

Past Fort Scholars

Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholars in European Studies

Martin A. Ruehl, Spring 2020



Martin A. Ruehl was the 19th Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies.

He is Senior Lecturer in German Intellectual History at the University of Cambridge. He received his BA from Cambridge and his PhD from Princeton. His research to date has focused on the ideas and ideologies that shaped German society and culture in the period between Bismarck and Hitler, in particular the philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche and its reception since the 1890s.

He has published books and articles on Nietzsche, Burckhardt, Thomas Mann, Ernst Kantorowicz, German historicism and grecophilia. His essay on aesthetic fundamentalism in the writings of the George Circle appeared in *Weimar Thought: A Contested Legacy* (Princeton 2013). His monograph *The Italian Renaissance and the German Historical Imagination, 1860-1930* (Cambridge 2015) was shortlisted for the Gladstone History Book Prize of the Royal Historical Society.

The recipient of a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship, Ruehl is currently writing a book on German debates about slavery and unfree labor from the eighteenth century to the Third Reich. In 2017, he was awarded the Pilkington Prize for Teaching Excellence.

At Columbus State University Dr. Ruehl was hosted by the Department of History and Geography and taught HIST 3126 (History on Film) - "Film as a Weapon: Cinema in the Age of Extremes, 1914-1990" and HIST 5575 U/G (Selected Topics in European History) - "Fascism: A Global History".

Cornelia Wilhelm, Spring 2019

Cornelia Wilhelm is the 18th Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies.

Her work focuses on German, Transatlantic and Jewish History. She specializes particularly on questions related to migration, cultural transfers, integration and exclusion of ethnic and religious groups and their cultures of memory.

After having completed a dissertation in Social- and Economic History and a habilitation in Modern History at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München she received a *venia legendi* for Modern History (16th to 20th century). In 2011 she was appointed extraordinary professor for Modern History at the University of Munich, where she currently teaches courses in Modern History and in Jewish History.

Her dissertation explored how the German Nazi party tried to expand its influence on German-American organizations in the United States and discussed how the American nation dealt with this threat in the 1930s.

At Columbus State University Dr. Wilhelm was hosted by the Department of History and Geography and taught HIST 3555I (History Topics) and HIST 5575U/G (Selected Topics in European History).

Hugo Martín-Abad, Spring 2018



Hugo Martín-Abad was the 17th Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies. He was most recently a post-doctoral researcher at the JURASSICA Museum, Porrentruy, Switzerland. Dr. Martín-Abad received his Masters degree in Palaeontology through the Interuniversity Doctorate Program in Palaeontology, Universidad Alcala' de Henares, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Madrid, Spain).

At Columbus State University Dr. Martín-Abad will be in the Department of Biology and he will teach classes on "Evolution of Vertebrates through Evolutionary Time" (BIOL 6517) and "Biology of Fishing" (BIOL 1225).

Doru Pop, Spring 2017

Dr. Doru Pop is the 16th Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European



Studies.

Doru Pop is full time professor at the Faculty of Theatre and Television, the Cinema and Media Department at Babes Bolyai University (UBB) in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Dr. Pop received his Masters degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his PhD in Visual Culture and Philosophy from UBB.

He was previously a Fulbright junior scholar at the New School for Social Research in New York, Ron Brown fellow and more recently senior Fulbright scholar at Bard College, New York (2013), where he taught a course on Romanian New Wave cinema.

Doru Pop has published numerous works including, *Media and Politics* (2001), *Modern and Postmodern: Philosophies of Visual Culture* (2005) and *Romanian New Wave Cinema: An Introduction* (2014). He is also editor in chief of *Ekphrasis* academic journal and director of the Ekphrasis Research Center for Transdisciplinary Studies, at UBB.

Michael Parker, Fall 2015

Dr. Michael Parker is the 15th Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies.

He specializes in Irish Literature, Northern Irish Literature, and twentieth- and twenty-first century poetry. He received his PhD in English from the University of Liverpool. Dr. Parker is a freelance writer who works as a part-time tutor in Oxford University's Department of Continuing Education, and is Emeritus Professor of English Literature at the University of Central Lancashire. He has also held visiting posts at the University of #ód#, the Sorbonne (University of Paris III) and Emory University.

