford: Peter Lang, 2006. Available since 2018 as an OER: <https://www.peterlang.com/view/title/9841>  
(Reviewed by *Germanistik* 2007, *Utopian Studies* 2008, *Science Fiction Studies* 2008, *Futhark. Revista de investigación y cultura* Spain 2008, *German Studies Review* 2009).

Chinese translation of chapter 2 – Part 1. “German Science Fiction Before 1949. Part I” translated by Pan Jingwen, *Tansuo yu Piping* (Inquiry and Criticism) No. 2, 2021, pp. 51-62.

Chinese translation of chapter 2 – Part 2. “German Science Fiction Before 1949. Part II” translated by Pan Jingwen, *Tansuo yu Piping* (Inquiry and Criticism) No. 1, 2022, pp. 70-84.

## BOOK CHAPTERS and JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

21. Forthcoming. “Experiential Learning and Utopia: Imagining the Future in Russia and Germany” the Modern Language Association’s *Science Fiction in the Literature Classroom* edited by Gerry Canavan. pp. 1-5. Expected 2024.

20. Melissa Elliot and Sonja Fritzsche. “The East German Disco Film: An Intermedial Approach to the GDR’s Imagined (Musical) Futures.” *German Studies Review* vol. 46, no. 2, May 2023, pp. 189-206.  
<https://doi.org/10.1353/gsr.2023.0037>

19. Sonja Fritzsche. Section Five. Introduction. *The Routledge Companion to Gender and Science Fiction*. eds. Lisa Yaszek, Sonja Fritzsche, Keren Omry, and Wendy Gay Pearson, Routledge, 2023, 301-303. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003082934>

18. “Transformative Listening For Chairs: Navigating Difficult Conversations To Bring About Change.” *ADFL Bulletin* vol. 47, no. 1, December 2022, pp. 96-106.  
<https://www.maps.mla.org/bulletin/article/XJUK7769/>

17. Sonja Fritzsche, Bill Hart-Davidson and Christopher P. Long. “Charting Pathways of Intellectual Leadership. An Initiative for Transformational Institutional Change.” *Change. The Magazine of Higher Learning* May/June 2022. 19-27. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00091383.2022.2054175>  
Topped the journal’s “most read article” list with 2026 views on April 14, 2023 (alt metric 17).

16. Sonja Fritzsche, Luca Giupponi, Emily Heidrich Uebel, Felix Kronenberg, Christopher P. Long, and Koen Van Gorp. "Languages as Drivers of Institutional Diversity: The Case of Less Commonly Taught Languages." *The Language Educator* Special Issue "Anti-Racism in the World Language Classroom." vol 17, no. 1, Winter 2022, pp. 45-47.  
[https://www.thelanguageeducator.org/actfl/winter\\_2022/MobilePagedArticle.action?articleId=1760118#articleId1760118](https://www.thelanguageeducator.org/actfl/winter_2022/MobilePagedArticle.action?articleId=1760118#articleId1760118)
15. "Fascist Drag: Race, Laibach, and Playing Nazi in the *Iron Sky* Universe." *Science Fiction Film and Television* vol. 15, no. 1, 2022, pp. 21-39. *Project MUSE* [muse.jhu.edu/article/847956](https://muse.jhu.edu/article/847956).
- Reprint and translation into Chinese in *Selected Works of Foreign Science Fiction Theories of the Twenty-First Century*, co-edited by Yan Wu and Sherryl Vint. Chongqing UP, 2023. The collection features the "most innovative scholarship by Anglo scholars" and was published and distributed at the Worldcon held in Chengdu, China in October 2023.
14. Invited Introduction. "German SF in Translation." for *Out of this World: Speculative Fiction in Translation from the Cold War to the New Millennium*. By Rachel S. Cordasco. U of Illinois Press, 2021. 81-85. <https://www.press.uillinois.edu/books/?id=45sfy6nx9780252043987#pane-3>
13. (Invited) March-Russell, Paul, Sonja Fritzsche, Paul Kincaid, Adam Roberts. "Whose History is it Anyway?" Roundtable on *The Cambridge History of Science Fiction* (2019). *Foundation. The International Review of Science Fiction*. 137, vol. 49, no. 3, Winter 2020, pp. 85-100. *ProQuest*, <http://ezproxy.msu.edu/login?url=https://www-proquest-com.proxy2.cl.msu.edu/scholarly-journals/whose-history-is-anyway/docview/2491983989/se-2>.
12. "Dreaming of 'Cosmic Culture' in *The Silent Star*." *Re-imagining DEFA. East German Cinema in its National and Transnational Contexts*. Ed. Sean Allan and Sebastian Heiduschke. Berghahn Books, 2016. 210-226. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctvr6957f.15>
11. "Eco-Eschbach – Sustainability in the Science Fiction of Andreas Eschbach." In *Detectives, Dystopias, and Poplit*. Vibeke Petersen, Alison Guenther-Pal, and Bruce Campbell, eds. *Studies in Modern German Genre Fiction*. Camden, 2014. 67-87. Published online by Cambridge UP, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781782043294>
10. "'Keep the Home Fires Burning': Fairy Tale Heroes and Heroines in an East German *Heimat*." *German Politics and Society* vol. 30, no. 4, Winter 2012, pp. 45-72. <https://doi.org/10.3167/gps.2012.300403>
9. "'Once Upon a Heimat': Fairy Tale Film as East German Homeland." Trans. Vitaliy Bezrogov. *Constructing Childhood: Literature, History, Anthropology* (in Russian) (*Konstruiruia detskoe: filologiia, istoriia, antropologiia*). M.Balina, V. Bezrogov, S. Sheridan, eds. Moscow/Tver': Rossiiskii Gosudarstvennyi Gumanitarnyi Universitet (Russian State University for the Humanities), 2011. 311-320
8. "Science Fiction in Western Europe." Invited essay. *Sense of Wonder. A Century of Science Fiction*. Ed. Leigh Grossman. Wildside Press, 2011. 355-357.
7. "A Natural and Artificial Homeland: East German Science Fiction Film Responds to Kubrick and Tarkovsky." Special issue "Visions of Science and Technology in Film." *Film & History* vol. 40, no. 2, Fall 2010, pp. 80-101. <https://doi.org/10.1353/flm.2010.0002>

