Katie Chaka Parks

Curriculum Vitae

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

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Education

## 2017 - pres. Ph.D. Candidate, 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*

Research Fields

Modern Europe, Twentieth Century Germany, Women, Gender, and Sexuality

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.

### Conferences/ Presentations

## “The Gender of Loyalty: Female Guards in Hitler’s Camps.” Holocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills, MI, 17 February 2019.

## “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.

Membership in Associations

Central European History Society

German Studies Association

American Historical Association

Phi Alpha Theta National Honors Society

History Graduate Student Association

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2019 -2020 Graduate Research Assistantship, Wayne State University

2019 Otis-Reider Graduate Symposium on the History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

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

2015 - 2016 Graduate Assistantship, Oakland University

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

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

Service

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

* Responsible for giving 90 minute educational tours to present the history of the Holocaust, as well as an oral history of Jewish experiences during the Nazi regime.

2019- pres. History Graduate Student Association, Vice President of Education, Wayne State University

2017 - 2019 History Graduate Student Association, Secretary, Wayne State University

2015 - 2016 Phi Alpha Theta, Treasurer, Oakland University

2014 - 2015 Phi Alpha Theta, President, Oakland University

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

Languages

German (reading), English (native)