Dr. Parker's research focuses on 20th Century Irish literature, particularly the post-World War II literature of Northern Ireland. In addition to numerous essays, articles and translations, Dr. Parker has authored or co-authored nine books including, most recently, *William Trevor: Revaluations* (University of Manchester, 2013), *Irish Literature since 1990: Diverse Voices* (University of Manchester, 2009) and the forthcoming *Seamus Heaney: Legacies, Afterlives* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

Paul Galbraith, Fall 2014

Paul Galbraith is the 14th Columbus State University Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies.

Internationally renowned as a brilliant innovator of the classical guitar, Paul Galbraith has been working since the 1980s towards expanding the technical limits of his instrument, besides augmenting the quantity and quality of its repertoire.

These efforts have already resulted in a series of critically acclaimed recordings of works by Bach, Haydn and Brahms, along with his own arrangements of folk tunes from various countries, all of which demonstrate the originality of his musical personality. By exchanging the traditional guitar for the eight-string Brahms Guitar, which he helped to develop, Galbraith found the ideal instrument with which to interpret the challenging Classical transcriptions from his highly personal repertoire.

Paul Galbraith taught MUSC 4899 (2 credits): Musical Interpretations, and MUSC 4555 (3 credits): Guitar Transcription.

Dr. Dorin Andrica, Fall 2013



Dr. Dorin Andrica is the 13th Columbus State University Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies.

Dr. Andrica comes to CSU from the Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania where he is a full professor within the Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science. Dr. Andrica earned all of his degrees from Babeş-Bolyai, including his Ph.D. in 1992 with a thesis on critical points and applications to the geometry of differentiable submanifolds. He has served as a visiting scholar in a number of universities around the world including the University of Ancona (Italy), the University of Heidelberg (Germany), the University of Utrecht (Netherlands), the University of Genoble (France), the University of Nebraska (USA), the University of Texas at Dallas (USA), and the King Saud University (Saudi Arabia). He received a prestigious DAAD fellowship in 1993 which he took at the Technische Universität München, Germany.

Dr. Andrica has published several dozen books and journal articles over more than thirty years of active scholarship. His primary interests include Critical Point Theory and Applications, Nonlinear Analysis, Approximations Theory, Number Theory, and Elementary Mathematics. He is a member of the Romanian Committee for the Mathematics Olympiad and member of the editorial boards of several international journals. Also, he is well-known because his conjecture about the gap of the consecutive primes, called "Andrica's conjecture" and mentioned in many scientific resources, for example http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrica's_conjecture.

Dr. Marina Dabi#, Fall 2012



Dr. Marina Dabi# is the 12th Columbus State University Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies and the first holder of the position to serve in the Turner College of Business & Technology.

Dr. Dabi# has been Professor of Entrepreneurship and International Business at the University of Zagreb, Croatia, since 2007. She previously served as Vice Dean and Lecturer at the University of Osijek and prior to that during the 1980s worked in the business sector as Director of Imports for ?uro ?akovi?.

Dr. Dabi# received her Ph.D. from the University of Zagreb in 2000. Her prior degrees include a Masters in Marketing from Zagreb.

She has served as primary supervisor for several European Union research projects and with research collaborations with the University of Strathclyde and Cedar Sinai Hospital. She has also served as a visiting professor at the University of Comptense, the University of Graz, and the University of Sarajevo.

Dr. Dabi# has authored or co-authored forty-five publications in a wide variety of professional journals. Among her upcoming works are a co-edited book *Fostering Education in Entrepreneurship* and an article, "Students' Entrepreneurial Behaviour: International and Gender Differences," in the *Journal of International Entrepreneurship*. She currently serves on several editorial boards and as editor of *The International Journal of Transitions and Innovation Systems*.

At CSU this fall semester Dr. Dabi# will be teaching "Culture, Business, and Politics in Europe," and "Introduction to Entrepreneurship."

In 2000 the late Mrs. Mildred Miller Fort provided generous support to establish an annual Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies. Her foundation continues this important work of bringing unique international classes and new perspectives to Columbus State University students. In addition the Fort Foundation Visiting Scholars bring important research opportunities and collaboration to the university's faculty.

