

# CLAYTON J. WHISNANT

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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### Teaching Positions

- 2001–present: Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC  
 Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor in 2006.  
 Promoted to Professor in 2016.  
 Chair of Department: Fall 2024 - present
- 2001: Instructor at the University of Texas at Austin during the summer session.
- 2000–01: Assistant Instructor at the University of Texas at Austin.
- 1995–98;  
 1999–2000: Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin.

### Books

*Queer Identities and Politics in Germany: A History, 1880–1945.* New York: Harrington Park Press, 2016.

*Male Homosexuality in West Germany: Between Persecution and Freedom, 1945–1969.* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

### Essays and Articles

“The Rise of Sexology in Europe” and a sidebar on “The Chevalière d’Eon, 1728–1810.” In *From Margins to Mainstream: A History of Transgender Medicine in the United States*, edited by Kyan Lynch, Carolyn Wolf-Gould, and Cecilia Gentile. Albany, New York: SUNY Press, 2025 (forthcoming)

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"1950s Homophile Politics and Its Roots in the Weimar Homosexual Movement." In *Gendering Post-1945 German History: Entanglements*, edited by Friedericke Brühöfener, Karen Hagemann, and Donna Harsch, 274–94. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2019.

"Friendship Societies in Europe," "Bars and Cabarets in Europe," and the sidebar "Eldorado." In *Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) History*, edited by Howard Chiang, et. al., 196–98, and 573–74. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2019. [This Collection was awarded the American Library Association's prestigious Dartmouth Medal in January 2020.]

"Zwischen Verfolgung und Freiheit: Homosexuelle Männer in Hamburg in den langen fünfziger Jahren," *Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg* 1 (March 2008): 57–73.

"Gay History in Germany: Future Directions," *The Journal of the History of Sexuality* 17, 1 (January 2008): 1–10.

"Styles of Masculinity in the West German Gay Scene, 1950-1965," *Central European History* 39, 3 (September 2006): 359–393.

"Masculinity and Desire in the Works of J. R. Ackerley," *Journal of Homosexuality* 43 (2002): 127–42.

### Current Projects

Book-Length Manuscript: "European Leaders of the Cold War"

Book-Length Manuscript: "West German Social Democracy Confronting the Challenges of the 1970s"

### Awards & Honors

2015: Chapman Professor of Humanities (five-year appointment, awarded second time in 2020)

### Education

2001: Ph.D., History, University of Texas at Austin, TX.

#### Dissertation

*Hamburg's Gay Scene in the Era of Family Politics, 1945–1969.*

Committee: David Crew (chair), Peter Jelavich, Standish Meacham, Judy Coffin, Kit Belugum

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1996: M.A., History, University of Texas at Austin, TX.

1993: B. A., History, Rice University, Houston, TX.

### Teaching Fields

Main Teaching Experience:

- Twentieth-Century Europe
- Modern Germany
- Soviet Union
- Imperial Russia from Peter the Great to the Revolution
- Survey of the Modern Middle East
- Twentieth-Century European Intellectual History
- Western Civilization, Renaissance to the Present
- Utopian & Dystopian Literature

January Interim Topics:

- The 1970s by Film
- The Interaction between Avant-Garde and Popular Music
- The Films of Jim Jarmusch and the Coen Brothers
- Alienation in Film, Literature, Music, and Philosophy
- Saber Fencing and the Role of the Sword in Society and Culture
- The History of Law
- Understanding and Playing Chess

### Book Reviews & Reports

Review of Michael Thomas Taylor, Annette F. Timm, and Rainer Herrn, ed., *Not Straight from Germany: Sexual Politics and Sexual Citizenship since Magnus Hirschfeld*, *Germany History* 36, no. 4 (November 2018): 660–62.

Review of Scott Spector, *Violent Sensations: Sex, Crime and Utopia in Vienna and Berlin, 1860–1914*, *American Historical Review* 123, no 4 (October 2018): 285.

