

Heath A. Spencer

Education

Ph.D. in History, University of Kentucky (1997)

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

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

Professional Positions

Seattle University, Department of History (2002-Present)

Associate Teaching Professor (2022-Present)

Senior Instructor (2010-2022)

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

"The Thuringian *Volkskirchenbund*, the Nazi Revolution, and *Völkisch* Conceptions of Christianity," *Church History* 87:4 (December 2018): 1091-1118.

"From Liberal Theology to *Völkisch* Christianity? Heinrich Weinel, the *Volkskirchenbund*, and the Church Struggle in Thuringia," *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 30:2 (Fall 2016): 328-350.

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

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

"Creating Space for Productive Seminar Discussions," in *The University Honors Handbook*, ed. Sean H. McDowell (Seattle University, 2017), 45-51.

Reviews

Review of Johannes Ehmann, ed., *Die Kirchen der Union: Geschichte - Theologie – Perspektiven* (Book), in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 72 (January 2021): 208-210.

Review of Jörg Spenkuch and Philipp Tillmann, "Elite Influence? Religion and the Electoral Success of the Nazis" (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 26:3 (September 2020).

Review of Ionuț Biliuță, "Fascism, Race, and Religion in Interwar Transylvania: The Case of Father Liviu Stan (1910–1973)" (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 26:3 (September 2020).

Review of Anita Rasi May, *Patriot Priests: French Catholic Clergy and National Identity in World War I* (Book), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 25:3 (September 2019).

Review of Julio de la Cueva, "Violent Culture Wars: Religion and Revolution in Mexico, Russia and Spain in the Interwar Period" (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 25:3 (September 2019).

Review of Konstantin Hermann and Gerhard Lindemann, eds., *Zwischen Christuskreuz und Hakenkreuz. Biographien von Theologen der Evangelisch-lutherischen Landeskirche Sachsens im Nationalsozialismus* (Book), in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 70:2 (April 2019): 438-440.

Review of Wolfgang Thielmann, ed., *Alternative für Christen? Die AfD und ihr gespaltenes Verhältnis zur Religion* (Book), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 24:3 (September 2018).

Review of Joachim Negel and Karl Pinggéra (eds.), *Urkatastrophe. Die Erfahrung des Krieges 1914-1918 im Spiegel zeitgenössischer Theologie* (Book), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 23:4 (December 2017).

Review of Michael Schüring, *"Bekennen gegen den Atomstaat." Die evangelischen Kirchen in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und die Konflikte um die Atomenergie 1970-1991* (Book), in *German Studies Review* 40:3 (October 2017): 699-701.

Review of Samuel Koehne, "Religion in the Early Nazi Milieu: Towards a Greater Understanding of 'Racist Culture'" (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 23:1/2 (June 2017).

Review of Rolf-Ulrich Kunze, „*Möge Gott unserer Kirche helfen!*“ *Theologiepolitik, Kirchenkampf und Auseinandersetzung mit dem NS-Regime. Die Evangelische Landeskirche Badens, 1933–45* (Book), in *Church History and Religious Culture* 96:3 (September 2016): 477-479.

Review of Todd Weir, “The Christian Front against Godlessness: Anti-Secularism and the Demise of the Weimar Republic, 1928-1933” (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 22:3 (September 2016).

Review of Ján Liguš, “Obedience or Resistance: The Legacy of Bonhoeffer” (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 22:2 (June 2016).

Review of Todd H. Weir, “The Specter of ‘Godless Jewry’: Secularism and the ‘Jewish Question’ in Late Nineteenth-Century Germany” (Article), in *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* 21:3 (September 2015).

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 (September 2014).

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 (December 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 (September 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 20th Century* (Book) in *Association of Contemporary Church Historians Quarterly* 18:3 (September 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 (June 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 (December 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 (September 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 (March 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* 15: 3 (September 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

"State and National Elections in Weimar Germany: A Cautionary Tale," Seattle University (October 2020)

"The Great Seminal Catastrophe of the Twentieth Century?" Women's University Club, Seattle (April 2019)

"Legacies of the Great War in Asia and Africa," Women's University Club, Seattle (March 2019)

"From Ottoman Empire to Republic of Turkey," Women's University Club, Seattle (February 2019)

"The Ideal and Reality of Self-Determination in Eastern Europe," Women's University Club, Seattle (November 2018)

"The Treaty of Versailles and the Politics of Bitterness," Women's University Club, Seattle (October 2018)

"The Paris Peace Conference and the New International Order," Women's University Club, Seattle (October 2018)

"German Churches and the Third Reich: Stories of Complicity and Resistance," Teach-in on "Resistance and Justice: Understanding Our Current Political Climate," Seattle University (2017)

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

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

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

"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

College of Arts and Sciences Space Committee, Seattle University (2013-2015, 2016-Present, Interim Chair Fall Quarter 2020 and Winter Quarter 2021)

Academic Assembly, Seattle University (2013-2016, 2019, 2021-2022)

Editorial Board, *Contemporary Church History Quarterly* (2010-2021)

University Non-Tenure Track Committee, Seattle University (2018-2021)

College of Arts and Sciences Non-Tenure-Track Committee, Seattle University (Co-Chair 2018-2019)

Board of Directors, Association of Washington Historians (2015-2018)

Core Executive Committee, Seattle University (2014-2016)

Director, Faith and Great Ideas Core Academic Program, Seattle University (2010-2015)

Peer Consultant for the Center for Faculty Development, Seattle University (2009-2014)

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)