Dr. Zoltán Berényi, Fall 2011 - Spring 2012



Dr. Zoltán Berényi has been Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Debrecen since 2005. He received his Ph.D. from The Queen's University of Belfast. Previously he served as a visiting professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Sapienza Hungarian University of Transylvania, McDaniel University Budapest and Teikyo University in the Netherlands.

His research interests include European youth responses to democratization and extremism and the impact of the European Union in Eastern Europe, particularly the financial effects of that process. He has published two books, *Constitutional Democracy and Civil Society in Post-Communist Hungary* (1999) and *Democratic Values and Civic Culture in Hungary* (2001). He has also published twenty refereed journal articles or chapters in books. One of the most recent publications is "The relation between prejudice and the interpretation of democracy among teenagers" in *Central European Political Science Review*, 11 (2010): 79-97.

At CSU Dr. Berényi taught "International Relations," and "Comparative Politics: European Integration" as well as "Introduction to the European Union," "European Integration" or "Democracy and the Market in E. Europe after the Fall of Communism."

Dr. Rebecca Pelan, Fall 2010 - Spring 2011



Dr. Rebecca Pelan is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Research on Women, Gender, Culture and Social Change, University of Queensland, Australia. Previously Dr. Pelan has been a faculty member (lecturer) at the University College Dublin, National University of Ireland-Galway, the University of Ulster and the University of Queensland.

Dr. Pelan received her Ph.D. from the University of Queensland (1995). Her major publications include *éilí Ní Dhuibhne: Perspectives* (2009), *Feminism: Within and Without* (2006), *Two Irelands: Literary Feminism North and South* (2005), *Women Emerging: A Decade of Irish Feminist Scholarship* (2005), *Gender Matters in [Irish] Higher Education* (2004), *The Point of Change: Marxism/Australia/History/Theory* (1998) and *Irish-Australian Studies* (1994). Dr. Pelan has also published twenty-five book chapters and journal articles in the women's and/or Irish literature.

At CSU Dr. Pelan was part of the Department of English and was that department's first Fort Visiting Scholar. During the year she taught "Irish Novels," "Irish Film and Literature," "Irish Drama," and "Women and Irish Literature."

Dr. Mario Kessler, Fall 2009 - Spring 2010



Dr. Mario Kessler is an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Potsdam, Germany, and Research Fellow at the Center for Contemporary Historical Research, Potsdam, Germany. Previously he served as a visiting professor at Yeshiva University (NYC), the University of Massachusetts, the Free University of Berlin, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Dr. Kessler received his habilitation from the Academy of Sciences (1990) and his Ph.D. at the University of Leipzig (1982). His publications include thirteen monograph books, ten edited books, and dozens of articles. Among his more recent publications are *Clio's Disciples: One Hundred Portraits of Historians from Homer to Hobsbawn* (pending) and *From Hippocrates to Hitler: On Communism, Fascism, and the Debate on Totalitarianism* (2008).

At CSU Dr. Kessler was part of the Department of History and Geography and taught "The History of Europe since 1914," "The History of Modern Anti-Semitism," "The History of the Two Germanies, 1945-1990," and "Labor History since 1848."

Dr. Maya Soboleva, Fall 2008 - Spring 2009



The Mildred Miller Fort Visiting Scholar for fall 2008 and spring 2009 was Dr. Maya Soboleva. Dr. Soboleva has a PhD and habilitation from St. Petersburg State University. She is presently a University lecturer at the University of Marburg, Germany. Dr. Soboleva's areas of expertise include epistemology, philosophy of language, and Russian and German philosophy.

She taught PHIL 1105 "Introduction to Philosophy" and PHIL 3575 (Cross listed with ENGL 5545U) "The Western European Philosophy of Language".

Dr. Klas Borell, Fall 2007- Spring 2008



The Mildred Miller Fort Visiting Scholar for fall 2007 and spring 2008 was Dr. Klas Borell. Dr. Borell is internationally renowned for his work in the sociology of terrorism, including essays written during his studies in Beirut, the site of many recurring terrorist attacks. With a PhD from Uppsala University in Sweden, Dr. Borell has also published books and articles on social networks, trust, family and aging, and social theory.