Review of Andrew Wackerfuss, *Stormtrooper Families: Homosexuality and Community in the Early Nazi Movement*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 26 (2017): 557–58.

Review of Josie McLellan, *Love in the Time of Communism: Intimacy and Sexuality in the GDR*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 23 (2014): 315–16.

Review of Till Manning, *Die Italien-Generation: Stilbildung durch Massentourismus in den 1950er und 1960er Jahren*, *German History* 30 (2012): 318–19.

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Review of Elena Mancini, *Magnus Hirschfeld and the Quest for Sexual Freedom: A History of the First International Sexual Freedom Movement*, *German Quarterly* 84, no. 4 (2011): 522–23.

Review of Sarah Colvin and Peter Davies, ed., *Masculinities in German Culture*, vol. 2 of the *Edinburgh German Yearbook*, *H-German*, *H-Net Review* (June 2009).  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=24785>

Review of Bettina Joergens, *Männlichkeiten: Deutsche Jungenschaft, CVJM und Naturfreundejugend in Minden, 1945-1955*, *H-Childhood*, *H-Net Review*, January 2009.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=22906>

Conference Report on Session 193 ('Spectacular Subcultures in Twentieth-Century Hamburg') of the GSA 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, St. Paul MN, October 2-5, 2008, *H-German*, *H-Net Review*, December 2008.  
URL: <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-german&month=0812&week=a&msg=6agMbSXj%2bUvkcp7AQRq%2bQ&user=&pw>

Review of Michael A. Lombardi, ed., *Sodomites and Urnings: Homosexual Representations in Classic German Journals*, *H-German*, *H-Net Review*, February 2008.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=14216>

Review of Matti Bunzl's *Symptoms of Modernity: Jews and Queers in Late-Twentieth-Century Vienna*, *H-German*, *H-Net Reviews*, August 2006.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=268291164654598>

Review of Susanne zur Nieden, ed., *Homosexualität und Staatsräson: Männlichkeit, Homophobie und Politik in Deutschland 1900-1945*, *H-German*, *H-Net Reviews*, April 2006.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=278901159040718>

Review of William Naphy, *A History of Homosexuality*, *Sixteenth-Century Journal* 37 (Spring 2006): 275-6.

Review of Jens Rydström, *Sinners and Citizens: Bestiality and Homosexuality in Sweden, 1880-1950*, *H-German*, *H-Net Reviews*, September 2005.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=130161129205756>

Review of Christoph Schlatter, 'Merkwürdigerweise bekam ich Neigung zu Burschen': *Selbstbilder und Fremdbilder homosexueller Maenner in Schaffhausen 1867 bis 1970*, *H-German*, *H-Net Reviews*, March 2004.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=272241079840130>

Review of Derek Lewis, *Contemporary Germany: A Handbook*, *H-German*, *H-Net Reviews*, April 2003.  
URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=196981053762726>.

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### University and Department Professional Service

- 2023–present: Hearing Committee (Chair: 2024–25)
- 2021–present: Faculty Secretary
- 2021–present: Faculty Meeting Committee
- 2013–present: College Benefits Committee
- 2005–present: Faculty Marshal

#### Past Service

- 2023–24: President’s Ad-Hoc Faculty Compensation Review Committee
- 2017–18: Faculty Representative to Wofford’s Board Committee on Advancement
- 2016–19: Faculty Meeting Council
- 2015–18: Cultural Affairs Committee (Chair: 2017–2018)
- 2013–19: Faculty Parliamentarian
- 2011–14: Presidential Advisory Committee (Chair: spring 2014)
- 2010: Department Search Committee for an Ancient Historian
- 2008: History Department Search Committee for American Historian
- 2006–9: Novel Experience Committee (Chair: 2006–2009)
- 2006–13: Faculty Representative to Wofford’s Board Committee on Enrollment.
- 2005–6: Orientation Committee
- 2004–5: Task Force and Summer Discussion Group on General Education
- 2003–13: Humanities Committee
- 2003: Organizational Committee for Wofford’s Conference on Postmodernism
- 2003: Ad-Hoc Cultures & Peoples Committee
- 2002: Interim member of the Humanities Committee
- 2002–5: Athletics Committee (Chair: 2004–2005)
- 2002: Ad-Hoc committee to write a maternity leave policy for Wofford.
- 1997–98: Graduate Program Committee Student Representative, University of Texas at Austin.
- 1995–97: European Area Committee Student Representative, University of Texas at Austin.

