

Society for German-American Studies 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium

10-12 April 2014

Program and Schedule

Conference Hotel: Hampton Inn Downtown, 176 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203.  
Phone: (414) 271-4656.

Thursday, 10 April 2014

1:00-4:00 p.m.: SGAS Executive Committee Meeting: Hampton Board Room

4:00-5:30 p.m.: Registration

5:30-8:30 p.m.: Reception at Goethe House Wisconsin, 1120 N. Broadway

5:30-6:00: Cocktail / Social Hour

6:00-7:30: Goethe House commemoration, presentation

7:30-8:30: Gemütliches Beisammensein

Friday, 11 April 2014

8:00-9:00 a. m.: Continuing Registration

9:00-10:00 a.m.: Plenary Session, Ballroom

Welcome: Bill Roba, SGAS President, Presiding

10:00-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Friday, April 11 – 12:00 noon, Saturday, April 12: Concurrent Sessions

Friday, 10:30-12:00 a.m., Plankinton A: Poetry Readings  
Chair: Cora Lee Kluge, Max Kade Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“One Pomeranian’s Poetry in America,”  
Ingeborg Carsten-Miller, Independent Scholar, Beltsville, MD ([bradinge@verizon.net](mailto:bradinge@verizon.net))

“The Widening Family Circle in the Work of Norbert Krapf,”  
Norbert Krapf, Emeritus Long Island University ([Norbertkrapf@att.net](mailto:Norbertkrapf@att.net)) & Gregory Redding, Wabash College

Friday, 10:30-12:00 a.m., Plankinton B: History: Colonial Moravians  
Chair: William E. Petig, Stanford University ([petig@stanford.edu](mailto:petig@stanford.edu))

“Moravian Bishop August Gottlieb Spangenberg’s Journey to the Colony of Georgia, 1735-36,”  
Achim Kopp, Mercer University ([KOPP\\_A@mercer.edu](mailto:KOPP_A@mercer.edu))

“Was David Zeisberger a Spy? Communication Problems in Moravian Missionary Work during the Revolutionary War Era,”  
Barbara Becker-Cantarino, Ohio State University ([becker-cantarino.1@osu.edu](mailto:becker-cantarino.1@osu.edu))

Friday, 10:30-12:00 a.m., Ballroom: Barometers of the German-American Psyche, 1854-1914  
Chair: Bill Roba, Scott Community College, Bettendorf, IA ([broba@eicc.edu](mailto:broba@eicc.edu))

“Count Adelbert Baudissin: Enthusiasm to Disappointment in Missouri, 1856-1861,”  
Steven Rowan, University of Missouri-St. Louis ([srowan@umsl.edu](mailto:srowan@umsl.edu))

“The 1865 New York Sangerfest and the Formation of German American Identity,”  
Christopher G. Ogburn, The Graduate Center, CUNY ([cgogburn@gmail.com](mailto:cgogburn@gmail.com))

“German-Americans Write ‘Home’: Their ‘Prevailing Mood’ at the Beginning of World War I,”  
Joseph B. Neville, Jr., Independent Scholar, Woodbridge, VA ([mcjbneville@verizon.net](mailto:mcjbneville@verizon.net))

12:00-1:30 p.m.: Lunch: on your own

Friday, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Plankinton A: The German Language in the Americas

Chair: Giles R. Hoyt, emeritus IUPUI & Max Kade German-American Research Center (ghoyt@iupui.edu)

“German Language Death Knell: Archbishop Ireland’s Faribault Plan,”

LaVern J. Rippley, St. Olaf College (rippleyl@stolaf.edu)

“Residual German-speaking Enclaves in Kansas: The Hungarian-German Settlement of Pest in Northwestern Kansas,”

William D. Keel, University of Kansas (wkeel@ku.edu)

“The German-speaking Minority in Southern Chile – a Sprachinsel (Language-island)?”

Patrick Wolf Farré, Yale University/University of Heidelberg (patrick.wolf@yale.edu)

Friday, 1:30-3:00 p.m. , Plankinton B: Transatlantic Intellectual and Political Relations

Chair: Steven Rowan, University of Missouri-St. Louis ([srowan@umsl.edu](mailto:srowan@umsl.edu))

“Globalization of Knowledge: Alexander von Humboldt’s Scientific Network within the United States,”

Sandra Rebok, The Huntington Library, California (sandra.rebok@csic.es)

“Alexander von Humboldt’s Campaign against Slavery in the United States,”

Frank Baron, University of Kansas ([fbaron@ku.edu](mailto:fbaron@ku.edu))