Dr. Borell taught two classes at Columbus State University during fall 2007, and two classes in spring 2008.

Dr. Igor Kuzmin, Spring 2007



The spring 2007 Mildred Miller Fort Visiting Scholar in European Studies was Dr. Igor Kuzmin, right, from Saint-Petersburg State Technical University, Russia. Kuzmin is from the Institute of International Educational Programs, where he is senior lecturer and associate professor in historical and political sciences. At CSU, he was in the Department of History and Geography, where he taught three classes:

HIST5565G (20414): Russia in WWII

HIST5565U (20415): Russia in WWII

and

POLS3555 (21475): Russian Foreign Policy Since 1991

Dr. Jeffrey Hill, Spring 2006

The spring 2006 Mildred Miller Fort Visiting Scholar in European Studies was Jeffrey Hill, right, from DeMontfort University. Hill is director of the International Centre for Sports History and Culture at DeMontfort University and has published several books on 20th century British culture, politics and society. At CSU he taught two advanced courses in the Department of History and Geography: "Sport, Leisure and Culture in 20th Century Britain and the U.S." and "Popular Culture and Society of Europe 1900-1950."

Learn more about [Hill](#).

Dr. Reneo Lukic, Spring 2005



The spring 2005 Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies was Reneo Lukic, right, a professor at Laval University and senior fellow at the Institut Québécois des Hautes Études Internationales in Québec, Canada. Lukic taught two courses at CSU, “US-European Relations Since World War II” and “European Political and Economic Integration.”

Lukic earned his B.A. in economics at the University of Zagreb in Croatia and later completed his PhD in history and political science at the Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Lukic has held previous visiting scholar positions at Hokkaido University, Slavic Research Center in Sapporo, Japan; Institut d' Études Politiques de Paris; and the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Lukic also spent time as a research professor of history and Mellon Fellow in Humanities at Emory University and as an assistant professor of government and foreign affairs at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Lukic is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and has written and contributed to numerous books and articles.

Dr. Jürgen Michael Schulz, Spring 2004

Jürgen Michael Schulz, right, of Berlin was CSU's spring 2004 Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies, teaching two history courses, "The Age of European Totalitarianism" and "Jewish Life and Identity in 20th Century Central Europe."

Schulz is working on a book on East German cinema and culture that examines the implications of film production on the political history of the East German state, as well as its effects on social developments. From 1995 to 2003, Schulz was an assistant professor at the Institute for Communication History and Applied Cultural Studies at the Free University of Berlin. Additionally, he spent 2001-2002 as a visiting scholar at the University of Sussex in England.

Schulz studied at the Free University of Berlin, where he completed his master's in history and media studies, as well as his doctorate in history.

Dr. David N. Wilcock, Spring 2003

David N. Wilcock, a professor of environmental science at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, taught “International Environmental Policy” and “River System Dynamics” while visiting CSU.

Wilcock, right, was educated at University College in London, where he received his B.A. in geography. He later earned his Ph.D. at the University of Liverpool. He holds memberships in the British Fulbright Society, the Geographical Society of Ireland and the Royal Geographical Society. He has also advised the Irish government on nature conservation as chairman of Northern Ireland Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside, and he has assisted the UK Natural Environment Research Council. He is a leading researcher of UK water resource management, river systems, and environmental science in general.

Since 1967, he has published over 50 contributions to various geology, geography, and environmental science publications and has written two books.

Dr. Cathie Carmichael, Spring 2002

CSU's first Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies, Cathie Carmichael, right, was a senior lecturer at Middlesex University, London, where her expertise is European nationalism, minorities and ethnic conflict in the Balkans.

Cathie Carmichael is author of *Language and Nationalism in Europe* (Oxford University Press), *Slovenia and the Slovenes: A Small State and the New Europe* (Hurst & Indiana University Press), and *The Destruction of Tradition: The Theory and Practice of Ethnic Cleansing in the Western Balkans* (Routledge, 2002). She has published numerous essays in books and journals and serves as a consultant for the British Foreign Office.