

WILL TOMER

EDUCATION

M.A. in History, Idaho State University expected December 2027
Thesis (in progress): institutional life and lived experience at Camp Rupert, a German prisoners of war in Idaho. Advisor: Dr. Sarah Robey.

B.A. in History, Beloit College 2017
Minors in Journalism and Political Science.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern Germany; memory; history of emotions; everyday life (*Alltagsgeschichte*); sound and sensory history; technology and privacy.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Soap, Shame, and the Moral Injury of *Sauberkeit* in Occupied Germany, 1945–1948.”
Research paper in progress; the foundation of a planned doctoral project on soap and cleanliness in Germany, drawing on a previously unexamined emigrant–POW correspondence at the Idaho State Archives.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Op-Ed Editor, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 2018–2020

Op-Ed Editor, The Blade, Toledo, Ohio 2017–2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News Reporting, awarded to the staff of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for coverage of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting 2019

Glenn E. and Marguerite C. Hansen Excellence in Journalism Award, Beloit College 2017

Joseph P. Kobylka Prize in Journalism, Beloit College 2016

Eaton Scholarship, Beloit College 2013–2017

Dean’s List, Beloit College (five semesters) 2014–2017

SELECTED PUBLIC WRITING

- “Peter Longerich cuts through the Hitler myth in new biography,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, April 2019.
 - “The limits of civil discourse,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, October 2018.
 - “Pursuing justice for Abu Zubaydah, the first victim of the CIA’s torture program,” *The Blade*, July 2018.
- Additional opinion writing and book reviews available at willtomer.com.*

LANGUAGES

German — reading proficiency.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association • Central European History Society • German Studies Association