

# Alice Weinreb

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## EMPLOYMENT

**Associate Professor**, Loyola University of Chicago, 2017-present

**Assistant Professor**, Loyola University of Chicago, 2013-2017

**Assistant Professor**, Utah State University, 2012-2013

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Northwestern University, 2009-2012

## EDUCATION

**PhD in History**, University of Michigan, 2009

**MA in Gender Studies and Cultural Studies**, Humboldt University of Berlin, 2003

**Certificate in Urban Studies/Gender Studies**, International Women's University (IFU)  
Kassel, Germany, Summer 2000

**BA in Women's History (cum Laude)**, Columbia College, Columbia University, 1999

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Modern Hungers: Food and Power in Twentieth Century Germany*. (Oxford University Press: New York: 2017. Paperback released 2019)

Winner of 2017 Ernst Fraenkel Prize

Winner of 2018 Waterloo Center for German Studies Book Prize

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

"Anorexia Nervosa and the Weight of the Holocaust," forthcoming in *Isis: Journal of the History of Science*, Spring 2025

"First Comes the Feeding, then Comes the Democratization: Food, Hunger, and Democracy in the early FRG" in *The Arts of Democratization: Styling Political Sensibilities in Postwar West Germany*. Carolyn Kita and Jennifer Kapczynski eds. (University of Michigan Press: 2021)

"*Alles Geschmackssache?* Shaping (Gustatory) Tastes in East and West Germany" in *Experiencing Postwar Germany: Everyday Life and Cultural Practice in East and West, 1960 – 2000* eds. Erica Carter, Jan Palmowski, Katrin Schreiter (Berghahn Books: 2019)

“Beans Are Bullets, Potatoes Are Powder: Food as a Weapon during the First World War,” in *Environmental Histories of World War I*, John McNeil and Richard Tucker eds. (Cambridge University Press: 2018.)

“Overcoming ‘German’ Cuisine in late Cold War Germany,” *Imaginations: Journal of Cross Cultural Image Studies* (Special Issue on the GDR), Vol 8: 1/2 (May 2017)

“Embodying German Suffering: Rethinking Popular Hunger during the Hunger Years,” *Zeitschrift für Körpergeschichte-Body Politics* 2(4): 2015

“Hot Lunches in the Cold War: The Politics of School Lunches in Divided Germany” in *Gender and the Long Postwar: Reconsiderations of the United States and the Two Germanys 1945-1989*, Karen Hagemann and Sonja Michel eds. (Johns Hopkins Press: 2014)

“For the Hungry have no Past nor do they belong to a Political Party: Debates over German Hunger after World War II.” *Central European History* (44:1) March 2012

“The Tastes of Home: Cooking the Lost *Heimat* in West Germany in the 1950s and 1960s.” *German Studies Review* (34:2) May 2011

“The Socialist School Lunch: Children, Mothers, and the Meaning of Work in the GDR” in *Hunger, Nutrition and Rationing under State Socialism, 1917-2006*, Mathias Middell and Felix Wemheuer, eds. (University of Leipzig Press: Leipzig, 2010.)

### **Non-Peer Reviewed Publications**

“Anorexia Nervosa: Hilde Bruch and the Construction of Eating Disorders,” *History of Knowledge*. Retrieved February 10, 2025 from <https://doi.org/10.58079/12xqf>

“Anorexia, Bulimia, and the Embodiment of Capitalist Consumer Culture” in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Food Studies* (Oxford: 2024)

“Struggles to Reconcile Women’s Wage Labor and Kitchen Labor in the German Democratic Republic” in *The Routledge International Handbook to Gender in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia* (Routledge: 2021)

Winner of the 2022 Heldt Prize for best book in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Women’s and Gender Studies

“Forum: World War I and the Origins of the Modern Food System,” *Global Food History* 5, no. 3 (Fall 2019).

“Are the Hungry Always Innocent (and Does It Matter)? Postwar Hungers in Germany 1918-1949,” November 2018, posted at *Food, Fatness and Fitness: Critical Perspectives* <http://foodfatnessfitness.com/2018/11/01/postwar-hunger-in-germany/>

### **Book Reviews**

Review of “Fat Studies: Ein Glossar,” in *Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society*, 2023

Review of “Rebellious Cooks and Recipe Writing in Communist Bulgaria” in *Global Food History*, 2023

Review of “Appetite and its Discontents: Science, Medicine, and the Urge to Eat, 1750-1950,” in the *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 2022.

