

Menja Holtz
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Research

Cultural encounters between 'Europeans' and 'Americans' since colonial times, especially on the northeastern coast and woodlands and in Latin America

Contemporary issues, such as migration, academic networks and discourses, local history, the social coming to terms with the German Nazi past, East German-Latin American relations

Researcher for the Gerda Henkel Foundation Germany, associated with Goethe University, Frankfurt; Project: "Delaware Biography from Moravian Sources – The Moravian Fairfield Mission in Ontario, 1792-1903" (since March 2014)

Member of the self-organized scientific working group "Dynamics of intercultural encounters" (founded in 2008, funded by the German Research Association 2014-17); Organization of workshops and three conferences, each with a publication as outcome

Doctoral research on Latin American PhD-students in Germany, their networks, challenge to the German higher education, and organization of the exchange, in Germany, Mexico, Chile, Peru, and Cuba

Research on German immigrants in New Zealand in the 19th century and production of a radio series on the subject, for radio broadcaster "Fresh FM", Nelson, New Zealand; June-Sep. 2005

Higher Education

2011 Defence of doctoral thesis at the University of Rostock; grade: 0,7

2006 – 2009 Scholarship of the Graduate School "Cultural Encounters and the Discourses of Scholarship" at the University of Rostock

2004 Master exam in Historical Sciences, English Linguistics and Social Psychology (A-grade); additionally certificate for the interdisciplinary study field "Transformation Studies" at Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

2002 – 2003 Study semester at the History Department of the University of Valencia, Spain

Teaching Experience

- Since 2013 Teacher for introductory courses into the social sciences and humanities for the "Open University"-Project by the Federal Ministry of Education (BMBF) and the Institute for Life-long Learning at Leibniz University Hanover
- 2008 – 2012 Several classes on cultural encounters, Moravian mission in North America, or migration between Latin America and Germany at the universities of Hanover and Rostock, Germany

Organization of Expositions

- 2013 Guide for exhibition about Iroquoian Art History ("On the Trail of the Iroquois") at Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin
- 2008 – 2009 Photo-Exhibition "Images of Migration – Migration of Images", Town Hall of Rostock, Germany. Concept, photography, publication
- 2002 Trainee at Anthropological Museum Lower Saxony in Hanover, Germany, for exhibition "Jaguar and Snake – the Cosmos of Native peoples of South and Central America"

Publications (Selection)

Monographs

Wissenschaftsaustausch als hierarchisierter Transfer – Lateinamerikanische Promotionen in Deutschland, 1910-2009 [Scientific Exchange as Hierarchised Transfer – Latin American Promotions in Germany, 1910-2009]; Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2012

Aufnahme, Integration und Rückkehr von MigrantInnen – Das chilenische Exil in Hannover 1973-94 [Reception, Integration, and Return of Migrants – The Chilean Exile in Hanover 1973-94]; Stuttgart: ibidem, 2004

Contributions

In review: "Material Traces of Cultural Encounter in a Northeast-American Mission Town"; *Saeculum*

„The Cuban Experience in East Germany: Academic Migration from 1960 to 2000“; *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; 33/4, 2014; pp. 468-483

„Pictorial Representation of Ideas in Motion. Portraits of Latin American Doctoral Students in Germany“; Catalogue of our exhibition by the authors

Holtz/Hoklas/Konopka/Park/Esong: *Images of Migration – Migration of Images*; Rostock 2009; pp. 11-47

Selection of public talks

Delaware Biographien des 19. Jahrhunderts aus den Quellen Herrnhuter Missionare
["Delaware Biographies from Moravian Mission Records"]

Goethe University Frankfurt, Dept. of Anthropology, Colloquium Americanum, 21.05.2015

The Thames River, ON, as Highway for Natives, Missionaries, and Settlers

University of Turku, Finland, Nordic international, cross-disciplinary Canadian Studies
conference: "A Land Shaped by Water: Perspectives on Canada", 12.-15.08. 2015

Materielle Kultur und Repräsentation der "Herrnhuter Delaware" in Süd-Ontario, 1792 bis heute

["Material Culture and Representation of Moravian Delaware in Southern Ontario, 1792
until today"]

Institute of European History, Mainz, Conference „Kulturkontakten auf der Spur –
Manifestationen der Begegnung" ["Material manifestations of cultural encounters"], 09.-
11.10.2014

*Native Biography from Missionary Sources – the Delaware in Moravian Mission Diaries at
the Turn of the 18th to the 19th Centuries*

University at Buffalo, 10th Annual Storytelling Conference – Kahwatsire, 11.-13.04. 2014