- Reprint and translation as “Homeland Earth and the Other: 2001, Solaris, and Eolomea in Dialogue/A Pátria Terra E O Outro. 2001, Olaris y Eolomea em diálogo.” Trans. Roberto de Sousa Causo in *Cartographies for World Science Fiction* (in Portuguese) (*Cartografias para a Ficção Científica Mundial*) ed. Alfredo Luiz Suppia. Brazil: UFJF University Press, 2017. 41-55.
6. “The Continuities of an East German Heimat: Gender and Technological Progress in *Du bist min. Ein deutsches Tagebuch*.” *German Quarterly* vol. 83, no. 2, Spring 2010, pp. 172-188. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1756-1183.2010.00078.x>
5. Sonja Fritzsche, Esther Dischereit, and Jennifer Good. “Esther Dischereit, Self-Interview – Based on a Conversation with Sonja Fritzsche and Jennifer Good.” *Women in German Yearbook* (now *Feminist German Studies*) vol. 23, 2007, pp. 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.1353/wgy.2008.0010>
- Reprinted. German original/translation. In Esther Dischereit. *Mama, Darf Ich das Deutschlandlied Singen*. Vienna: Mandelbaum Verlag, 2020.
4. “Utopia, Dystopia, and Ostalgia: The Pre- and Post-Unification Visions of East German Science Fiction Writer Alexander Kröger.” *Utopian Studies* vol. 17, no. 3, Winter 2006, pp. 441-464. <https://muse.jhu.edu/journal/507>  
Winner of the Arthur O. Lewis Award from the Society for Utopian Studies
3. “Publishing Ursula K. Le Guin in East Germany.” *Extrapolation*, vol. 47, no. 3, Winter 2006, pp. 471-487. <https://doi.org/10.3828/extr.2006.47.3.10>
- Article reviewed by Joachim Boaz. “Exploration Log 1: Sonja Fritzsche’s “Publishing Ursula K. Le Guin in East Germany” (2006).” Blog. *Science Fiction and Other Suspect Ruminations*. November 11, 2022. <https://sciencefictionruminations.com/2022/11/11/exploration-log-1-sonja-fritzsches-publishing-ursula-k-le-guin-in-east-germany-2006/> Accessed December 3, 2022.
2. “East Germany’s *Werkstatt Zukunft*: Futurology and the Science Fiction Films of *defa-futurum*.” *German Studies Review* vol. 29, no. 2, May 2006, pp. 367-386. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/27668040>
1. “Reconceptualizing East German Popular Literature via the Science Fiction Niche.” *German Quarterly* vol. 77, no. 4, 2004, pp. 443-461. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/4488704>

## SHORT ARTICLES

2. “When Did You Last Read A Non-American Author?” Invited essay for the sixtieth anniversary issue. *Extrapolation* vol. 60, no. 2, Fall 2019, p. 103. <https://doi.org/10.3828/extr.2019.6>
1. “Science fiction is an international genre.” Invited essay for the fiftieth anniversary issue. *Extrapolation* vol. 50, no. 1, Spring 2009, pp. 15-16. <https://doi.org/10.3828/extr.2009.50.1.1>

## FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS/GRANTS

**Co-PI Humanities Health Degree Pathway Proposal** proposed 2024-2025  
NEH Humanities Connections Planning Grant Proposal (\$50,000) with Co-Directors Morgan Shipley (primary contact), Sonja Fritzsche, Marybeth Heeder, David Kaufman, and Clare Luz. Submitted September 7, 2023.

**Co-PI Israel Institute Teaching Fellow**

2022-2025



To support 3-year visiting faculty position for Israel Institute Teaching Exchange Fellow Dr. Vered Weiss in the Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts & Humanities (IAH) and the Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel in the College of Arts & Letters at Michigan State University; Co-PI Yael Aronoff and key person Ellen Moll (\$209,000).

**HuMetricsHSS Community Fellow.** “Developing Unit Mentoring Programs for Non-Tenure 2022-2023 Stream Faculty Following the Charting a Pathway to Intellectual Leadership (CPIL) Model.” MSU Collaborative Partner: Dustin DeFelice. A subaward of the HuMetricsHSS Initiative funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. (\$4500). <https://humetricshss.org/humetricshss-2022-community-fellows/>

**Co-PI – Big Ten Academic Alliance Less Commonly Taught and Indigenous Languages Partnership Grant – Phase II** 2019-2024

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Higher Education Program (\$2.5 Million). PI Christopher P. Long, Co-PIs Gordon Henry, Kristin Arola, Felix Kronenberg, Co-I Emily Uebel, Koenraad van Gorp, Luca Giupponi. Foster sustainable collaboration across the Big Ten in the area of less commonly taught languages with an emphasis on Indigenous language. <https://lctlpartnership.celta.msu.edu>

**Seminar Participant and Subgrant Recipient, Funding for “MSU Arts & Humanities Extension Digital Presence Project”** Feb.-Dec. 2021

(\$4000) as part of the “Humanities Extension: Connecting Learning and Thriving Through Land Grant Collaboration.” Co-PIs Todd Butler and Michael Gaffney, Washington State University. Spencer Foundation.

**PI – Promoting Accessible Teaching and Learning Through Faculty Accessibility Fellows Program** 2019-2021

MSU Creating Inclusive Excellence Grant, (\$32,000), Co-PIs Kate Sonka, Steven Thomas, Jeremy van Hof, Bump Halbritter, Leslie Johnson. Collaboration across College of Arts & Letters, Broad College of Business, College of Natural Sciences, and Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities

**Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program Fellow – MSU** 2017-2018

**Big Ten Academic Alliance Department Executive Officer (DEO) Fellow – MSU** 2016

**IWU Mellon “Recentring the Humanities” Student Conference Grant** 2014, 2015, 2016, & 2017  
National German Undergraduate Research Conference created and held at IWU with Adam Woodis.

**German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Grant, National German Undergraduate Research Conference at IWU, with Adam Woodis.** 2013

**Delta Phi Alpha German Chapter Grant, National German Undergraduate Research Conference, IWU** 2012

**Co-PI – Hanban/Chinese Language Council International, Co-PIs Teddy Amoloza, Tao Jin, Tom Lutze Funding for Chinese Language Instructor at Illinois Wesleyan University.** 2011-2013

**Co-PI – Strengthening Asian Studies at IWU: Language, Curriculum, Faculty Visits and Institutional Linkages, U. S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program (UISFL), (\$161,843 grant) PI Teodora Amaloza, Co-PIs Tom Lutze, Tao Jin.** 2010-2012

**Student Senate Nomination for Professor of the Year**, Illinois Wesleyan University 2011

**German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Summer Re-invitation Grant** 2009  
“East Germany’s *Märchenfilme*: Socialist fairy tales of the fifties.” Humboldt Universität, Berlin

**Co-PI – Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program Grant**, Co-PI Marina Balina Fall 2006  
Hosted Visiting Professor & Yiddish scholar Valery Dymshits, European University of St. Petersburg

**Arthur O. Lewis Award** – Society for Utopian Studies, Best Paper by a Younger Scholar 2003  
Published as: "Utopia, Dystopia and Ostalgia: The Pre- and Post-Unification Visions of East German Science Fiction Writer Alexander Kröger." *Utopian Studies Journal*

**IWU Junior Faculty Leave** (campus-wide competition) Fall 2004

**Fulbright German Studies Seminar** "Visual Culture in Germany: Film, Television and the Internet." Berlin/Cologne/Stuttgart/Munich, Germany June 2004

**IWU Internal Grants** (range \$500 - \$3500) 2003-2015

- Mellon “Integrating Writing and Information Literacy” Course Revision Small Grant 2014-2015
- Mellon “Recentering the Humanities” Research Assistant Grant 2013
- Mellon Integrating Writing & Information Literacy Course Revision Large Grant 2012-13
- Artistic and Scholarly Development Grants 2002, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2014
- Curriculum Development Grants 2002, 2005 (with Julie Prandi), 2007, 2009, 2011
- Instructional Development (ID) Grants 2007, 2008
- International Office Site Visit Grants 2007, 2009, 2011
- Writing Course Development Grants 2009, 2011-2012
- Humanities Occasional Grant Spring 2003, Fall 2003

**Thyssen Travel Grant**, Symposium on German Film, Washington University, St. Louis 2002

**Co-I, College of Liberal Arts Fees Committee Instructional Technology Grant** Spr/Summer 2001  
Co-PIs Jeff High and Charlotte Melin, University of Minnesota  
Oversaw the creation of on-line workbook including audio recordings for textbook *Wende*.

