

# Heath A. Spencer

## Education

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Ph.D. in History, University of Kentucky (1997)  
Major Fields: modern Europe, modern Germany, social history, religious history  
Minor Field: medieval Europe

M.A. in History, University of Kentucky (1991)

B.A. in History, University of Washington (1988)

## Professional Positions

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Seattle University, Department of History (2002-Present)  
Senior Instructor (2010-Present)  
Core Lecturer (2005-2010)  
Adjunct Professor (2002-2005)

Seattle Pacific University, Department of History (2002-2006)  
Adjunct Professor (2002-2006)  
Interim Coordinator for Learning Services, Center for Learning (2003-2006)

University of Washington—Bothell Campus, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (2003)  
Adjunct Professor (2003)

Kansas Wesleyan University, Department of History (1995-2002)  
Associate Professor with tenure (2001-2002)  
Department Chair (1998-2002)  
Assistant Professor (1995-2001)

University of Kentucky, Department of History (1991-1994)  
Graduate Instructor (1994)  
Teaching Assistant (1991-1993)

## Articles

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"From Liberal Theology to *Völkisch* Christianity? Heinrich Weinel, the *Volkskirchenbund*, and the Church Struggle in Thuringia," *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* (forthcoming).

"*Kulturprotestantismus* and 'Positive Christianity': A Case for Discontinuity," *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte: Internationale Zeitschrift für Theologie und Geschichtswissenschaft* 22:2 (2009): 519-549.

## Reviews

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Review of Luke Fenwick, "The Protestant Churches in Saxony-Anhalt in the Shadow of the German Christian Movement and National Socialism, 1945-1949" (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 20:3 (2014).

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Review of Michael Wermke, ed. *Transformation und religiöse Erziehung: Kontinuitäten und Brüche der Religionspädagogik 1933 und 1945* (Book), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly*, 19:4 (2013): 23-27.

Review of Rebecca Ayako Bennette, *Fighting for the Soul of Germany: The Catholic Struggle for Inclusion after Unification* (Book), in *Church History* 82:3 (2013): 758-760.

Review of Katharina Kunter and Jens Holger Schjørring, eds. *Europäisches und Globales Christentum/European and Global Christianity: Herausforderungen und Transformationen im 20. Jahrhundert/ Challenges and Transformations in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* (Book) in *Association of Contemporary Church Historians Quarterly* 18:3 (2012): 18-20.

Review of Manuel Borutta, "Genealogie der Säkularisierungstheorie. Zur Historisierung einer großen Erzählung der Moderne" (Article), in *Association of Contemporary Church Historians Quarterly* 18:2 (2012): 31-32.

Review of Douglas Pratt and Barbara Göb, "Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations in Germany: Recent Developments and Continuing Issues" (Article), in *Association of Contemporary Church Historians Quarterly* 17:4 (2011): 22.

Review of Edward Mathieu, "Public Protestantism and Mission in Germany's Thuringian States, 1871-1914" (Article), in *Association of Contemporary Church Historians Quarterly* 17:3 (2011): 26-27.

Review of Jeremy Cohen, *Christ-Killers: The Jews and the Passion from the Bible to the Big Screen* (Book), in *Association of Contemporary Church Historians Quarterly* 17:1 (2011): 2-4.

Review of Hubert Wolf, *Pope and Devil: The Vatican's Archives and the Third Reich* (Book), in *Association of Contemporary Church Historians Quarterly* 16: 3 (2010): 7-8.

Review of Derek Hastings, *Catholicism and the Roots of Nazism: Religious Identity and National Socialism* (Book), in *Church History* 79:3 (2010): 731-733.

Pre-Revision Review of Lynn Hunt, Thomas Martin, Barbara H. Rosenwein, R. Po-chia Hsia, and Bonnie Smith, *The Making of the West: Peoples and Cultures, A Concise History*, Volume I, 2/e (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2007).

Review of Mark D. Chapman, *Ernst Troeltsch and Liberal Theology: Religion and Cultural Synthesis in Wilhelmine Germany* (Book), in *Church History* 72:3 (September 2003): 676.

### Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations

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"Post-War Settlements and Side Effects," First World War Lecture Series, Women's University Club, Seattle (scheduled for April 2015)

"Home Fronts," First World War Lecture Series, Women's University Club, Seattle (scheduled for March 2015)

"Targeting Civilians," First World War Lecture Series, Women's University Club, Seattle (scheduled for February 2015)

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"The Great War as Global Conflict," First World War Lecture Series, Women's University Club, Seattle (2014)

"The Great War in Europe," First World War Lecture Series, Women's University Club, Seattle (2014)

"The Road to War," First World War Lecture Series, Women's University Club, Seattle (2014)

"A Tale of Two Theologians (in the Third Reich): Some Reflections on the Nature of Good and Evil," Naef Scholars Last Lecture, Seattle University (2014)

"Using Class Discussions and Reflection Papers to Focus on Issues of Peace and Justice," Conference on Teaching Social and Environmental Justice in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, Seattle University (2003)

"Nationalizing God: A Reappraisal of German Cultural Protestant War Theology," European Studies Conference in Omaha, Nebraska (1998)

"*Staatskirche, Freikirche oder Volkskirche?* Church/State Debates and the Peculiarities of German Religious Liberalism," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in Lexington, Kentucky (1998)

"The Politics of Cultural Ambivalence: Images of the Modern World in German Cultural-Protestant Thought 1890-1918," Mid-America Conference on History in Topeka, Kansas (1996)

"Reinterpreting the Reformation: Orthodoxy, Freedom and Truth in the Liberal Theological Press, 1890-1918," Annual Conference of the German Studies Association in Dallas, Texas (1994)

"Martin Rade and *Die Christliche Welt*: A Liberal Protestant Encounter with the First World War," Duquesne History Forum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1992)

"Ernst Jünger and the Reconstruction of the Myth of *Heldentum*," Bluegrass Graduate Symposium in Lexington, Kentucky (1992)

### **Administration and Professional Service**

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Editorial Board of the *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* (2010-Present)

Director, Faith and Great Ideas Core Academic Program, Seattle University (2010-Present)

Academic Assembly, Seattle University (2013-Present)

Core Executive Committee, Seattle University (2014-Present)

College of Arts and Sciences Space Committee, Seattle University (2013-Present)

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty/Staff Assembly Non-Tenure-Track Subcommittee, Seattle University (2013-Present)

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Peer Consultant for the Center for Faculty Development, Seattle University (2009-Present)

Core Assessment Committee, Seattle University (2010-2013)

Assistant Director, Core Track in Diversity, Citizenship and Social Justice, Seattle University (2008-2013)

Planning Coordinator, Phi Alpha Theta Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, Seattle University (2011)

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty/Staff Assembly Coordinating Committee, Seattle University (2009-2010)

Interim Coordinator for Learning Services, Center for Learning, Seattle Pacific University (2003-2006)

History Department Chair, Kansas Wesleyan University (1998-2002)

Faculty Affairs Committee, Kansas Wesleyan University (2001-2002)

Vice President of Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Region IV (2000-2002)

Faculty Sponsor of Alpha Chi Honor Society, Kansas Wesleyan University (1996-2002)

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, Kansas Wesleyan University (1999-2001)

Teacher Education Committee, Kansas Wesleyan University (1996-2001)

Faculty Sponsor of Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Kansas Wesleyan University (1998-2000)

Folio Review Teams, Kansas State Department of Education in Topeka, Kansas (1998, 2001)

Programming Committee, Mid-America Conference on History, Topeka, Kansas (1996)