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Madison, Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press, 1999.

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His monograph, *Lost Intimacies: Rethinking Homosexuality under National Socialism* 2009 , uses queer theory to read against the grain of hetero-textual narratives of the Holocaust and as a way for locating sexuality at its intersections with race, gender, and eugenics within the National Socialist imaginary. And how do we work together to lower the levels of antisemitism in America? This presentation provides a contextual overview of the experiences of gay men and lesbians under National Socialism, especially the ways in which the Nazi regime targeted gay men, and the varying degrees of tolerance and actual persecution directed by the regime toward lesbians.

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In *Lost Intimacies*, William Spurlin analyses the racialization of sexuality under the Nazi regime using queer theory. The result is a very comprehensive account of the treatment of homosexuality under the Nazi regime from the perspectives of not only Holocaust survivors, but also the Nazi government, opposition leaders and the average citizen.

The Persecution of Homosexuals under the Nazi Regime

David Snyder dedicates his book, *Sex Crimes under the Wehrmacht*, to the nonmilitary offenses committed by the Wehrmacht that were punished differently from how they would have been in the civilian penal code if at all. Beyond his own persecution, Heger also openly criticizes the treatment of gay Holocaust survivors after liberation; still considered criminals, some went back to prison, and none received compensation or even recognition. Based on extensive archival research in nine languages and on empathetic reading of victim testimonies, *The Last Ghetto* casts

light on human society works in extremis.

Lost Intimacies

For the outstanding contribution of his research in queer studies to social science scholarship, Professor Spurlin has been named a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences 2017 and Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy 2016 in recognition of exceptional leadership and scholarship in teaching. The research for *Lost Intimacies* was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council AHRC , and the book is widely cited and has been reviewed in such journals as *Men and Masculinities*; *German Studies Review*; *International Review of Social History*; and *Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft*. » Phyllis Lassner, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois «Drawing on queer theory, William J.

Professor William Spurlin

University of Nebraska Press, 2007. Cole situates the place of Auschwitz within the wider geography and chronology of a genocide that was constantly on the move as it first moved east, and then west, and then east again across Europe. New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing , Inc.

Professor William Spurlin

His most recent book is *Imperialism within the Margins: Queer Representation and the Politics of Culture in Southern Africa* 2006 , and he has written numerous essays on queer studies, postcolonial studies, critical theory, and twentieth-century comparative literature. Specifically addressing the racialization of sexuality, the book asks how the politics of sexuality can be more explicitly and systematically theorized, along with state-sanctioned homophobia under Nazism, with a clear recognition that homophobia seldom operated alone, but worked in conjunction with other axes of power, including race, gender, eugenics, and population politics.

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