**Student Paper Award**, Science Fiction Research Association 2000  
For the paper: "Out of the Western Box: Rethinking Popular Cultural Categories from the Perspective of East German Science Fiction" delivered at SFRA conference that year.

**German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Research Fellowship** 1998-1999  
Humboldt Universität, Berlin

## **DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS, POPULAR PRESS, PUBLIC HUMANITIES, & REVIEWS**

19. Forthcoming. Invited virtual speaker. Tucson Hard-Science SF Writers and Artists Group. September 7, 2024.

18. Forthcoming invited speaker. Introduction to the screening of *Eolomea* (1972, dir. Zschoche). International literary festival Prima Vista, “Futures Better and Worse.” Tartu, Estonia. May 10, 2024.

17. Invited Virtual Talk with Melissa Elliot. “Die Musikvideo-Kulturerbe: Der Diskofilm der DDR.” As part of “Alles nur Unterhaltung? Musikvideos in der DDR. UNESCO-Welttag des audiovisuellen Erbes/Just Entertainment? Music videos in the GDR. UNESCO-World Day of Audio-Visual Heritage.” Public event held in German with 60 community attendees. Hochschule für Film und Fernsehen/Film University Babelsberg Konrad Wolf, Potsdam, Germany. October 27, 2023.
16. Invited curator and moderator of open plenary roundtable. “Das Erbe der DDR Science Fiction.” (The Legacies of East German Science Fiction.) Public event held in German at the German Hygiene Museum with 120 attendees (90 community attendees). Science Fiction Research Association (SFRA)/German Society for Fantastik Research (GfF) annual conference. Technical University, Dresden, Germany. August 17, 2023. <https://disruptiveimagination.com/LEGACIES-OF-EAST-GERMAN-SF>
15. Dustin DeFelice and Sonja Fritzsche. “Developing Unit Mentoring Programs for Non-Tenure Stream Faculty Following the Charting a Pathway to Intellectual Leadership (CPIL) Model.” *The HuMetricsHSS Blog*. May 2023. <https://humetricshss.org/developing-unit-mentoring-programs-for-non-tenure-stream-faculty-by-building-on-the-charting-pathways-to-intellectual-leadership-initiative/>
14. Sonja Fritzsche, Ben Lauren and Jacqueline Rhodes. “Appendix G. Faculty Annual Review Forms.” in *Walking the Talk. Towards a Values-Aligned Academy*. White Paper. The HuMetricsHSS Team: Nicky Agate, Christopher P. Long, Bonnie Russell, Rebecca Kennison, Penelope Weber, Simone Sacchi, Jason Rhody, Bonnie Thornton Dill. February 2022. <https://doi.org/10.17613/w69a-3094>
13. Blog post. “Some Practical Tips on Managing Academic Work/Caregiving Balance During COVID-19.” September 20, 2020. Medium.com <https://medium.com/@fritzsc9>
12. Invited essay. “Diversifying knowledges - How do we re-imagine annual review and promotion and tenure criteria?” *Reimagining the Discipline*. German Studies, the Humanities, and the University. Cornell University. May 28, 2020. <https://futurehumanities.wixsite.com/re-imagining>
11. Cara Cilano, Sonja Fritzsche, Bill Hart-Davidson, and Christopher P. Long. “Staying with the Trouble - Designing a Values-enacted Academy.” *London School of Economics Social Impact Blog*, April 23, 2020. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2020/04/23/staying-with-the-trouble-designing-a-values-enacted-academy/>
10. Invited blog post. “The Necessity of a Mentoring Program for Fixed-Term Faculty and Academic Specialists.” *MSU Academic Advancement Network Newsletter* January 9, 2020. <https://aan.msu.edu/2020/01/09/the-necessity-of-a-mentoring-program-for-fixed-term-faculty-and-academic-specialists/>
9. Sonja Fritzsche, Bill Hart-Davidson, and Christopher P. Long. “[CPIL Venn Diagram for Academic Advisors](#).” 2021. Licensed under [CC By 4.0](#).
8. Sonja Fritzsche and Leann Dalimonte. “[Faculty and Staff Development as Essential Component of the Charting a Pathway to Intellectual Leadership model](#).” 2019. Licensed under [CC By 4.0](#).
7. Sonja Fritzsche, Bill Hart-Davidson, and Christopher P. Long. “[Values, Outcomes, & Activities of Intellectual Leadership](#).” 2017. Licensed under [CC By 4.0](#)

6. "Science-Fiction Fandom in United Berlin." Invited essay. *World Literature Today*. The University of Oklahoma, November 2014. Web. 1 November 2014.

<https://www.worldliteraturetoday.org/2014/november/science-fiction-fandom-united-berlin-sonja-fritzsche>

5. "German Science Fiction" A Virtual Introduction to Science Fiction. Invited essay. Ed. Lars Schmeink. Web. 2012. 1-11. [http://virtual-sf.com/?page\\_id=62](http://virtual-sf.com/?page_id=62)

4. "Stanislaw Lem" and "Solaris." *Facts on File Companion to the World Novel. 1900 to the Present*. Ed. Michael Sollars and Arbolina Llamas Jennings. 2 vols. New York, NY: Facts on File, 2008. 453-455.

[https://vcc-tnc.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01VCC\\_TNC/36e3j0/alma99122916004386](https://vcc-tnc.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01VCC_TNC/36e3j0/alma99122916004386)

3. "East German Science Fiction Literature/Ostdeutsche Science Fiktion Literatur." Invited Introductory Essay. *In the Dust of the Stars*. DVD. Dir. Gottfried Kollditz. University of Massachusetts-Amherst: DEFA Film Library, September 2005. <https://www.umass.edu/defa/film/3556>

2. Digital Audio Project for First Year German, University of Minnesota, Spring/Summer 2001. In coordination with the textbook's primary author Jeff High, I supervised a graduate student and an undergraduate assistant in creating web-based listening exercises to accompany the textbook *Wende*.

1. "Auf dem Weg zur Venus. Die Entdeckung ostdeutscher Populärkultur: 'Der schweigende Stern.'" Trans. Hans Günther Dicks. *Filmforum* 19.4 (September-October 1999): 20-21.