### Other Work Experience & Service

- 2014–16: Coach for Local Youth Basketball Team
- 2008–14: Volunteer for Local AYSO Soccer League
- 2009–12: Local Church Coordinator for Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN)
- 2003–present: Member of Central United Methodist Church  
Activities: Chair of Missions Committee (2006–2009)
- 1993–94: Technical Writer, NEON Systems, Inc., Houston, TX.

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### Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2008: Summer Research Grant from Wofford College.  
 2002: Summer Research Grant from Wofford College.  
 1999: Full-Year *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst* (DAAD) Fellowship to research in Hamburg.  
 1998: Sheffield Scholarship from the University of Texas's Department of History.  
 1998: David Bruton, Jr. University Scholarship from the University of Texas at Austin.  
 1997: *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst* (DAAD) Scholarship to attend the "*Deutschlandkundischer Sommerkurs*" at the University of Regensburg.  
 1992–93: Will Rice Fellow, Rice University, Houston, TX.  
 1990–91: Roy Scholarship for Academic Performance, Rice University.

### Editorial Activities

- Outside  
 Reader: Toronto University Press, Bloomsbury, SUNY Press, and Palgrave Macmillan, Edwin Mellon Press
- Also *Central European History*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Sexuality & Culture*
- 2014–20: Advisory Board for Behavioral and Social Sciences, Harrington Press  
 2012: Grant Reviewer for Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)  
 2008: Special Guest Co-Editor (along with Daniel Walther) for special issue of the *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 17, no. 1 on "Masculinity and Homosexuality in Germany and the German Colonies, 1880–1945"

### Papers, Conferences, and Invited Lectures

Roundtable Discussion on "Reading Queer and Trans\* Bodies: A Scholarship Exchange," at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual German Studies Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 2 October 2021.

"1950s Homophile Politics and Its Roots in the Weimar Homosexual Movement," at the Festschrift Symposium in Honor of Professor David F. Crew, the Institute for Historical Studies, Austin, TX, 20 February 2016.

"1950s Homophile Politics and Its Roots in the Weimar Homosexual Movement," Panel on "Gendering Postwar Germany: The Entanglements of Gender and Sexuality," at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual German Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., 3 October 2015.

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Panel Discussion following Performance of Leigh Hendrix's "How to Be a Lesbian in Ten Days or Less," Wofford College, 10 September 2014.

Roundtable Discussion on "Archives and the History of Homosexuality," at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual German Studies Association Conference, Denver, CO, 6 October 2013.

Moderator for Panel on "Homosexuality, Masculinity, and the Military in Twentieth Century German History," at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual German Studies Association Conference, Denver, CO, 6 October 2013.

"Images of Masculinity in the West German Homophile Magazines of the 1950s," Panel on "Restrained, Regulated or Rampant? The History of Masculinities and Sexuality in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Germany" at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual German Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI, 6 October 2012.

"A Homocaust? The Nazi Persecution of Homosexuality," Holocaust Remembrance Day, Wofford College, 19 April 2012.

"The Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals: Violence, Memory, and Politics in Germany," Annual Genocide and Holocaust Education Program, Miami University, 29 March 2012.

"Goals and Organization of the Occupy Wall-Street Movement," Forum on "The Protester Then and Now: The Relevancy of the Sixties to the Current Political Scene," Wofford College, 19 January 2012.

"Homosexuality in Nazi Germany," Invited Talk to the Parents, Friends, and Families of Gay and Lesbians (PFLAG), Spartanburg Country Library, 13 October 2011.

