

# TERENCE RENAUD

## Curriculum vitae

Yale University  
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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in History, with an emphasis in Critical Theory, University of California, Berkeley	2015
M.A. in History, University of California, Berkeley	2010
B.A. in History, Boston University, <i>magna cum laude</i> with distinction	2007

## POSITIONS

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Lecturer, Yale University, Humanities Program and Department of History	2019 – present
Visiting Researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany)	2018 – 2019
Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer, Yale University, Humanities and History	2015 – 2018
Visiting Researcher, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History (Potsdam, Germany)	2012 – 2013
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley	2010 – 2012, 2013 – 2014

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOK

*New Lefts: The Making of a Radical Tradition* (Princeton University Press, September 2021)

How do you keep radical politics forever young? From the 1920s through the '60s, German and other European “new lefts” thought they had the answer. As the first long-term history of neoleftism, this book examines attempts by antifascists, left socialists, and anti-authoritarians to build sustainable and internally democratic alternatives to Social Democracy and Communism.

Reviewed in *Boston Review* (Nov. 4, 2021), *n+1* (Nr. 42, Spring 2022), and *The New Journal* (Mar. 15, 2022).

Short-listed for the 2022 European Studies Book Award.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Insider Intellectuals and the Crisis of Democracy,” *German History*, 37, no. 3 (Sept. 2019), 392-404

“German New Lefts: Postwar Socialists Between Past and Future,” *New German Critique*, no. 137 (Aug. 2019), 117-143

“Human Rights as Radical Anthropology: Protestant Theology and Ecumenism in the Transwar Era,” *The Historical Journal*, 60, no. 2 (June 2017), 493-518

“Hegel and the Revolutions Revisited,” *Modern Intellectual History*, 13, no. 2 (Aug. 2016), 525-39

### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Sternberg in Amerika. Betrachtungen über die globale Krise 1939-1951” [Sternberg in America: Reflections on the Global Crisis, 1939-1951], in Helga Grebing and Klaus-Jürgen Scherer, eds., *Streiten für eine Welt jenseits des Kapitalismus. Fritz Sternberg – Wissenschaftler, Vordenker, Sozialist* (Paderborn: F. Schöningh, 2017), 154-88

## REVIEWS AND OTHER ESSAYS

- with Kathryn Brackney, “What Hannah Arendt Would Do About Trump’s Former Bureaucrats,” *Foreign Policy* (Dec. 23, 2020)
- “The German-American Historical Complex” [review of Philipp Stelzel, *History After Hitler* (Penn, 2019)], *H-Diplo Roundtable* (Jan. 10, 2020)
- “Arte sovietica a Parigi” [exhibition review of “Red: Art and Utopia in the Land of Soviets” at the Grand Palais in Paris], *il Mulino* (June 28, 2019)
- “An Empty Gesture of Resistance,” *Age of Revolutions* (Sept. 7, 2018)
- “Assembling a New Left” [review of Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, *Assembly* (Oxford, 2017)], *Los Angeles Review of Books* (Aug. 16, 2018)
- “Signs of Subversion” [film review of *Sorry to Bother You*, dir. Boots Riley (2018)], *The Point Magazine* (July 31, 2018)
- “Shaken Solidarity” [review of Noah Benezra Strote, *Lions and Lambs* (Yale, 2017)], *H-Diplo Roundtable* (June 25, 2018)
- “The Socialist Minimum” [review of Talbot C. Imlay, *The Practice of Socialist Internationalism* (Oxford, 2018)], *H-Diplo* (May 25, 2018)
- “Inflatable Marx” [review of Gareth Stedman Jones, *Karl Marx* (Harvard, 2016)], *H-Ideas* (Mar. 2018)
- “The Primacy of Theology” [review of Michael G. Thompson, *For God and Globe* (Cornell, 2015)], *Politics, Religion & Ideology*, 19, no. 2 (2018), 226-29
- “Going Underground,” *Aeon* (Mar. 14, 2017)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

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* Postdoctoral Fellowship, Volkswagen and Andrew W. Mellon Foundations	2018 – 2019
Hoover Library and Archives Workshop on Political Economy	2018
Research Grant, Central European History Society	2016
Postdoctoral Scholar Travel Fund, Yale University	2015
Whitney Humanities Center Fellowship, Yale University	2015 – 2018
Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley	2014 – 2015
Student Mentoring and Research Teams (SMART) Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2014
Dissertation Fellowship, Center for German and European Studies, UC Berkeley	2014
* German Chancellor Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation	2012 – 2013
Pre-dissertation Fellowship Award, Institute for European Studies, UC Berkeley	2011
Summer Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley	2010
History Department Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2009 – 2014
Phi Beta Kappa (Epsilon of Massachusetts)	2007
Herbert and Mary Greig Scholarship in American History, Boston University	2006 – 2007
Research Grant, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Boston University	2006

## PAPERS, LECTURES, & INTERVIEWS

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- “New Lefts” [podcast interview by Kelvin Ng], *Yale History Podcast* (Apr. 19, 2022)
- “Are We Still Fighting the Battles of the New Left?” [interview by Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins], *The Nation* (Mar. 15, 2022)
- “Please Begin Writing Utopias Again” [interview by Esther Reichek], *Yale Historical Review*, 12, no. 2 (Fall 2021), 78-90
- “New Lefts” [podcast interview by Mathias Fuelling], *New Books Network* (Oct. 31, 2021)
- “New Lefts” [book talk], Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, NYU (Oct. 2021)
- “New Lefts” [book talk], Modern Europe Colloquium, Yale University (Sept. 2021)