Multiple book reviews including the most recent:

Review of *Utopias in Nonfiction Film*. By Simon Spiegel, Palgrave Studies in Utopianism. Palgrave MacMillan, 2021. Reviewed for *SFRA Review*. 2023.

Review of *New Perspectives on Contemporary German Science Fiction*. Eds., Lars Schmeink and Ingo Cornils. Studies in Global Science Fiction. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022. Reviewed for *Seminar: A Journal of German Studies*. Vol. 59, No. 2 (2023), pp. 214-216.

<https://doi.org/10.3138/seminar.59.2.Rev004>

## MAJOR COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY GUIDELINES

3. Hilda Mejia Abreu, Nwando Achebe, Pero Dagbovie, **Sonja Fritzsche**, and Marita Gilbert.

"Recommendations for Writing and Evaluating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in the Faculty Annual Review and Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure (RPT) Process Council of Diversity Deans (CODD)" Peer reviewed through MSU University Committee on Faculty Tenure. February 21, 2022.

<https://hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/documents/CODD-Annual-Review-and-RPT-Recommendations-for-DEI.pdf> and <https://hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/documents/DEI-Recommendations-Appendix-2022.pdf> and <https://hr.msu.edu/policies-procedures/faculty-academic-staff/faculty-handbook/recommendations.html>

2. Kate Birdsall, Jonathan Choti, Kirk Domer, **Sonja Fritzsche**, Tony Grubbs, Peter Johnston, Karen Kangas-Preston, Laura Smith, and Koen Van Gorp. "College Bylaws Appendix 3: College of Arts & Letters Guidelines for Promotion of Fixed Term System Faculty from Assistant to Associate Professor or from Associate Professor to Professor." Peer reviewed through MSU College of Arts & Letters Taskforce on Non-Tenure Stream Career Pathways and College Advisory Council. May 15, 2021.

<https://cal.msu.edu/faculty/college-bylaws/appendix-2-college-of-arts-letters-memorandum-of->

[understanding-and-annual-review-guidelines-for-tenure-system-faculty-with-joint-appointments-and-assignments-in-cal/](https://cal.msu.edu/faculty/college-bylaws/appendix-4-college-of-arts-letters-criteria-and-procedures-for-reappointment-awarding-of-continuing-appointment-status-and-promotion-review-of-academic-specialists-in-the-continuing-system/)

1. Kate Birdsall, Jonathan Choti, Kirk Domer, **Sonja Fritzsche**, Tony Grubbs, Peter Johnston, Karen Kangas-Preston, Laura Smith, and Koen Van Gorp. "College Bylaws Appendix 4: College of Arts & Letters Criteria and Procedures for Reappointment, Awarding of Continuing Appointment Status, and Promotion Review of Academic Specialists in the Continuing System." Peer reviewed through MSU College of Arts & Letters Taskforce on Non-Tenure Stream Career Pathways and College Advisory Council. May 15, 2021. <https://cal.msu.edu/faculty/college-bylaws/appendix-4-college-of-arts-letters-criteria-and-procedures-for-reappointment-awarding-of-continuing-appointment-status-and-promotion-review-of-academic-specialists-in-the-continuing-system/>

## INTERVIEWS

Brahm, Nikki. "Expanding Boyer's Model to Better Recognize Diverse Faculty Roles." *Insight Into Diversity*. May 14, 2023.

<https://www.insightintodiversity.com/expanding-boyers-model/>

"Faculty Mentorship at MSU." The Liberal Arts Endeavor Podcast. With Chris Long, Beronda Montgomery, and Emily Bouck. May 1, 2018. <http://www.cal.msu.edu/news/podcast-faculty-mentorship-msu>

Schlenker, Charlie (Interviewer), "Sonja Fritzsche" (2015). "World Science Fiction Film." *Sound Ideas. Interviews for WGLT*. Illinois State University.

An Interview with Prof. Sonja Fritzsche by Cristian Tamas." *Europa SF. The European Speculative Fiction Portal*. October 3, 2014. <http://scifiportal.eu/an-interview-with-prof-sonja-fritzsche-illinois-wesleyan-university-by-cristian-tamas/> and also in Romanian. *Fantastica* No. 3. Autumn 2014. <http://fantastica.ro/interviu-cu-doamna-prof-dr-sonja-fritzsche-universitatea-illinois-wesleyan-s-u-a>

Schlenker, Charlie (Interviewer), "Sonja Fritzsche" (2006). "East German Identity Through Science Fiction." *Sound Ideas. Interviews for WGLT*. Illinois State University. 12. [https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/wgl\\_t\\_interviews/12](https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/wgl_t_interviews/12)

Schlenker, Charlie (Interviewer), "Sonja Fritzsche" (2004). "Fantasy in Today's World." *Sound Ideas. Interviews for WGLT*. Illinois State University.

## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS

Forthcoming Roundtable. "Putting Critical Definitions of World SF into Everyday Practice." Science Fiction Research Association Conference. Tartu, Estonia. May 8, 2024.

"Ethics and 'radical specificity' in autoethnographic mother-writing and German autism 'momoirs'." Poster Presentation. Coalition of Women in German Annual Conference. Portland, OR. November 4, 2023.

Roundtable. "Living Our Values: Leading Efforts for Values-Enacted Institutional Transformation in the Humanities." 2023 National Humanities Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana. October 27, 2023.

"Affect and Performative Spaces in Life Writing by Tessa Korber." Co-organizer and presenter of 2-part panel series with Jennifer Hoyer on "Exploring Neurodivergence in the German Studies Context." German Studies Association, Montréal, Canada, October 7, 2023.

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sonja-fritzsche-66b5a027/>

Commentator and co-organizer. "Exploring Neurodivergence in the German Studies Context (2): Teaching and Study Abroad." German Studies Association. Montréal, Canada. October 7, 2023.

Co-organizer and co-moderator of the roundtable "Critical Definitions of World Science Fiction" with Libby Ginway, Hugh O'Connell, and Ida Yoshinaga. Science Fiction Research Association (SFRA)/German Society for Fantastik Research (GfF) annual conference. Dresden, Germany. August 19, 2023.

Facilitator of Discussion session on "Difficult Colleagues, Difficult Conversations." Modern Language Association virtual MAPS Leadership Institute, June 23, 2023.

"The Charting Pathways to Intellectual Leadership model: Valuing unseen gendered labor in annual and promotion and tenure review." Session sponsored by the MLA Committee on Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Profession. Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA. January 8, 2023.

Invited roundtable member. "Infrastructures of Professional Development." Session Sponsored by the Association of Departments of Foreign Languages (ADFL). MLA Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA. January 6, 2023.

With Tianyi Kou-Herrema. "Diagnosis discourse in writing by parents of autistic children: A medical and digital humanities approach." Poster presentation. Women in German Annual Conference. Portland, OR. November 12, 2022.

"The German self-help memoir: Exploring identity, wellness, and ableism at the diagnosis in writing by parents of neurodiverse children." Medical Humanities Seminar. German Studies Association. Houston, TX. September 17, 2022.

