

# Katie Chaka Parks

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2017 - pres. Ph.D., Department of History, *Wayne State University*.
- 2014 - 2016 M.A., summa cum laude, Department of History, *Oakland University*.
- 2012 - 2014 B.A., cum laude, Department of History, *Oakland University*.
- 2010 - 2012 Department of History, *California State University of Northridge*.

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## Research Fields

Modern Europe, Twentieth Century Germany, Women and Gender

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## Published Works

- Katie Chaka, "Preservation of Morality and Marriage: German Catholic Women and the *Lebensborn* Program," in The Bedford Centre Blog for Women's and Gender History, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2016.
- Review of Wendy Lower, *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2013), in *History Matters* 12 (2015): 82-83.

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## Conferences

- "The Intersection of Gender, Religion, and Eugenic Programs in Nazi Germany," Bergen-Belsen International Summer School, Bergen-Belsen Memorial, Hermannsburg/Frankfurt am Main, Germany, July 27- August 5 2018.
- "Real and Imagined Borders: People, Place, Time," Panel Commentor. International Graduate History Conference, Central Michigan University, Michigan, 6-7 April 2018.
- "'Preservation of Morality & Marriage': German Catholic Women and the Lebensborn Program," International Women's Day History Conference, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 9-10 March 2018.
- "'Preservation of Morality & Marriage': German Catholic Women and the Lebensborn Program," Annual *Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honors Society* Regional Conference, Oakland University, Michigan, 2 April 2016.
- "The Demons That Nationalism Created: Lebensborn and Aktion T-4," Annual *Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honors Society* Regional Conference, Ferris State University, Michigan, 28 March 2015.

"Trading Traditional Femininity for Power: The Aufseherinnen in Nazi Camps," *Gender, Sexuality and Violence* Graduate Student Conference, University of Michigan, 17 January 2015.

"Trading Traditional Femininity for Power: The Aufseherinnen in Nazi Camps," Annual *Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honors Society* Regional Conference, Hope College, Michigan, 29 March 2014.

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## Membership in Associations

Central European History Society

American Historical Association

Phi Alpha Theta National Honors Society

History Graduate Student Association

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## Service

2017 - pres. Holocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills, MI, Docent.

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## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2018 Thomas H. Bonner Graduate Research Grant (funding for Bergen-Belsen International Summer School in Hermannsburg/Frankfurt am Main, Germany)

2017 - pres. Thomas C. Rumble University Graduate Fellowship, Wayne State University.

2017 - pres. History Graduate Student Association, Secretary, Wayne State University.

2015 - 2016 Graduate Assistantship, Oakland University.

2015 Provost's Graduate Student Research Grant, Oakland University (funding for research trip to Munich).

2015 - 2016 Phi Alpha Theta, Treasurer, Oakland University.

2014 - 2015 Phi Alpha Theta, President, Oakland University.

2014 - 2015 Associate Contributing Editor of *History Matters*, Undergraduate Journal of Historical Research.

2014 Phi Alpha Theta Conference Distinguished Paper Award.

2012 - 2014 Oakland University Dean's List.

2010 - 2012 California State University of Northridge Dean's List.

2010 - 2012 California State University of Northridge History Club, Secretary.

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## Languages

German (reading), English (native).