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Dillon Banis
Apr 2023 – Feb 2024

Columbia University, History
Sugar, Globalization, and the German
Administrative State, 1871–1919

Marisol Bayona Roman
Oct 2022 – July 2023

The University of Texas at Austin, Germanic Studies
The Difference Between a Break and a Breakdown:
Life and Work in Twenty-First-Century German-
Language Novels

Jonathon Catlin
Oct 2022 – July 2023

Princeton University, History
Thinking against Catastrophe: A Concept in
Twentieth-Century German Thought

Mimi Cheng
Oct 2022 – Sept 2023

University of Rochester, Visual Studies
(Max Kade Postdoc)
Dissertation revision: China on the Horizon:
German Orientalism and the Colonial Built
Environment, 1860–1914
New project: Cartographic Orientalism

Duygu Ergun
Oct 2022 – July 2023

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,
Comparative Literature
The Making of an Aesthetic Domain:
Reframing Lived Relations in Turkish-German
Postwar Media Networks

Clemens Finkelstein
Apr 2023 – March 2024

Princeton University, History and Theory of Architecture
Architectures of Vibration: Environmental Control,
Seismic Technology, and the Frequency of Life,
1898–1944

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Till Knobloch
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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, History
The Human Element in Diplomacy

Paul Kurek
Oct 2022 – Sept 2023

*University of California, Los Angeles,
German Literature (FU Postdoc)*
Dissertation revision: Heavy Load-Bearing
Modernity: A Cultural Geology of Albert Speer's
Berlin/Germania

Sloane Nilsen
Oct 2022 – Sept 2023

University of California, Berkeley, History
Nazi Nights: A Time of Spectacle and Terror
(1933–1939)

Alexander Petrussek
Oct 2022 – Sept 2023

Rutgers University, History (Max Kade Postdoc)
Dissertation revision: Real Existing Ideals:
East Germany and the Socialist Imaginary, 1945–1991
New project: Red Stars in the Southern Cross:
Socialism, Apartheid, and the Struggle for Namibian
Independence

Johnathon Speed
Oct 2022 – July 2023

Vanderbilt University, History (FU Postdoc)
Dissertation revision: The Swabian Children and
Public Welfare in the Eastern Alps

Sarah Wheat
Oct 2022 – Sept 2023

University of Michigan, History of Art
Commoditizing the Harem Mystique:
Orientalism and Popular Architecture ca. 1900