Invited opening plenary session speaker. "Building Engaged Communities in Disengaged Times." MLA Academic Program Services (MAPS) Leadership Institute. June 27, 2022. Virtual seminar.

Invited Workshop Co-Presenter with Karen Stolley. "Become a Certified External Reviewer for ADFL." Pre-Convention Virtual Workshop. MLA Annual Convention. Washington, D.C. January 6, 2022.

Sonja Fritzsche, Luca Giupponi, Emily Heidrich Uebel, and Koen Van Gorp. "The Pandemic as a Catalyst for Pedagogical Transformation." Virtual Language and Literature Program Innovation Room. MLA Convention. Washington, D.C. January 8, 2022.

"The self-help memoir: Exploring identity and ableism in writing by parents of neurodiverse children." Poster presentation. Virtual Women in German Annual Conference. November 5, 2021.

"Parental identity, wellness, and ableism in Silke Bauerfeind's *Ein Kind mit Autismus zu begleiten, ist auch eine Reise zu sich selbst*." Virtual portion of German Studies Association Annual Conference. Indianapolis, IN. October 2, 2021.

Co-presenter of "Anishnaabemowin, Migration, and the BTAA LCTL Partnership Indigenous Language Project" with Gordon Henry. Panel co-organizer "The Effects of Migration on the Persistence and Revitalization of Indigenous Languages" Virtual MLA Convention. January 8, 2021.

Invited Workshop Co-Presenter with Karen Stolley. "Become a Certified External Reviewer for ADFL." Pre-Convention Workshop. Virtual MLA Convention. January 6, 2021.

Invited Workshop Co-Presenter with Christine Wooley. "Preparing for an External Review." Pre-Seminar Workshop. ADFL Virtual Summer Seminar. June 18, 2020.

Roundtable speaker. "Institutional Contexts and the Shaping and Reshaping of Power." Sponsored by the MLA Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession. MLA Convention. January 10, 2020. Seattle, WA.

Invited Workshop Co-Presenter with Karen Stolley. "Become a Certified External Reviewer for ADFL." Pre-Convention Workshop. MLA Convention. January 9, 2020. Seattle, WA.

"Staying with the Trouble: Cultivating a Path to Intellectual Leadership (CPIL)" with Christopher P. Long, Bill Hart-Davidson, and Cara Cilano. Prospecting: Extraction, Speculation, and Liberation in the Accelerated Academy. Michigan State University, November 22-23, 2019.

"Bringing Hope and Care to Institutions of Higher Education through an Intentional Intellectual Communities Model." Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference. October 17-19, 2019. East Lansing, MI.

Invited Roundtable Speaker. "Re-Imagining the Discipline: German Studies, the Humanities, and the University," Institute for German Cultural Studies (IGCS), Cornell University, September 13-14, 2019.

"When Nazis Become Human in the Iron Sky Universe."  
Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference. June 21-24, 2019. Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Invited Roundtable Speaker. "Study Abroad and the Global Campus." ADFL Summer Seminar West. May 23-25, 2019. Spokane, WA.

"Fascist drag: Playing Nazi in the Iron Sky Universe."  
International Conference on Fantastic in the Arts (ICFA). March 15-18, 2019. Orlando, FL.

Roundtable participant on "The Dystopian Imagination in Contemporary Spanish Literature and Film."  
Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference, November 1-3, 2018, Berkeley, CA.

"The Fascists Are Here!: Revisiting Iron Sky's Nazis in 2018."  
Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference, November 1-3, 2018, Berkeley, CA.

Invited Roundtable Participant on "Children's and Youth Culture: New Directions."  
German Studies Association Annual Conference, September 27-30, 2018, Pittsburgh, PA.

Invited Speaker, "Redesigning Institutional Spaces, Rethinking Foreign for Vibrant Language Study."  
Modern Language Association Annual Convention, January 4-7, 2018. New York City, NY.

"The Transformative Power of Play in Johanna and Günter Braun's *Conviva Ludibundus*."  
Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference, November 9-12, 2017, Memphis, TN.

Organizer and Moderator of Roundtable "New Careers in German Studies and How They are Shaping the Graduate Curriculum." German Studies Association Annual Conference, October 5-8, 2017, Atlanta, GA

“Cellular play: Nature’s agency in Johanna and Günter Braun’s *Conviva Ludibundus*.”  
Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference, June 28-July 1, 2017, Riverside, CA.

Co-Facilitator with Tom Fisher (Design-UMN), 2-Part Session: Bridging the “Two Cultures” of the Humanities and STEM. ADE-ADFL Summer Seminar Midwest. June 1-5, 2017. Minneapolis, MN.

“Connected Academics and German Graduate Education.” Discussion leader. Big Ten Academic Alliance German Chairs/DLIs Annual Meeting, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, February 24-25, 2017.

“Recruiting New Students with ‘German for Human Rights.’”  
Modern Language Association Annual Convention, January 5-8, 2017. Philadelphia, PA.

“Conflicted Super Scientists in the DEFA Cold War Spy Film.” GSA Seminar 2016 Nr 3 “Cold War Spy Stories” German Studies Association Annual Conference, September 29-Oct 2, 2016. San Diego, CA.

“The Socialists Laughed Too – Comedy in Science Fiction Films of the East Bloc.”  
Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference, June 28-30, 2016. Liverpool, England.

Invited speaker. “Editing Science Fiction.” Editing Science Fiction Roundtable.  
Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference, June 28-30, 2016. Liverpool, England.

“The Importance of Collaboration.” Roundtable speaker. “Navigating New Waters: Contemporary Challenges of the Chair.” Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Conference, Jan 7-10, 2016. Austin, TX.

“The Teaching College/University.” Speed Mentoring Session. Part of the Associated Departments of Foreign Language (ADFL) Job Seeker Workshops at the Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Conference, Jan 7-10, 2016. Austin, TX.

“Preseminar Workshop for New Chairs.” With Karen Stolley. ADE-ADFL Summer Seminar East. June 3-7, 2015. Arlington, VA.

Panel speaker. Plenary Session I: BA Programs in Languages and Literatures: Current Trends, Possible Actions. ADE-ADFL Summer Seminar East. June 3-7, 2015. Arlington, VA.

Invited lecture. “Cosmic Culture’ in the DEFA Science Fiction Film *The Silent Star*.” Institute for German Cultural Studies. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. February 20, 2015.

“Transnational Science Fiction Comedy – Making Space for Time Travel.”  
Modern Language Association Annual Convention, January 8-10, 2015. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Moderator and Discussant. “The Job Interview.” Part of the Associated Departments of Foreign Language (ADFL) Job Seeker Workshops at the Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Conference, Jan 8-11, 2015. Vancouver, Canada.

Commentator. Panel: “Exploitative Simulations. Science Fictions in Print and Film.”  
German Studies Association, September 18-21, 2014. Kansas City, MO.



“Dreams of ‘Cosmic Culture’ in *The Silent Star*.” GSA Seminar 2014 Nr 10 “New Direction in Pop, Sub, and Lowbrow Cultural Studies”

German Studies Association, September 18-21, 2014. Kansas City, MO.