Review of “Sick and Tired: An Intimate History of Fatigue.” in *American Historical Review*, 2021.

Review of “The Law of Blood: Thinking and Acting as a Nazi” in *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 2020.

Review of “The Consumer on the Home Front: Second World War Civilian Consumption in Comparative Perspective,” in *History: The Journal of the Historical Association*, 2019.

Review of “Geschichte des Nicht-Essens. Verzicht, Vermeidung und Verweigerung in der Moderne” for H-Soz-Kult, December 2018

Review of “The Consumer on the Home Front: Second World War Civilian Consumption in Comparative Perspective,” in *History: The Journal of the Historical Association*, 2019.

Review of “Eating Nature in Modern Germany: Food, Agriculture and Environment, c.1870–2000,” in *Environmental History*, 2018.

Review of “Gewalt, Zurichtung, Befreiung? Individuelle “Ausnahmestände” im 20. Jahrhundert” in *German History*, 2018.

Review of “Poverty and Welfare in Modern German History” in *German History*, 2017.

Review of “Mobilizing Nature: The Environmental History of War and Militarization in Modern France,” *Agricultural History*, 2017

Review of “The Greenest Nation: A New History of German Environmentalism” in *German History*, 2015.

Review of “Food and War in Twentieth Century Europe,” *Agricultural History*, 2013.

Review of “The Politics of Food Supply: U.S. Agricultural Policy in the World Economy,” *Environmental History*, Spring 2013.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Loyola University Chicago Research Support Grant**, 2024-2025

**National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship**, “Anorexia Nervosa and the Rise of Disordered Eating in the Twentieth Century World,” 2024-2025

**Sharon Abramson Research Grant**, “Anorexia Nervosa and the Weight of the Holocaust,” Holocaust Educational Foundation, Northwestern University, 2023

**Intra-University Visiting Fellowship**, Psychology Department, Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2023

**2022 Heldt Prize for Best Book in Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Women's and Gender Studies**, awarded to *The Routledge International Handbook to Gender in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia*, Association of Women in Slavic Studies, 2023

**Summer Research Stipend**, "Pathologies of Democracy: The Rise of Disordered Eating in the Postwar World," Loyola University Chicago, Summer 2022

**Special Research Support Competition Grant**, "Pathologies of Democracy: Anorexia Nervosa and the Rise of Disordered Eating in the Postwar World," Office of Research Support, Loyola University Chicago 2021-2022

**2018 Waterloo Center for German Studies Book Prize** for best English-language book in German Studies, University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

**Summer Research Stipend**, "Pathologies of Democracy: Anorexia Nervosa and the Weight of the Holocaust," Loyola University Chicago, Summer 2018

**Sujack Family Award for Faculty Research Excellence**, Loyola University Chicago, 2018

**Ernst Fraenkel Prize**, Awarded by the Wiener Library for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide for Outstanding Work in Contemporary European History, 2017.

**Center for Women and Gender Faculty Research Grant**, Utah State University, Summer 2013

**SSRC-New York University Press Book Fellowship** to support the timely completion of a first scholarly manuscript, Andrew Mellon Foundation, 2010-2011

**Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize** for the Best Dissertation in German History written at a North American University: German Historical Institute, 2010

**Arthur Fondiler Dissertation Award** for Best Dissertation of 2009: Department of History, University of Michigan, 2010

**ProQuest 2009 Distinguished Dissertation Awards Competition** (Honorable Mention, one of eight awarded across the university): University of Michigan, 2010

## **INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

"Against Our Will: Protest and Resistance in Eating Disorder Discourse" Montgomery Lecture, Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Northwestern University, February 2025

"A Transnational and Interdisciplinary Approach to the Late Twentieth Century Rise of Eating Disorders," Center for Excellence in Eating Disorders Summer Research Program, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, July 2024

"You Are What You Eat: Food, Ethnicity and Social Justice," Interdisciplinary Roundtable, Department of Anthropology, Loyola University Chicago, April 2024

“Anorexia in the Archives: Documenting the Late Twentieth Century Rise in Eating Disorders,” 15th Annual James H. Cassidy Lecture in the History of Medicine, National Library of Medicine, National Institute of Health, February 2024

“The Age of Anorexia and the Weight of the Holocaust,” University of Chicago, Jewish Studies Working Group, May 2022

“The Visual, the Social and the Material” (roundtable participant), *No Straight Lines: Peculiar Pasts and Crooked Futures: A Symposium in Honor of Geoff Eley*, September 2022

“Jewish Anorexia: The Anorexic Body and the Holocaust Body in the 1970s and 1980s,” Newberry Library German Studies Seminar, September 2021.

