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Academic Background

- 1993 *Vordiplom* (~ B.A., Philosophy) – University of Frankfurt am Main (Germany)
1995 M.Sc. (Philosophy of Science) – University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom)
1998 *Staatsexamen* (~ M.D., Medicine) – Humboldt University of Berlin, Charité (Germany)
2001 *Dr. med.* (~ PhD, History of Medicine) – Free University of Berlin (Germany)
1999-2001 Research Fellow (joint affiliation with the Department of Neurology and the Department of Anatomy) – Humboldt-University of Berlin, Charité (Germany)
2001-2004 Assistant Professor (Institute for History and Ethics of Medicine) – Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuernberg (Germany)
2004-2006 Assistant Professor (Institute for History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine) – Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz (Germany)
9/2006-5/2008 Visiting Assistant Professor (Department of Social Studies of Medicine) and Feodor-Lynen-Scholar of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation – McGill University of Montreal (Canada)
4/2010-8/2010 Visiting Professor (Department III “Experimental Systems and Spaces of Knowledge”) – Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (Germany)
8/2011-9/2012 Visiting Professor (Office for History of Science and Technology) – University of California, Berkeley (United States)
2008-present Associate Professor (Depts. of Community Health Sciences & History) – University of Calgary (Canada)

Research Interests

Historical epistemology of the biomedical sciences in the 19th and 20th century
Development of the visualization practices in modern medicine in their historical context
Interdisciplinary organisation of the morphological neurosciences in the early 20th century
Historical and theoretical relations between the brain sciences and the philosophy of mind
Forced-migration of German-speaking neuroscientists after 1933
History of public mental health in North America in the 20th century

Permanent Professional Engagements (Selection)

- 2005-2007 Member-at-Large of the German Society for the History of Science (GWG)
2006-2009 Member-at-Large of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN)
2010-2011 President of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN)
Since 2008 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Journal “Medicine Studies” (Springer, Heidelberg, Berlin)

- Since 2008 Member of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Medical Foundation (AMF, Edmonton, Alberta)
- Since 2009 Member-at-Large of the Humboldt Association of Canada (HAC)
- Since 2009 President of the Calgary History of Medicine Society (CHOMS)
- Since 2011 Field Editor for “History of Neuroscience and Neuroethics”, in contribution to Jens Clausen (Tuebingen) and Neil Levy (Oxford), eds., Handbook of Neuroethics. Dordrecht: Springer (2013).
- Since 2012 Nickerson Fellow in Neuro-History of the Osler Library for the History of Medicine (McGill, Montreal)
- Since 2012 Member of the Executive Council of the Calgary Institute for the Humanities (CIH)

Current Research

My research draws specifically on the problem of interdisciplinarity in the neuromorphological sciences between 1910 and 1945, with a special regard to émigrés German-speaking neurologists in North-America. The results shall give further hints as to how important interdisciplinary work is perceived in the neurosciences and their general research organisation. As such, the project is of multiple importance to the historiographical, epistemological, as well as the methodological aspects of the science studies. These investigations display themselves as a particular endeavour into a central yet, hitherto, neglected field within biomedical research and the neurosciences.

University Teaching (since 2008):

McGill University (Winter Term 2008):

- INDS 406: Medicine and Society (for 4-yr Medical Students; co-taught with Prof. Jennifer Fishman)
- HIST 430: Topics in Modern Medicine: “Medicine and Morality in National Socialist Germany (1933 – 1945)” (for 3-yr & 4-yr History Students)

University of Calgary (Fall Term 2008):

- MED ELECT: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 1-yr Medical Students)
- HTST 493.38: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 3-yr History Students)
- MDSC 508: Health Sciences Journal Club (for 4-yr Health Sciences Students; sitting in and co-teaching with other faculty from the O’Brian Center)
- HSOC 408: Field Preceptor in Research Practicum Project: “The Translation of Eugenic Ideology into Health Policy: The Case of Alberta and Saskatchewan” (for 3-yr Health Sciences Students; co-supervision with Dr. Ardene Vollman)

University of Calgary (Winter Term 2009):

- MED ELECT: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 1-yr Medical Students)
- HTST 493.39: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 3-yr History Students)
- MDSC 508: Health Sciences Journal Club (for 4-yr Health Sciences Students; co-taught with Dr. Anthony Schryvers)
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University of Calgary (Fall Term 2009):

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- HTST 493.38: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 3-yr History & Health Sciences Students)
- MDSC 508: Health Sciences Journal Club (for 4-yr Health Sciences Students; co-taught with Dr. Cairine Logan)
- HSOC 408: Field Preceptor in Research Practicum Project: “Recalling the Forgotten: Dementia Care Facilities and Programs in Alberta between 1900 and 1950” (for 3-yr Health Sciences Students)

University of Calgary (Winter Term 2010):

- MED ELECT: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 1-yr Medical Students)
HTST 639.2 Topics in History of Science: "History of Medicine and Science from the Wilhelminian Empire to National Socialist Germany, 1870 – 1945" (Graduate Course)
HTST 493.39: History of Medicine and Health Care (for 3-yr History & Health Sciences Students)
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- MED ELECT: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 1-yr Medical Students)
HTST 493.38: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 3-yr History & Health Sciences Students)
NEURO 421: History, Philosophy, Society and Ethics (for 2-yr Neuroscience Students; co-taught with other faculty from the Hotchkiss Brain Institute)
HSOC 408: Field Preceptor in Research Practicum Project: "Public Media Perceptions of the Alberta Eugenics Program, 1928 – 1972" (for 3-yr Health Sciences Students)

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NEURO 421: History, Philosophy, Society and Ethics (for 2-yr Neuroscience Students; co-taught with other faculty from the Hotchkiss Brain Institute)
HTST 791.20 Medicine and its Intersections: Historical Origins and Foundations of Western Medicine and Health Care (Conference Course in Special Topics – Advanced Level)

University of Calgary (Winter Term 2012):

Dr. Stahnisch was on Sabbatical at the University of California at Berkeley, Office for History of Science and Technology

University of Calgary (Fall Term 2012):

- MED ELECT: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 1-yr Medical Students)
HTST 477 History of Science (Survey Course for 3/4-yr History, HPS, STAS and Science Students; co-taught with faculty from the HPS Roundtable: History, GRST, Philosophy, Medicine and Computer Sci.)
HTST 493.38: History of Medicine and Health Care (Survey Course for 3-yr History & Health Sciences Students)
NEURO 421: History, Philosophy, Society and Ethics (for 2-yr Neuroscience Students; co-taught with other faculty from the Hotchkiss Brain Institute)
NEURO 500: Bachelor of Neuroscience Honours Project: "The Role of Functional Imaging in Distinguishing Asperger's Syndrome from Autism Spectrum Disorders (A Historical and Sociological Analysis)" (for 4-yr Neuroscience Student)
HTST 791.20 Medicine and its Intersections: Historical Origins and Foundations of Western Medicine and Health Care (Conference Course in Special Topics – Advanced Level)

Further lectures, seminars and talks at the University of Calgary included: Community Health Sciences; History; History and Philosophy of Science Program; Science, Technology and Society Program; Health Science Program; Neurology Rounds; Neuroscience; Internal Medicine Residency Program; Psychology; Nursing; Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Program; International Baccalaureate Program (History); German, Slavic and East Asian Studies; Faculty of Environmental Design.