“Preseminar Workshop on Strategic Planning: Making a Case for a Tenure Line and The External Review.” With Lisa Vollendorf. ADE-ADFL Summer Seminar West, June 19-22, 2014. Seattle, WA

“Best Practices in Online Teaching.” Led two separate discussion sessions on this topic with Stacey Donohue and Tena Helton respectively. ADE-ADFL Summer Seminar West, June 19-22, 2014. Seattle, WA.

“*The Silent Star*: A Transnational Take on Utopian Visions in East German Science Fiction Film.” Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference, April 16-19, 2014. Chicago, IL

“Transnational Phenomenon in East German Science Fiction Cinema.” Roundtable “Mediating Science Fiction: Across Languages, Disciplines, Platforms in Russian and Eastern European Science Fiction.” American Association of Teachers of Slavic and Eastern European Languages (AATSEEL). January 9-12, 2014. Chicago, IL.

“The Job Interview.” and “Mock Interviews.” Panelist as part of the Association of Department of Foreign Language (ADFL) Job Seeker Workshops at the Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Conference, Jan 9-12, 2014. Chicago, IL

“The Nazis Are Coming!!! – Parody and Innovation in *Iron Sky*.” Eaton/Science Fiction Research Association National Conference. April 12-14, 2013. Riverside, CA.

“Learning to Share at Play”: Nonhuman Agency in Johanna and Günter Braun’s *Conviva Ludibundus*.” German Studies Association Annual Conference. October 4-7, 2012. Milwaukee, WI.

“German Science Fiction.” *Virtual Introduction to Science Fiction*. On-line Lecture Series. Ed. Lars Schmeink. University of Hamburg, German. May 2012. [www.virtual-sf.com](http://www.virtual-sf.com) Also translated by Cristian Tamas in Romanian. *Fantastica*, No. 3. Autumn 2014. <http://fantastica.ro/science-fiction-ul-german/>

“Dreaming of Homeland in SF Film from Behind the Iron Curtain.” Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference, July 6-10, 2011, Lublin, Poland.

“Can We Unleash Utopian Yearnings in the Classroom? Reflections on Active Learning Pedagogy.” 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Utopian Studies. October 28-31, 2010, Milwaukee, WI.

“‘There’s No Place Like *Heimat*’: Fairy Tale Film as East German Homeland.” German Studies Association Annual Conference. October 7-10, 2010. Oakland, CA.

“Once Upon a *Heimat*: East German Fairy Tale Films of the Early Fifties.” Sept. 15, 2010. A week-long international workshop on “Childhood and Globalization” with Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Moscow Humanities University. Bloomington, IL. September 13-17, 2010.

“Eco-Eschbach: Visions of German Third Way Sustainability in ‘A Trillion Euros’” Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference. June 24-27, 2010. Carefree, AZ.

"Sci-Fi Film as a Possibility for Political Critique and Subversion in East Germany"  
2008 Film and History Conference: Film & Science: Fictions, Documentaries, and Beyond. October 30-  
November 2, 2008. Chicago, IL

"Heimat in the DEFA 70mm Film *Du bist min. Ein deutsches Tagebuch*"  
German Studies Association Annual Conference, Oct. 2-5, 2008, St. Paul, Minnesota.

"The Thorndikes and East Germany's 70mm Film Experiment"  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Literature Conference. University of West Georgia. November 15-17, 2007.  
Carrollton, GA.

"Dis(co)pia: East German Youth Culture and the Disco Film"  
Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference, October 4-7, 2007 Toronto, Canada.

"The Inner Fight for Agency,"  
Coalition of Women in German Annual Conference, October 19-22, 2006, Snowbird, UT.

"Feminist Visions of the Future in the German Science Fiction of Today,"  
Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference, October 12-15, 2006. Colorado Springs, CO.

"East Germany's *Werkstatt Zukunft*: Futurology and the Film's of *defa-futurum*,"  
Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference. October 27-30, 2005. Memphis, TN.

"Reinventing the Communist Science Fiction Novel in East Germany: Continuities and Discontinuities,"  
German Studies Association Annual Conference, September 29-October 2, 2005. Milwaukee, WI.

"Publishing Ursula Le Guin in East Germany,"  
Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference, June 23 - 26, 2005, Las Vegas, NV.

"That Was Then, This Is Now: the Pre- and Post-Unification Visions of East German Science Fiction  
Writer Alexander Kröger,"  
Society for Utopian Studies Annual Conference, October 30 - November 2, 2003, San Diego, CA.

"Science Fiction in the Soviet Sector: Ludwig Turek's *The Golden Ball*,"  
German Studies Association Annual Conference, September 18-21, 2003, New Orleans, LA.

"Web-based Listening Exercises for the Textbook *Wende*" Courseware Showcase,  
Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium (CALICO) Annual Conference, March 28-30, 2002,  
Davis, California.

"Subversion or Diversion?: Science Fiction Fandom in East Germany,"  
German Studies Association Annual Conference, October 4-7, 2001, Washington, D.C.

"Utopian Realism in the East German Science Fiction Film *Eolomea*," International Association for the  
Fantastic in the Arts Annual Conference, March 21-25, 2001, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"East is East and West is West: Exploring the Limits of Western Theories of Popular Culture in the  
Former East,"

"The Politics of Pop: Popular Culture in German-speaking countries," Department of German, Scandinavian and Dutch, University of Minnesota, March 2-4, 2001, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"East German Apocalypse: Hopelessness in Angela and Karlheinz Steinmüller's *Der Traummeister*," Modern Language Association Annual Conference, December 27-30, 2000, Washington, D.C.

"Out of the Western Box: Rethinking Popular Culture Categories from the Perspective of East German Science Fiction," Science Fiction Research Association Annual Conference, June 26-July 2, 2000, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation won the Student Paper Award from the SFRA

"East German Science Fiction as Critical Space: Authors Johanna and Günter Braun," German Studies Association Annual Conference, October 7-10, 1999, Atlanta, Georgia.

"Negotiating Ideology-Reading Strategies in Kurt Maetzig's *First Spaceship on Venus*," Popular Culture Association/American Cultural Association Annual Conference, March 31 - April 3, 1999, San Diego, California.

#### **Invited Local Presentations/Conferences**

"Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Annual and Promotion and Tenure Review." Workshop. Department of Romance and Classical Studies, College of Arts & Letters, Michigan State U., April 14, 2023.

With Amy Martin, "Strategies for Inclusive Hiring," MSU Council of Faculty Affairs Deans, April 11, 2022.

"Putting Together Your Designation B Application," MSU Thriving as a Fixed-term System Faculty member, Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Development, February 16, 2022.

"Putting together review materials" and "Teaching including Designation B," MSU Thriving as an Academic Specialist, Office of Faculty and Academic Staff Development, February 9, 2022.

With Amy Martin, "Strategies for Inclusive Hiring," MSU IDEA Coordinators, January 12, 2022.