"Arab Spring: Haunted by Memories of the Iranian Revolution," Forum on "The Middle East 2.0?" Wofford College, 14 April 2011.

"The Religious Debate about Paragraph 175 in West Germany, 1955–1965," Panel on "The Religious Turn" at the 4<sup>th</sup> Southeastern German Studies Workshop, Atlanta, GA, 24 February 2011.

"Class, Gender, and Leather in the West German Gay Scene of the 1950s," Panel on "Class and Hierarchy: What's Left?" at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Southeast German Studies Workshop, Atlanta, GA, 11 March 2010.

"The East German Revolution," Forum on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 3 November 2009.

"*Ein schwuler Stadtblick: A Brief Glance at Hamburg's Gay Scene during the 1950s*," Panel on "Landscapes/Cityscapes" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Southeast German Studies Workshop, Columbia, SC, 5 March 2009.

Commentator for Session on "Spectacular Subcultures in Hamburg, 1890–1960," German Studies Association 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN, 3 October 2008.

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“Between Persecution and Freedom: Hamburg’s Gay Scene in the early *Bundesrepublik*,” at the Conference “Reading Hamburg: Anglo-American Perspectives – Hamburg verstehen: Angloamerikanische Perspektiven,” at the Forschungsstelle für Zeitgeschichte in Hamburg, 6–8 September 2007.

Commentator for Session on “Gay Germany,” 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, 4 March 2005.

“From Homer to Homer Simpson: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Postmodernism” (with Dr. Christine Dinkins, Dr. Jim Neighbors, Professor David Rodrick, and Professor Steve Zides), Association for Integrative Studies Annual Conference, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC, 16 October 2004.

Panel Discussion on the Film *The Battle of Algiers* (with Dr. William DeMars, Dr. Jacques Lezra, and students Karen Kaczorowski and Amelia Snider), Conference on “Coming of Age with 9/11,” Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 5 October 2004.

“The Struggle over the Homosexual Counterpublic in the Young West-German Democracy, 1950-1957,” Invited Talk at Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 30 September 2004.

“State Efforts at Controlling Homosexual Desire in the West German Consumer Economy, 1945-1965,” Faculty Talk Series, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 18 March 2004.

“Postmodernism(s) Across the Disciplines” (with Dr. William DeMars, Dr. Christine Dinkins, Dr. Charles Kay, Dr. Byron McCane, and Professor Steve Zides), Wofford’s Conference on Postmodernism: *The Simpsons, Hip Hop, and Beyond*, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 9 March 2004.

“From Homer to Homer Simpson: An Introduction to Postmodernism” (with Dr. Christine Dinkins, Dr. Jim Neighbors, Professor David Rodrick, and Professor Steve Zides), Wofford’s Conference on Postmodernism: *The Simpsons, Hip Hop, and Beyond*, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 1 March 2004.

“Masculinity in History: The Example of the West German Gay Scene in the 1950s,” First Annual Gender Conference, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, 13–14 March 2002.

“Styles of Masculinity in the West German Gay Scene during the 1950s,” Session on “Male Identities in East and West Postwar Germany,” Young Scholars Forum: *Gender, Power, Religion: Forces in Cultural History*, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., 31 March 2001.

“Masculinity and Homosexuality in the Early Federal Republic,” Panel on “Marginalized Masculinities: Jewish and Homosexual Constructions of Manhood in Twentieth-Century German Culture,” German Studies Association 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Houston, TX, 6 October 2000.



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“The Early Gay Rights Movement in Germany: A Celebration of 100 Years,” Invited Talk to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, University of Texas, Austin, TX, 8 October 1997.

“Old Shatterhand, A Hero for the Young: Outlining the Relationship between Karl May’s *Winnetou* and the German *Wandervogel*,” Session on “Growing Up in Modern Europe”, University of Texas Eighth Biennial Texas Historical Symposium, Austin, TX, 13 October 1995.

### References

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