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Educational Background	PHD, Rutgers University at New Brunswick MA, CUNY Graduate Center and CCNY BA, Queens College, CUNY
Research Interests	Borderlands in the Arabian Gulf and Central Europe, contested cities, refugees and forced migration, religion and nationalism, children and borderlands, Arab views of Europe, Central Europe and the Middle East in the 20 <sup>th</sup> c., Mandatory Palestine, Qatar, Germany, Poland, cultural history.
Publications	Refereed Journal Articles (Maximum three)  -“Bordering Zubara: Oil politics, the 1937 Qatari-Bahraini Conflict, and the Making of a Modern Arabian (Persian) Gulf Borderland.” Forthcoming in <i>Journal of Borderlands Studies</i> .  -“Gain Weight, Have Fun, Discover the Fatherland: The German-Polish Summer Youth Exchange Program for Borderland Children and Interwar Irredentist Politics.” Forthcoming in <i>Contemporary European History</i> .  -“Religiosity, Nationalism, and anti-Jewish Politics in Palestine and Poland: Islamic and Catholic Pilgrimages and Contested Spaces during the Interwar Era,” <i>Nationalities Papers</i> (2019): 1-17.  Books: (Maximum Three) -Recovered Territory: A German-Polish Conflict Over Land and Culture, 1918-1989 (Berghahn Books, 2015 HDBK, 2018 PPBK)

	<p>Book Chapters (Maximum Three)</p> <p>-“The Nazi ‘Recovered Territories’ Myth in the Eastern Upper Silesian Borderland, 1939-1945”, in <i>Creating Nationality in Central Europe, 1880-1950: Modernity, Violence and (Be) Longing in Upper Silesia</i>, ed. Tomasz Kamusella et al. (Routledge 2019), 170-184.</p> <p>-““Willkommenskultur”” in Arab Eyes: Arabic Media Discourses on Syrian Refugees in Germany,” <i>IRCICA Journal on Islamic History and Civilization</i>. Fall 2015 (issued February 2018).</p> <p>-““Borderless Misery’: The Political Use of Refugees in German Upper Silesia during the Weimar and Nazi Eras”, in <i>Cultural Landscapes: Transatlantische Perspektiven auf Wirkungen und Auswirkungen deutscher Kultur und Geschichte im Östlichen Europa</i>, ed. Andrew Demshuk et al. (De Gruyter, 2015), 149-168.</p>
Research Awards (Maximum three)	<p>-Berlin Program Fellowship at the Freie Universität in Berlin.</p> <p>-Social Science Research Council IDRF</p> <p>-Fulbright Hayes Dissertation Fellowship</p>