"Bodies in Crisis: Race, Class, Gender and the Postwar Creation of Anorexia Nervosa," Department of History/Democracy Initiative, University of Virginia, March 2021

“Economics and Eating Disorders: Anorexia and Obesity in the ‘Age of Austerity,’” *Austerity and Anti-Austerity beyond Capitalism*, University of Michigan, September 2019

“Modern Hungers: Food and German Identity from the Third Reich to the Berlin Wall and Beyond,” Keynote Lecture, University of Waterloo, Canada, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“Pathologies of Democracy: A Transnational Approach to Disordered Eating during the Age of Anorexia,” *New Directions in Modern German History*, Princeton University, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

“Creating the Pathological Body: Negotiating Modern Jewish-ness through the American Anorexic.” *Women’s History Month Lecture Series*. Women’s Center, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 2011

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Hunger Imaginaries: Hunger as a Worldview in Twentieth Century Germany,” *Hungern, Verhungern, Aushungern. Ressourcenentzug als Gewalt 1914-1945* [Hunger, Starvation, Death. Deprivation as Violence 1914-1945] Universität Hamburg, November 2022

“Anorexia in the Archives: Locating Sick Bodies at the Intersection of Feminism and Psychiatry 1970-2000,” *Chicago Area Medical Archivists Medical History Symposium*, October 2022

“The Anorexic Body and the Spector of the Holocaust,” *German Studies Association 44th Annual Conference*, October 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

“An Appetite for Violence: The Industrial Food System and the Making of the ‘Great War’ in Imperial Germany,” *American Historical Association 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL January 2019

“Blood, Soil, and Roots: German Claims to Lost Foods and Lost Lands after the Second World War,” *Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Conference*, Madison WI, June 2018

“Should Socialist Moms Cook? Struggles to Reconcile Women's Wage Labor and Kitchen Labor in the GDR.” *German Studies Association 41st Annual Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia, October 5th-8th, 2017.

“The Taste of Mom’s Cooking: Female Labor and Family Meals in East and West Germany,” *German Studies Association 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*, Washington DC, October 2015.

“Fat in the Cold War: East and West German Struggles with Obesity.” *Obesity, Health, and the Liberal Self*, German Historical Institute, Washington DC, September 2013.

## **LOYOLA UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Medical Humanities Task Force**, Committee Member, 2025

**Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Racial Justice**, 2023-2024

**Departmental Advisory Committee**, Department of History, Loyola University Chicago, 2023-2024

**Core Curriculum Development Working Group**, History Department Representative, Loyola University Chicago, 2021-2022

**Task Force on Faculty Gender Equity**, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago, 2021-2022

**Chair, Sujack Faculty Research Award Committee**, Spring 2019

**University Academic Program Review Committee Member** (Faculty Liaison to Theology Department), Loyola University, August 2018-Spring 2019

**History Department Undergraduate Majors APR Assessment Committee Member**, History Department, Loyola University, 2018-2019

**History Department PhD Program APR Assessment Committee Member**, History Department, Loyola University, 2018-2019

**Search Committee Member**: Latin American History Search: Assistant Professor, Loyola University, 2016-2017.

**Department Advisory Committee**, 2016-2017

**Student Recognition Committee**, 2015-2017

**Co-Director, Undergraduate Honors Program**, Loyola University, 2015-2017

**Commentator**, Loyola History Graduate Student Association Conference, Loyola University, 2013-2015

**Modern Europe Steering Group Leader**, Fall 2014

**Peace Studies Committee Member**, Loyola University, 2014-2016

**Search Committee Member**, Environmental History Search: Assistant Professor, Loyola University, 2013-2014.

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND TEACHING SERVICE**

**USRE Faculty Mentor**: supervised two full time student research interns, June 2024

**Research Experience Award**: supervised a student's independent Masters research project, funded by a competitive REM award, Spring 2024

**Organized Undergraduate Research Internship**: supervised three semesters of student interns with a total of 9 students students, 2023-2024

**Faculty Mentor, Senn High School IB Research Symposium**, November 2023

**Undergraduate Research Opportunities on International Topics**, Invited Speaker, Center for Research on International Affairs, November 2023