Panel member, "Effective Hiring, Retention and Spousal Hires," MSU Academic Advancement Network (AAN). October 22, 2021.

Panel co-organizer and member. "Imagining & Creating Anti-racist Approaches to Learning & Teaching: Results of a Learning Community." With Amy Martin and Peter de Costa. MSU Virtual Teaching and Learning Conference, May 4, 2021.

Panel member, "Effective Hiring, Retention and Spousal Hires," MSU Academic Advancement Network (AAN). February 26, 2021.

"Putting together review materials" and "Teaching including Designation B," MSU Thriving as an Academic Specialist AAN. February 2, 2021.

Invited panelist. "Introduction to Microsoft Teams for Academic Leaders." MSU Academic Advancement Network. May 14, 2020.

"Putting Together Your Designation B Application" and invited panelist on "Tips for Fixed-Term Faculty," MSU Thriving as a Fixed-term System Faculty member, February 18, 2020.

“Putting together review materials” and “Teaching including Designation B,” MSU Thriving as an Academic Specialist AAN. February 11, 2020.

“The Education 2035 Initiative at MSU” with Andrew Christlieb, New Frontiers in Packaging Conference, School of Packaging, October 9, 2019.

Panel member, “Effective Hiring, Retention and Spousal Hires,” MSU Academic Advancement Network (AAN). October 4, 2019.

Invited Roundtable participant. “Dystopia/Utopia: Imagining the Best and Worst Places to Be.” Sharper Focus/Wider Lens. Honors College, Michigan State University, September 16, 2019.

Invited Panelist. “Women in Data Science.” R-Ladies. Women in Data Science Conference. April 12, 2019. East Lansing, MI.

“Putting Together Your Designation B Application,” MSU Thriving as a Fixed-term System Faculty member, February 20, 2019.

“Putting together review materials.” MSU Thriving as an Academic Specialist AAN. January 28, 2019.

Sponsor, Two workshops on “Best Practices in Online Teaching Evaluation” with Kate Sonka and Ellen Moll, (AAN) Feb 7 and 13, 2019.

Panel member, “Effective Hiring, Retention and Spousal Hires,” MSU Academic Advancement Network (AAN). October 4, 2018.

College of Arts & Letters Staff Retreat on Career Development/Mentoring with Bill Hart-Davidson. Kellogg Center, June 8, 2018.

Panel member, “Mid-Career Conversation.” MSU Academic Advancement Network (AAN). March 28, 2018.

Panel member, “Supporting the Development of Academic Staff and Fixed Term Faculty.” MSU Academic Advancement Network (AAN). October 30, 2017.

Panel member, “Thriving as an Academic Woman.” MSU Academic Women’s Forum, Sept. 19, 2017.

Panel member, “Tips for Form C and Academic Specialist Opportunities Across Campus” MSU Academic Specialist Survive and Thrive Workshop. September 14, 2017.

Panel member, “Structuring Innovative Change.” Excellence and Innovation in Arts and Design Education Symposium, MSU Department of Art, Art History & Design, August 25, 2017.

Panel member, “Reflections from New Campus Administrators.” MSU New Administrator Orientation, August 15, 2017.

Panel member, “Conducting Research as an Administrator.” MSU New Administrator Orientation, August 9, 2017.

“Translating the Exhibit - *Atze* and *Mosaik*: History and Politics in East German Comics 1914 – 1989.” MSU Comic Studies Symposium: “Drawing Lives, Writing Worlds: A Graphic Narratives Symposium.” April 14, 2017.

Panel member, “Mentoring Success for Leaders.” MSU Academic Advancement Network, February 28, 2017.

Panel member, “Department and School Directors, What Do These Roles Entail?” MSU Academic Advancement Network, October 27, 2016.

Academic Standards Panel Member, IWU Student Orientation, Friday of Fall Festival Week, 2008-2014.

Student Retention Panel Member, IWU Fall Faculty Conference, August 23, 2013.

“STAMP Testing and German Assessment” with Adam Woodis.  
Language Resource Center, Illinois Wesleyan University, February 19, 2013.

“Recent Innovations in Language Pedagogy with Technology.”  
Language Resource Center, Illinois Wesleyan University, February 5, 2012.

“Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets: This Ain’t Your Mother’s High School German Language Class”  
Ways of Knowing Pedagogy Presentation Series, Illinois Wesleyan University, November 9, 2011.

“Using Digitized Film Clips on E-Reserve” Thorpe Center Instructional Technology Showcase. Ames Library. Illinois Wesleyan University, April 5, 2011.

"Practicing the Active Modalities Beyond the Classroom with Voxopop." Spring Workshop. Northern Illinois American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL. April 10, 2010.

"Promoting Discussion with Wikis in the Upper Level German Literature Classroom"  
Writing Workshop, Illinois Wesleyan University, January 12, 2008.

“Publishing American Science Fiction in East Germany: The Case of Ursula Le Guin.”  
Inaugural Talk of the International Studies Colloquium, Illinois Wesleyan University, October 6, 2005, Bloomington, Illinois.

"But is it your English?"

"Must the Whole World Speak English?," a panel in conjunction with the IWU Presidential Inauguration, Illinois Wesleyan University, April 8, 2005, Bloomington, Illinois.

"Identity in German Media Today: Reflections on a Fulbright Seminar in Germany, June 2004."  
Non-Org Talk, Illinois Wesleyan University, February 14, 2005, Bloomington, Illinois.

"*The Matrix* - Cyberpunk as Film"

Non-Org Talk, Illinois Wesleyan University, November 17, 2003, Bloomington, Illinois.

"Teaching Learning Strategies"

Gateway Instruction and First Year Advisor Orientation, Illinois Wesleyan, August 15, 2003.

Strategic Sifting through the Newest and the Not-So-New: Educational Technology for Foreign Language Teaching."

Presentation for the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures and the Department

of Hispanic Studies, Illinois Wesleyan University, May 1, 2002, Bloomington, Illinois.

"Socialist Realism - an Impossible Aesthetic." Co-presenter with Marina Balina and Joy Calico, Non-Org Talk, Illinois Wesleyan University, January 21, 2002, Bloomington, Illinois.

"Stories from a Parallel World: East German Science Fiction." Non-Org Talk, Illinois Wesleyan University, November 26, 2001.

## EDITORSHIPS

- [\*World Science Fiction Series\*](#), Peter Lang Oxford, founding editor 2014-2019; Co-editor with Gerry Canavan since fall 2019.
- Editorial Advisory Boards
  - [\*Extrapolation\*](#) – since 2008 – Liverpool University Press
  - [\*Zanzalá\*](#), Federal University of Juiz de I, Brazil – since 2011
  - [\*Zeitschrift für Fantastikforschung\*](#) (ZfF), Open Library of the Humanities – since 2021

## DEPARTMENT EXTERNAL REVIEW

- Modern Language Association Certified External Reviewer (2020)
- World Language Department External Reviewer: University of the Redlands 2014, Illinois College 2015, College of Wooster 2018, University of Kansas 2018, Texas A&M 2019 (as Chair), Iowa State University 2021 (as Chair), University of Oklahoma 2021, University of Arizona 2022 (as Chair).

