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## CURRENT POSITION

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Field 3 –  
Social Integration and the Welfare State, Post-Doctoral Fellow (2008-  
2009)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science (2008), University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill  
Committee: John Stephens (Chair), Evelyne Huber, Gary Marks, David  
Soskice, Georg Vanberg

M.A. in Political Science (2003), University of North Carolina at Chapel  
Hill  
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methodology

B.A. with Distinction, in International Relations, French, and European  
Studies (2000), University of Wisconsin at Madison

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Oslo Summer School (2005,2006)  
Luxembourg Income Study Summer School (2005)  
EITM, Washington University (2004)

## FELLOWSHIPS

Center for European Studies, Joint Projects between Faculty & Graduate  
Students (2007)  
Berlin Program, Freie Universität (2006-2007)  
Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (2005-2006)  
Graduate Student Opportunity Fund (2005)  
FLAS German dissertation grant (2004-2005)  
University Center for International Studies travel grant (2004)  
FLAS German language grant (2003-2004)  
FLAS summer French language grant, (2003)  
FLAS summer German language grant, (2002)  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Teaching Assistant  
Fellowship (2001-2003)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Welfare State & Social Policy  
Comparative Political Economy  
European Integration  
Political Parties  
Education Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

“An Application of the Estimated Dependent Variable Approach: Trade  
Union Members’ Support for Active Labour Market Policies and  
Insider-Outsider Politics”. Forthcoming *International Journal of Public  
Opinion Research*

“An Analysis of Firm Support for Active Labor Market Policies in  
Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands,” Working Paper, Amsterdam  
Institute for Advanced Labor Studies, 2009

**PUBLICATIONS,  
CONT.**

“Early Retirement in the Netherlands,” with Anke Hassel, Teaching Case, Hertie School of Governance

“Decommodification and Activation in Social Democratic Policy: Resolving the Paradox” with Jingjing Huo and John D. Stephens. *Journal of European Social Policy* February 2008

“Party Ideology and European Integration: an East-West Comparison,” with Gary Marks, Liesbet Hooghe, and Erica Edwards. *Journal of Comparative Political Studies*, March 2006

“Party Ideology and European Integration: an East-West Comparison,” with Gary Marks, Liesbet Hooghe, and Erica Edwards. Robert Rohrschneider and Stephen Whitefield eds. Public Opinion, Party Competition and European Union Integration in Post-Communist Eastern Europe Berghahn, New York, 2005

**WORKING PAPERS**

“The Electoral Consequences of Welfare State Reform: Blame Avoidance or Credit Claiming in the Era of Permanent Austerity?” with Nathalie Giger. *Under Review*

“Economic Change and Skill Obsolescence: Restructuring Education Policy to Facilitate Labor Market Integration, “ *Under Review*

“Human Capital Investment and the Limits of Coordinated Capitalism: Denmark and Germany Compared,” *Under Review*

“The Determinants of Women’s Employment,” with John D. Stephens

“Agenda-Setting in the Case of Hartz IV”, with Anke Hassel and Christof Schiller, Hertie School of Governance, 2007

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
AND TALKS**

The Political Economy of the Service Transition, Institute for International Integration Studies, Trinity College Dublin May 2008

Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 2008, 2006, 2004

Network on Education and Training Kick-Off Meeting, Max Planck Institute Cologne, March 2008

Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies, Lunch Seminar, February 2008

ESPAnet Conference, Vienna, September, 2007

Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Friday, May 2006

ESPAnet Young Scholars Conference, Paris, July 2005

Bremen Social Justice Conference, March 2005

International Studies Association, Honolulu, March 2005

Conference on Public Opinion about the EU in Post-Communist Eastern Europe, Indiana University, Indiana, April 2004

**CONFERENCES,  
ETC., CONTINUED**

Workshop on the Analysis of Political Cleavages and Party Competition,  
Duke University, NC, April 2004

7th Graduate Student Conference, Georgetown University, March  
2003.

**RESEARCH AND  
TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

Transportation Learning Center, Consultant (2008-)

- Reviewed qualification systems in Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands for use in developing a framework in the US transit sector

Humboldt Universität, Teaching Assistant to Erasmus Students (2007),  
Professor Ellen Immergut, Humboldt University (Course Title:  
Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft und Internationale Beziehungen)

Hertie School of Governance, Teaching assistant (2007), Professor Anke  
Hassel, Hertie School of Governance (Course Title: The Policy Process:  
Employment and Welfare)

Humboldt Universität, Course Instructor (2006), (Course Title:  
Transforming Welfare States)

Hertie School of Governance, Research Assistant (October 2005-  
present), Professor Anke Hassel

- Researched vocational training reform and the Hartz IV reforms in Germany and wrote literature reviews on industrial relations and social pacts

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Research Assistant, Expert  
Survey on Political Parties' Positions toward European Integration  
(2002-2003), with Professors Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks, Marco  
Steenbergen, and Milada Vachudova, University of North Carolina—  
Chapel Hill

- Constructed database of experts, administered survey, generated dataset on political parties' positions toward European integration from survey data

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Research Assistant (2002-  
2003), Professor Searing, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

- Formulated tables on British and American citizenship and organized internships for students participating in a course on democracy

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Teaching Assistant (2001-  
2003), University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

- Courses: European Politics (Prof. Gary Marks, Prof. John Stephens), International Relations (Prof. Thomas Oatley), International Studies—Globalization (Prof. Evelyne Huber)

French Public Schools, English Language Teaching Assistant (2000-  
2001), Ris Orangis, France

**MISCELLANEOUS** Foreign Languages: French (fluent), German (fluent/highly proficient), Italian (basic)  
Statistical Software: Stata, SPSS, Endnote, fs/QCA 2.0  
Citizenship: United Kingdom/ United States

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** American Political Science Association  
Council on European Studies  
Network on Education and Training

**SERVICE TO THE FIELD** Student Assistant Representative (with Christof Schiller) (2008), Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany

Political Science Representative to the Graduate Senate (2003-2004), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Graduate Student Representative for Teaching and Learning (2002-2003), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

**REFERENCES**

Professor John D. Stephens (Chair)  
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3211 FedEx Global Education Center  
University of North Carolina  
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