- “Insider Intellectual History,” conference of Society for US Intellectual History, New York (Nov. 2019)
- “What Is a New Left?,” biennial conference of International Herbert Marcuse Society: Critical Theory in Dark Times, UC Santa Barbara (Oct. 2019)
- “Leftist Guys on the Right,” conference of German Studies Association, Portland OR (Oct. 2019)
- “Anarchism’s Social Imaginary,” Academy of Media Arts (KHM), Cologne (Jan. 2019)
- “Die historische Metapher des Untergrundes,” Colloquium for Twentieth-Century European History, Humboldt University of Berlin (Nov. 2018)
- “German Leftism and the Concept of the New,” conference of German Studies Association, Atlanta (Oct. 2017)
- “Crisis Theory and Futurology in the 1940s,” conference: German Past Futures in the Twentieth Century, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC (Feb. 2017)
- “The Socialist Third Way of the 1930s and ’40s,” conference of Society for US Intellectual History, Stanford University (Oct. 2016)
- “The Underground Imaginary from Antifascism to Counterculture,” Conference in Honor of Martin Jay: Beyond the Dialectical Imagination, UC Berkeley (Oct. 2016)
- “German New Lefts: From the Sixties Back to the Thirties,” conference of German Studies Association, San Diego (Sept. 2016)
- “Underground Europe and the Antifascist Imagination,” History Department Colloquium, Boston University (Mar. 2016)
- “Human Rights in a Heavenly Key: The Anthropology of the Protestant Ecumenical Conference at Oxford, 1937,” conference of Society for US Intellectual History, Washington, DC (Oct. 2015)
- “Flechtheim, Futurology, and the West German New Left,” international conference: Utopian Imaginaries, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Oct. 2015)
- “Conspiring to Go Public: German Antifascist Resistance in Exile during the 1930s,” Berkeley International and Global History Conference: Ideas and Ideology in the Global Past, UC Berkeley (Feb. 2015)
- “Socialism Rebranded: The Tortuous Reform of Social Democracy after 1945,” Kreis: German History Working Group, UC Berkeley (Jan. 2015)
- “Going Underground: The Resistance of ‘Neu Beginnen’ as the Deconstruction of Public Space, 1929-35,” international conference: Resistance, University of Oldenburg (Nov. 2014)
- “Germany’s New Beginning: Reconstruction, Remigration, and the Berlin Crisis, 1945-1949,” conference of German Studies Association, Kansas City (Sept. 2014)
- “Revolution and Resistance: The Berlin Org and the Birth of ‘New Beginning,’ 1929-1935,” History Students Association Conference: Violence, Coercion, Terror, and the State, San Francisco State Univ. (Apr. 2014)
- “Exile and Revolutionary Hope: New Beginning’s Antifascist Network, 1935-45,” Kreis: German History Working Group, UC Berkeley (Feb. 2014)

## TEACHING & ADVISING

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*Yale – courses in Humanities; History; German; and Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies*      semesters:

Resistance in Theory & Practice	SP18, SP20, SP21
Intellectuals & Power in Europe	SP16, SP17, FL19, FL20, FL21
Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1989	SU20

*Yale – courses in Directed Studies*

Historical & Political Thought (Ancient to Medieval)	FL15, FL16, FL17, FL19, FL20
Historical & Political Thought (Modern)	SP17, SP18, SP20, SP21
Philosophy (Ancient to Medieval)	FL21
Philosophy (Modern)	SP16, SP20

*Yale – bachelor’s theses advised in History and Humanities*

“Revolutions Unfinished: Black Workers, Organized Labor, and the Movements for Economic Justice, 1965-71”	2021-22
“The Cuban Connection: SNCC’s Encounters with the Cuban Revolution During Freedom Summer 1964”	2020-21
→ winner of the departmental Edwin Small Prize	
“Simultaneous Subjectivity: A Social History of Temporal Consciousness and Experience in Late Modernity Explored through the Medium of Pablo Picasso’s Collage”	2020-21
“Towards an Ethics of Bewilderment: Du Fu and Simone Weil in Conversation”	2020-21
“Unmaking a Movement: Radical Rhetoric in the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Movement, 1918-1944”	2020-21
“Joe Louis versus Max Schmeling, Race, and Geopolitics in the 1930s”	2019-20
“Action Intellectuals and Responsible Bureaucracy in Twentieth-Century America: The Ideas and Institution-Building Projects of Carl Joachim Friedrich”	2017-18
→ winner of the university Percival W. Clement Prize and the residential college Emily S. Saslow Prize	
“Green and Grey: Mass Housing and Urban Environmental Design in East Germany, 1971-1989”	2017-18

*UC Berkeley – courses in History as instructor of record*

Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1989	FL13
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*UC Berkeley – courses in History as teaching assistant*

War and Peace: International Relations since 1914	SP14
Crime, Punishment, & Power in American History, 1607-Present	SP12
History & Practice of Human Rights	FL11
European Civilization from the Renaissance to the Present	SP11
European Intellectual History from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment	FL10

**SERVICE**

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<i>Historical Materialism</i> , peer reviewer	2021
<i>New German Critique</i> , peer reviewer	2020
<i>Contemporary European History</i> , peer reviewer	2019
<i>Third World Quarterly</i> , peer reviewer	2019
Bloomsbury Press, peer reviewer	2016 – 2018
Modern Europe Colloquium, Yale University, co-chair	2016 – 2018
Kreis: German History Working Group, UC Berkeley, co-founder	2013 – 2015
Kroužek: East Central European History Working Group, UC Berkeley, co-coordinator	2010 – 2011

**LANGUAGES**

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English – native  
 German – advanced reading, writing, and speaking  
 French – advanced reading; basic writing and speaking  
 Spanish – intermediate reading; basic writing and speaking  
 Dutch – intermediate reading; basic writing and speaking