## PEER REVIEW

- Grant application referee – Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant 2022
- Book proposal referee – Berghahn Books 2017, Schweizer Nationalfonds zur Förderung des wissenschaftlichen Forschungs 2018, MIT Press 2020, Routledge India 2023.
- Book manuscript referee – Wayne State University Press 2015, Camden 2019, MIT Press 2021, Routledge India 2023.
- Article referee – *Contexto International: Journal of Global Connections* (Brazil) 2023, *Women in German Yearbook*, *German Quarterly*, *German Studies Review*, *Utopian Studies*, *Science Fiction Studies*, *Extrapolation*, *Monatshefte*, *Focus on German Studies* (2001-2006), *Science Fiction Film and Television*, *German Politics and Society* (2 in 2023).
- Tenure and Promotion Case External Reviewer for German Studies unless otherwise marked – 2007, 2009, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 (2 cases: in English and a Less Commonly Taught Language), 2022, 2023 (2 cases: French and Comparative Literature).

## STEWARDSHIP to PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Coalition of Women in German – Steering Committee Member 2022-2025.**
- Modern Language Association – Nominating Committee 2020 & 2021 (2021 Co-Chair, elected)
- **Association of Language Departments (ALD, former ADFL) – ADE/ADFL Ad-Hoc Committee on External Reviews 2020 - ADE/ADFL At-Large Steering Committee 2018-2019 – ADFL Summer Seminar North Host 2018 – ADFL President 2015 – Executive Committee 2013-2016 (elected) – Drafted the ADFL Statement on Hybrid and Online Learning 2014 – ADFL Language Consultancy Reviewer: St. Mary's College of Maryland 2015, Wayne State University 2017**
- **Science Fiction Studies Association – Vice President (elected) Jan. 1, 2019-Dec 31, 2021 – Awards Committees 2001-2004, 2011-2014**

- **Society for Utopian Studies – Annual Conference Host 2019** – Awards Committees 2007-2009, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2018 – Conference Program Chair 2011 – Steering Committee 2005-2007
- International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts – Awards Committee 2016, 2019
- Midwest Association for Language Learning & Technology (MWALLT) – Conference Host 2014
- Southern Illinois Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German – Vice President 2012-2015

### **MSU UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Service not listed in Associate Dean position description above

- Three search committees, including search for MSU Senior VP and Chief Financial Officer and College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Multiple COVID-impact management committees with academic HR leadership role
- Provost’s Working Group on Best Practices for Risk Management Involving Faculty Activities,
- Spr24 Reviewer for the MSU Higher Learning Commission reaffirmation of accreditation process
- AY 18-19: Member of new Council of Undergraduate Associate Deans, Student Success Committee of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Office, Co-Curricular Record Committee “My Spartan Story,” Block/Flat Rate Tuition Implementation Committee - Academics Workgroup, Student Academic Probation Appeals Committee.

### **GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES**

#### **Dissertation committee work, Michigan State University**

Melissa Elliot, complete Dept. of Languages, Literatures, Cultures Aug. 7, 2020, member  
"Forgotten Notes: Narrative Film Music in DEFA Cinema."

Winner of the Women in German Dissertation Prize 2020. Tenure-stream position at Wheaton College.

Isaac Veysey-White Dept. of Romance and Classical Studies, committee member  
“Mapping Precarity & Resistance to Neoliberalism in Post-2008 Spanish Comics.” Def. July 7, 2023.  
Visiting Assistant Professor position, Williams College

Cindi Leverich Dept. of Educational Administration, College of Education,  
Transition experience of new department chairs during the first year committee member

Alyssa Uher Dept. of Counseling, Educational Psychology, & Special Education  
Disability Studies, Special Education, and Autoethnography committee member

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **Michigan State University 2015-present**

German 302 Third Year German II SS16

#### **Freie Universität Berlin Internationale Sommerschule FUBiS Term III 2015**

Filming Berlin – Berlin and Film: Genre, History, Form, and Style

#### **Illinois Wesleyan University 2001-2015**

German Language/Culture Courses 101, 102, 201, 202, 301

German 230 German for Human Rights

German 310 German Business Culture

German 417 Beyond the Wall: German Culture Since 1989 (W)

Formerly Ger 417 Modern German Cultural History  
German 488 From Democracy to Dictatorship  
Formerly Ger 488 Modern German Literature  
German 499 Independent Study  
Literature and Culture 115 German Minority Literature  
Literature and Culture 116 German Postwar Cinema  
Literature and Culture 272 From Utopia to Science Fiction: Imagining the Future in Russia & Germany  
(half of course is film)  
Literature and Culture 274 The Superwomen of Central European Fiction and Film (Women's Studies)  
Gateway 100 Introduction to Science Fiction (Freshman Seminar)  
Gateway 100 Amazons, Cyborgs, and She-monsters (half of course is film)  
Gateway 100 It's Not Easy Being Green: Ecotopian Literature (half of course is film)  
Humanities 104 World of Ideas: The Modern Era  
Humanities 270/International Studies 270 Film in Central Europe: When the Walls Came Tumbling  
Down (did not run) May Term travel course sponsored in part by the DEFA Foundation, Berlin

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Coalition of Women in German (WIG)  
German Studies Association (GSA)  
International Association of Fantastic in the Arts (IAFA)  
Modern Language Association (MLA)  
National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE)  
Science Fiction Research Association (SFRA)  
Society for Disability Studies (SDS)

### **LANGUAGES**

English – native (L1) fluency  
German – non-native (L2) fluency  
Spanish – intermediate low/mid (L3)  
French – reading knowledge (L3)

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING/EXPERIENCE**

**American Council of Education (ACE) Learning Circle on Shared  
Equity Leadership** March-April 2022

**MSU Clery Act Liaison Training** February 3, 2022

**Antiracist Pedagogy and Implicit Bias Workshop** June 19, 2021  
by Aisha Matthews, Southern Methodist University  
Science Fiction Research Association Virtual Annual Conference 2021

**Visioning Transformative and Antiracist Futures Workshop** October 2020  
by Xhercis Mendez, California State Univ. Fullerton – Transformative Justice Initiative  
Women in German Virtual Annual Conference 2020

**Certified Department External Reviewer** January 2020  
Associations of Departments of Foreign Languages (ADFL)

**Leadership and Inclusion Summit** September 23-24, 2019  
MSU College of Agricultural and Natural Resources - White Men as Full Diversity Partners

**CASE Advanced Development for Deans and Leaders** January 2019



**Certificate in Educational Technology**, Middlebury College

Summer 2000

**Graduate Student Technology Exchange**, Office of International Affairs/Abteilung für Außenangelegenheiten, Freie Universität Berlin (and part-time 1998-1999) 1997-1998

Helped to program first university alumni association database (MS Access), helped select support staff learn MS software, German to American English translations of official documents, also for President's Office, other office work.

**References Upon Request**