

Alexander Obermueller, MMA

Main Research Interests

transnational history. health humanities. women's and gender history. identity politics. conservatism. carceral state.

Education

- 2021 - 2024 **Universität Erfurt**, *PhD Candidate*, On the Right Side: US Conservatives' Identity-Based Politics and Contested Democracy, 1980-2000, Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Martschukat and Prof. Dr. David K. Johnson
- 2019 – 2021 **University of South Florida**, *Master of Arts*, Thesis: Between Soledad and Attica Brothers: The Raiford Protests and Prison Activism in Florida, Supervisor: Prof. Dr. David K. Johnson
- 2016 – 2019 **University of Vienna**, *Master of Arts*, Thesis: 'Vienna to the rescue': A Social History of Vienna's First Responders, Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Christa Ehrmann-Hämmerle
- 2010 – 2015 **University of Vienna**, *Bachelor of Arts*, Thesis: Welfare Policy during the First Republic, Supervisor: Prof. DDr. Oliver Rathkolb

Employment & Archival Research

- Summer 2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *University of Erfurt*, SFB: Structural Change of Property
- Spring 2023 **Archival Research**, *University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, University of Chicago, Library of Congress, National Archives*
- Spring 2022 **Archival Research**, *UC Berkeley, Brown University, Library of Congress*
- Fall 2020 **Administrative Assistant**, *Verein Zeitgeschichte*
accounting, funding applications, public relations, back office.
- Fall 2019 **Research Assistant**, *University of Vienna*, Prof. Dr. Kerstin von Lingen
- Spring 2019 **Office Manager**, *Momentum-Institute*, Vienna
setting up the think tank, fundraising, back office administration, website and social media, event planning
- Spring 2018 **Research Assistant**, *University of Vienna*, Prof. Dr. Kerstin von Lingen
- 2016 – 2018 **Office Manager**, *Momentum Congress Series*, organizing the annual congress with 250 participants, responsible for funding, call for papers, programming

Peer-reviewed Publications, Book Chapters & Theses

- Journal Article Martschukat, J., Obermueller, A. and Patt L. (2024). Umkämpfte Demokratie. Unterdrückungserfahrung, Identitätspolitik und Sex in den USA seit den 1970er Jahren. *Zeit-historische Forschungen*, forthcoming.
- PhD dissertation Obermueller, A. (2024). On the Right Side: US-Conservatives' Identity-Based Politics and Contested Democracy, 1980-2000. *University of Erfurt*.
- Book Chapter Obermueller, A. (2024). Malingerer Metropolis: Performing Illness and Bodily Trickery in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna. in: *Auf den Kopf gestellt: Interdisziplinäre Betrachtungen der Trickster-Figur*, Hannah Michel, Lisa Rettinger, and Rafaela Rettinger (eds.). Rombach Wissenschaft, 93-109.

- Journal Article Obermueller, A. (2023). To the Rescue: First Responders and Medical(ized) Bodies in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna. *Seminar. A Journal for Germanic Studies* 59.1, 94-115.
- MA thesis Obermueller, A. (2021). Between Soledad and Attica Brothers: The Raiford Protests and Prison Activism in Florida. *University of South Florida*.
- MA thesis Obermueller, A. (2019). Vienna to the Rescue. A Social History of the Viennese Society of Voluntary First Responders 1881-1917. *University of Vienna*.

Grants, Scholarships & Awards

- June 2024 **Fachverband Medizingeschichte**, Prize, (€1,000).
- March 2024 **University of Erfurt**, Editorial Fund, (€2,700).
- Spring 2023 **DAAD**, Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, host Dr. Mia Bay, (€6,700).
- May 2022 **German Historical Institute**, Research Fellowship, Washington D.C., (€3,200).
- 2021 – 2024 **PhD stipend**, Gerda Henkel Foundation, University of Erfurt.
- 2020 **Best Grad Student Paper**, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference.
- 2019 **Fulbright grantee**, University of South Florida, (€32,000).

