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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Anthropology of migration, anthropology of the state and bureaucracy, science and technology studies
 Geographic location: Colombia, Venezuela

EDUCATION

- 08/2018—present Doctoral student of Cultural Anthropology, Pittsburgh, PA, *Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh*
 Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies
 Graduate Certificate in Global Studies
 Advisor: Heath Cabot
- 10/2013–10/2017 Bachelor of Arts, Berlin, Germany, *Department of Anthropology, Free University Berlin*
 GPA: 1.2 (equivalent to 3.8)
 Advisor: Olaf Zenker
 Bachelor Thesis: *We're the lone fighters: Administrative decision-making and boundary objects in a Berlin refugee shelter within a state-mandated bureaucratic framework.*

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming “Powerlessness and empowerment in the context of refuge and flight: an introduction” (in German). In: Olaf Zenker [ed.]: *Powerlessness and Empowerment in the context of refuge and flight: Berlin one year after the long summer of migration 2015* (in German). Bielefeld: Transcript Press. [first author with Olaf Zenker]
- Forthcoming “It’s all for the residents!”: Office culture, voluntary work, and vocational empowerment/powerlessness in a Berlin refugee shelter (in German). In: Olaf Zenker [ed.]: *Powerlessness and Empowerment in the context of refuge and flight: Berlin one year after the long summer of migration 2015* (in German). Bielefeld: Transcript Press. [co-authored with Mila Pelivan]
- Forthcoming “We’re here because we’re all human, right?”: A Berlin NGO and the balance between idealist expectations and real implications of social diversity (in German). In: Olaf Zenker [ed.]: *Powerlessness and Empowerment in the context of refuge and flight: Berlin one year after the long summer of migration 2015* (in German). Bielefeld: Transcript Press.
- Forthcoming “This was your responsibility, we did our part”: Powerlessness and empowerment in times of state failure (in German). In: Olaf Zenker [ed.]: *Powerlessness and Empowerment in the context of refuge and flight: Berlin one year after the long summer of migration 2015* (in German). Bielefeld: Transcript Press. [co-authored with Salome Bader]

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 08/2020 – 04/2020 Andrew Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
- 08/2019 – 04/2020 Alfredo D. and Luz Maria P. Gutierrez Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

 FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS (CONTINUED)

- 05/2019 – 07/2019 Graduate Student Field Research Grant, Center for Latin America Studies, University of Pittsburgh; \$2,000 for pre-dissertation field research in Colombia.
- 05/2019 – 07/2019 Graduate Student Travel Funds, Social Science Research Initiative Migration, Global Studies, University of Pittsburgh; \$1,000 for pre-dissertation field research in Colombia.
- 05/2019 – 07/2019 (declined) Department of Anthropology Pre-Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, University of Pittsburgh; \$2,600 for pre-dissertation field research in Colombia.
- 08/2018 – 04/2019 Dietrich School of Arts and Science Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

 CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 03/2019 “Echo of Migration? Analyzing current migration policy developments in Mexico and Colombia,” the 23rd Latin American Social and Public Policy (LASPP) Conference, University of Pittsburgh. March 29 - 30, 2019.
- 12/2018 Co-organizer with Phillip Mendenhall of the graduate workshop *How to Handle Racism in the Classroom* lead by Dr. Gabby Yearwood. December 13th, 2018.
- 10/2018 Co-organizer and presenter, “Playing the System: Administrative Decision-Making in a Berlin Refugee Shelter,” Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival and Conference Pittsburgh. October 22-24, 2018.
- 03/2017 “Bureaucracy as an Instrument of Control? Administrator’s discretion in a Berlin refugee shelter within a state-mandated framework,” German Junior Society for Politics and Social Studies (DNGPS) Conference Endangered constellations: Unsafe orders and precarious life. March 22nd-24th, 2017.
- 01/2017 Panel discussant at the round-table-discussion *Powerless Empowerment? Critical Reflections on Dealing with Flight* as part of the lecture series “Emotions and their Effects. Affective Dynamics of Flight and Migration” at the Academy of Arts Berlin. January 6th, 2017.

 RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 05/2019—07/2019 Pre-dissertation field research in Bogotá and Cúcuta, Colombia
- 11/2016–02/2017 Berlin refugee shelter for BA thesis
- 04/2016–07/2016 Berlin refugee shelter, as part of the collective student research *Current Situation of Refugees in Berlin* under Prof. Dr. Olaf Zenker
- 01/2015 San Miguel Chimalapa, Oaxaca, Mexico

 PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

German Anthropological Association | German Junior Society for Politics and Social Studies | Engaged Anthropology Network at Free University Berlin | Political and Legal Anthropology Network, Halle University