**Student Research Roundtable: Eating Disorders as Interdisciplinary Problem**, Organizer and Moderator, Psychology Department, February 2023

**Organized Undergraduate Research Internship**: supervised a semester-long archival project for six students, 2022

**Conceptualized and Led History Pedagogy Conversations**: monthly departmental meetings to discuss key issues and concerns in pedagogy, 2022-2023

**Faculty Mentor, Senn High School IB Research Symposium**, November 2022, 2017-2018

**CAS Summer Research Experience Mentor**, supervised undergraduate student in conducting research and in building data processing skills, Summer 2022

**Organizer, Faculty-Graduate Student Research Roundtables**, History Department, Loyola University Chicago 2018-2022

**Organizer, Interdisciplinary Faculty Book Talk Series**, History Department, Loyola University, 2017-2022

**Organizer, History Honors Colloquium Mini-Conference**, December 2017

**WSGS Lecture Series**, "Food, Love, and Mom: Women's Labor and the Myth of the Family Meal in Divided Germany," Loyola University Chicago, February 2018

**Designed and Led Pedagogy and Professionalization workshops for Graduate Students, 2015-2017**

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICE**

### **National Service**

**German Studies Association Graduate Student Essay Prize, Committee Member, 2023**

**Social Science Research Council – International Dissertation Research Fellowship Competition, Workshop Facilitator 2022**

**National Endowment for the Humanities, Reviewer, 2022**

**National Humanities Center Fellowship Competition, Application Reviewer, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2024**

**Berlin Prize Fellowship Competition, American Academy in Berlin, Application Reviewer, 2017, 2020**

**Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Application Reviewer, 2019**

**Social Science Research Council – International Dissertation Research Fellowship Competition, Application Reviewer, 2014-2017**

**Book Manuscript/Book Proposal Reviewer, *Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Bloomsbury Press, Routledge Press***

**Article Reviewer, *Gastronomica, Gender and History, Central European History, American Historical Review, Journal of Jewish Identities, Journal of Women's History, Culture, Theory and Critique, Food, Culture and Society, Holocaust and Genocide Studies***

### **Regional Service**

**Regional Symposium Convener, “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Eating Disorders: Causality, Diagnosis, Treatment,” Loyola University Chicago, October 2023**

**Co-Founder and Organizer, Body History Working Group, 2021-2023**

**Roundtable Organizer, “Hunger, Violence, and the State,” *Association for Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies 49th Annual Convention*, Chicago, IL, November 2017.**

**Roundtable Speaker, “Food Studies and German Studies—Recent Publications.” *German Studies Association 41st Annual Conference*, Atlanta, Georgia, October 5th-8th, 2017.**

**Public Lecture, “Bread and Bananas: Food and German Identity from the Third Reich to the Berlin Wall,” Chicago Foodways Roundtable, *Culinary Historians of Chicago*, September 2017**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Courses offered:

#### Undergrad:

History of Psychiatry: Eating Disorders (cross-listed with Psychology); History and Memory of the Holocaust: Food, Hunger, and Power in the Modern World; History Honors Tutorial; History and Memory of the Holocaust; The Nazi Revolution; Evolution of Western Ideas and Institutions; Historical Methods

#### Graduate:

Gender History Research Seminar; Histories of Violence in the Twentieth Century; European Women's and Gender History; The History of Everyday Life

### Pedagogy Presentations

"How does Good Historical Thinking Lead to Civic Engagement," *Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference*, Loyola University, January 2019

"Social Justice and Teaching Food History," *Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference*, Loyola University Chicago, August 2018

"Feeding Critical Thinking through Food History," *Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference*, Loyola University Chicago, August 2017

"Teaching Difficult History," Roundtable Panelist, *HGSA Graduate Student Association Conference*, Loyola University 2016

"Teaching Food Issues: Dealing with Politics, Race, and the Environment in the Classroom." *Brown Bag Series on Food Economies*, Chicago Area Food Studies Working Group, Chicago, IL 2011

### MEMBERSHIPS

American Association for the History of Medicine  
American Historical Association  
American Society for Environmental History  
Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies  
Association for the Study of Food and Society  
Conference Group for Central European History  
German Studies Association

### LANGUAGES

German – fluent in speaking, reading, writing  
Russian – elementary in speaking, reading  
Latin – fluent in reading