“German-American Objections to the George Bancroft Naturalization Treaties with the German States,”

Paul E. Kerry, Brigham Young University (paul\_kerry@byu.edu)

Friday, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Ballroom: History: The Era of World War I

Chair: Julia Lange, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies

“From Shoemaker to Editor: Gottlieb A. Hoehn and the Socialist Party of St. Louis,”

Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Rolla (dewittp@mst.edu)

“Shifting Loyalties: Military Service, German-American Identity, and Photography in the First World War,”

Rebecca Preiss Odom, Saint Louis University ([rodom@slu.edu](mailto:rodom@slu.edu))

“The Great War: Anti-German Sentiment in Texas during the World War I Era,”

Kristen Kimble, Texas Tech University (kristen.kimble@ttu.edu)

3:00-3:30: Break

Friday, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Plankinton A: The German-American Press  
Chair: William Keel, University of Kansas

“The Linguists’ Friend: *Der Bauern Freund* of Sumneytown, Pennsylvania,”  
Mark Loudon, University of Wisconsin-Madison (mlloudon@wisc.edu)

“Reading the [Reading] *Adler*,”  
Joel Stark, University of Wisconsin-Madison (jstark3@wisc.edu)

“Brigham Young’s Death in the German-American Press,”  
Sarah Reed, University of Wisconsin–Madison (screed@wisc.edu)

Friday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. , Plankinton B: History: Community Leaders, 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Chair: Todd Barnett, University of Missouri-Columbia (tb972@mail.missouri.edu)

“Friedrich Muench: A Utopian Freethinker in Missouri,”  
Dorris Keeven-Franke, Independent Scholar, St. Charles, MO ([dorris.keevenfranke@gmail.com](mailto:dorris.keevenfranke@gmail.com))

“The Strange Career of Missouri’s German Radical Republicans,”  
Zachary Garrison, University of Cincinnati (garriszs@mail.uc.edu)

“Adolph Pfister, California German Pioneer,”  
Maria Brand, Independent Scholar, San Jose, CA ([stina1936@comcast.net](mailto:stina1936@comcast.net))

Friday, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Ballroom: Methodological Challenges in German-American Research  
Chair: Walter Kamphoefner, Texas A&M University (walkamp@tamu.edu)

“Discovering the Forgotten History of a Rural German-American Community: One Document at a Time,”  
Antje Petty, Max Kade Institute, University of Wisconsin–Madison (apetty@wisc.edu)

“FPG (Greve/Grove)'s 1927 Autobiography: Decoding the "Lost" Three Years, 1909-1912,”  
Gaby Divay, University of Manitoba (Gaby.Divay@umanitoba.ca)

“The Future Years Had Come: The Acculturation of German Immigrants in the Wisconsin Holyland,”  
Erin J. Hastings, Norman C. Sullivan, and Robert L. Jamison, Marquette University  
(norman.sullivan@marquette.edu)

Dinner: on your own.

Saturday, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Plankinton A: Literature, Culture, and Identity in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
Chair: Michael Rice, Middle Tennessee State University ([Michael.Rice@mtsu.edu](mailto:Michael.Rice@mtsu.edu))

“Building Bridges: German-American Writer Fernande Richter and Her Play *Die Brücke*,”  
Calla Buttke, University of Wisconsin–Madison ([cbuttke@wisc.edu](mailto:cbuttke@wisc.edu))

“March 31, 1916, at Milwaukee’s Pabst German Theater: Premiere of Fernande Richter’s *Die Brücke*,”  
Cora Lee Kluge, Max Kade Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison ([clnollen@wisc.edu](mailto:clnollen@wisc.edu))

“‘Nach zehn Jahren Widerstand gegen den American way of life habe ich endlich meinen europäischen Bettelhochmut aufgegeben...’: Alfred Gong’s Immigrant Experience as Reflected in his *New Yorker Geschichten*,”  
Bärbel Such, Ohio University ([such@ohio.edu](mailto:such@ohio.edu))

Rm. 2, Saturday, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Ballroom: German-American Entrepreneurs I  
Chair: Uwe Spiekermann, German Historical Institute ([spiekermann@ghi-dc.org](mailto:spiekermann@ghi-dc.org))

“The German Component to American Industrialization, 1840-1893,”  
Walter Kamphoefner, Texas A&M University ([walkamp@tamu.edu](mailto:walkamp@tamu.edu))

“German-Jewish Financiers and American Economic Development, 1865-1945,”  
Atiba Pertilla, German Historical Institute ([pertilla@ghi-dc.org](mailto:pertilla@ghi-dc.org))