Teaching Experience

- WT 2023/24 **Classroom Conservatives: Fights over Evolution, Segregation, Prayer, Sex Education, and Textbooks in US Schools, 1920s-2020s**, *University Halle*.
- ST 2023 **Transatlantic Prison Activism**, *University of Erfurt*.
- WT 2022/23 **Race and Religion in US-history**, *University of Erfurt*, with Moana J. Packo.
- WT 2021/22 **Concerning Conservatism: Seminar on the Politics, Culture, and History of the US-Right since 1945**, *University of Erfurt*, with Pia Beumer.

Conferences & Presentations

- Sept 2024 **Conference: Sin, Shame, Symptom: Suicide and Social Change, 1850-2000**, *Suicide Prevention and First Aid in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna*, Ljubljana.
- June 2024 **Colloquium Association of Historians of Medicine**, *To the Rescue: First Responders and Medical(ized) Bodies*, Mainz.
- Oct 2023 **Conference: Governing Through Violence, Abhorring Affirmative Action, Creating Color-Evasiveness**, Paris.
- Sept 2023 **Conference: How to Take Patients' Histories, Before the Clinic: Viennese First Responders' Records and their Potential for a Medical History from Below**, Utrecht.
- June 2023 **Conference: The Birth of the Clinic, Vienna's Early First Responders: Health Care Providers Before and Beyond the Clinic, 1882-1914**, Prague.
- April 2023 **2nd Annual Michael Gordon Memorial History Graduate Conference**, *Beverly LaHaye and the Religious Right's Sexual Politics, 1976-2000*, Milwaukee.
- March 2023 **28th Annual James A. Barnes Graduate Student History Conference**, *Beverly LaHaye and the Religious Right's Sexual Politics, 1976-2000*, Philadelphia.
- July 2022 **Workshop: "Auf den Kopf gestellt. Interdisziplinäre Betrachtungen der Trickster-Figur"**, *Malingerer Metropolis: Performing Illness in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna*, Munich.
- Feb 2022 **Workshop: "Identitätspolitik zwischen Bashing und Befreiung. Historische und sozialwissenschaftliche Perspektiven"**, *Contested Democracy: Über das komplexe Verhältnis von Diskriminierungserfahrungen und Identitätspolitiken seit den 1970er Jahren*, with Jürgen Martschukat and Lisa Patt, online.

- July 2021 **Graduate School of North America Studies Conference**, *Raiford Brothers 'Riot:' Prison Activism and Reform Debates in Florida*, FU Berlin, online.
- April 2021 **Young Scholars Forum**, *Hegemonic Identity Politics: Contesting Democracy since the 1970s*, German Association of American Studies, online.
- April 2020 **Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference Florida**, *Riot at Raiford? Florida Prison Organizing in the 1970s*, Rollins University, canceled due to Covid-19.
- April 2020 **Graduate History Conference**, *Between Soledad and Attica Brothers. Prison Organizing in Florida*, Florida International University, canceled due to Covid-19.
- March 2020 **Graduate Student Conference**, *Between Soledad and Attica Brothers. Prison Organizing in Florida*, University of South Florida, canceled due to Covid-19.

Other Publications, Projects & Internships

- Review **Nicole Hemmer: Partisans**, *Feb 2023*, hsozkult.de
- Review **Jörg Auberg: New Yorker Intellektuelle**, *Sept 2022*, hsozkult.de
- Review **Kathryn Gin Lum: Heathen: Religion and Race in American History**, *Sept 2022*, hsozkult.de
- Blog Post **Three Viennese Museums' Responses to Covid-19**, *March 2020*, remnantology.com
- Conference Report **Displacement and Resettlement During and After the Second World War in a Global Perspective – a Digital Humanities/Social GIS Approach**, *Oct 2019*, hsozkult.de
- Conference Report **Advertising – Consumption – Audiovision: A Cultural Historical Perspective on Cinema, TV and Radio**, *Feb 2018*, hsozkult.de
- Website **12februar1934.at**, *2017/18*
researching and crafting the map of events during the Austrian Civil War
- Internship **Memorial Site Hartheim**, *2017*
- Internship **Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance**, *2016*

Memberships

- Member **German Association for American Studies**
- Member **Association of Historians of Medicine**