“Keeping it in the Family: The Schoellkopfs and Serial Entrepreneurship across Generations,”  
Benjamin Schwantes, German Historical Institute ([schwantes@ghi-dc.org](mailto:schwantes@ghi-dc.org))

Saturday, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Plankinton B: History: Prominent Wisconsin Immigrants  
Chair: Alison Efford, Marquette University ([alison.efford@marquette.edu](mailto:alison.efford@marquette.edu))

“The Watertown (Wisconsin) Days of Carl and Margarethe Meyer Schurz,”  
William E. Petig, Stanford University ([petig@stanford.edu](mailto:petig@stanford.edu))

“Mathilde Franziska Anneke: German-American Pioneer in More Ways than One,”  
Stephani Richards-Wilson, Aurora University, Williams Bay, WI ([srichards@aurora.edu](mailto:srichards@aurora.edu))

“Not Your Average German Immigrant: Johann O. Kröhnke's Disillusions in Wisconsin,”  
Johannes Strohschänk, University of Wisconsin--Eau Claire ([\[STROHSJ@uwec.edu](mailto:[STROHSJ@uwec.edu)]); William G. Thiel, Eau Claire

10:00-10:30 a.m.: Break

Saturday, 10:30-12:00 a.m., Plankinton A: Transatlantic Engagement of the Exile Generation  
Chair: Claudia Grossmann, IUPUI & Max Kade German-American Research Center (cgrossma@iupui.edu)

“Far from Home: Exile in the Works of Friedrich Torberg”  
Michael Rice, Middle Tennessee State University ([Michael.Rice@mtsu.edu](mailto:Michael.Rice@mtsu.edu))

“German-American Émigrés and Postwar Education in Germany: The Case of Josef Albers”  
Karl-H. Fuessl, Technical University of Berlin ([kfuessl@mailbox.tu-berlin.de](mailto:kfuessl@mailbox.tu-berlin.de))

“From ‘an island in the red sea’: Mike W. Fodor's Berlin reports to J. William Fulbright, 1948-55”  
Fabienne Gouverneur, Andrassy University Budapest ([fabienne.gouverneur@gmail.com](mailto:fabienne.gouverneur@gmail.com))

Saturday, 10:30-12:00 a.m., Ballroom: German-American Entrepreneurs II  
Chair: Benjamin Schwantes, German Historical Institute ([schwantes@ghi-dc.org](mailto:schwantes@ghi-dc.org))

“From Anheuser to Busch: The Partnership of Eberhard Anheuser and Adolphus Busch,”  
Todd Barnett, University of Missouri-Columbia ([tb972@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:tb972@mail.missouri.edu))

“Nineteenth Century German-American Entrepreneurship and Small Town America: Schell’s Brewing Co. of New Ulm, MN,”  
Paul Fessler, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA ([Paul.Fessler@dordt.edu](mailto:Paul.Fessler@dordt.edu))

“Another Chapter in German-American Entrepreneurship: Potthast Bros. Furniture,”  
Randall Donaldson, Loyola University Maryland ([RDonaldson@loyola.edu](mailto:RDonaldson@loyola.edu))

Saturday, 10:30-12:00 a.m., Plankinton B: History: World War I and its Aftermath  
Chair: Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science & Technology

“The Destruction of German Books and Elimination of German Programs in the Public Schools Across the United States,”  
Karyl Rommelfanger, Independent Scholar ([KarylR@att.net](mailto:KarylR@att.net))

“‘A small coterie of noisy propagandists’: Argumentative Strategies in the Dissolution of the National German-American Alliance by U.S. Congress in 1918,”  
Marcel P. Rotter, University of Mary Washington ([mrotter@umw.edu](mailto:mrotter@umw.edu))

“‘Young Siegfrieds’: The German American Bund’s Youth Division in Comparative Perspective,”  
Julia Lange, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies ([jlange@aicgs.org](mailto:jlange@aicgs.org))

Saturday, 12:30: Luncheon/Business Meeting, Mo's Irish Pub, 142. W. Wisconsin Ave.

Saturday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.: "Revolutionary Milwaukee: Tour of Turner Hall," conducted by Prof. Aims McGuinness, Professor of History, U. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (meet in Hampton Lobby).

Saturday, starting 6:00/7:00 p.m.: Banquet and Awards Dinner will be held at historic Mader's German Restaurant, now in its twelfth decade of operation, at 1037 N. Old World/3rd St, about a 10 minute walk from the Hampton, and back-to-back with Turner Hall, the destination of our excursion. Cash bar begins at 6:00, with dinner served at 7:00.