

**The
41st Annual Symposium
of the
Society for German-American Studies**



Pennsylvania Quaker Meeting House

**The Protestant Reformation at 500:
Its Legacy from Pennsylvania across German America**

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
20-22 April 2017**

**Society for German-American Studies
Forty-First Annual Symposium
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District Hotel
and
The German Society of Pennsylvania

Thursday, 20 April

**Wyndham Philadelphia Historic Center Hotel
400 Arch Street. Philadelphia, PA 19106**

2-4 PM Executive Committee Meeting, Adams Room
4-7 PM Registration
5:30-7PM Gemütliches Zusammensein
Betsy Ross Room II
7-9 PM Dinner on your own

Friday, 21 April

**German Society of Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
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The German Society is on the Northeast corner of 7th and Spring Garden Streets, within walking distance of Philadelphia's Old City, Northern Liberties neighborhood, and Independence National Historic Park, and right across the street from the Edgar Allen Poe National Historic Site.

8-9 AM Registration. All registered participants may use the GSP facilities during the conference without additional charge. Members of the GSP may attend events of the SGAS Symposium at the GSP without additional charge,

**Plenary Session: 9-9:30 AM
Auditorium**

Walter D. Kamphoefner, Texas A & M University, SGAS President:
“German-Americans: Still Divided by Religion 500 Years after the Reformation?”

First Round of Concurrent Sessions: 9:30-11:00

Session I, Auditorium.

Pennsylvania German Religious History and Material Culture,
chair: Frank Trommler, University of Pennsylvania; Presenters:

Alexander Ames, University of Delaware/Winterthur Museum: “The Spirit of the Letter”; Calligraphy, Manuscript-Making, and Letter forms as devotional literature in German-Protestant Imagery in German-Protestant Pennsylvania, ca. 1750-1850.”

Trevor Brandt, University of Delaware/Winterthur Museum, “Perplexion and Pleasure: The *Geistlicher Irrgarten* Broad sides in the German-American Printshop, Home and Mind.”

Lisa Minardi, University of Delaware/Winterthur Museum, “From Bricks to Breadcrumbs: German Lutherans and the Material Culture of Religion in Early Philadelphia.

Session II, Rathskeller

Chair open

Le Raw Maran, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign,, “Ethnicity and Cultural Heritage in diaspora communities — worldwide significance of progress in German Studies.”

Simone A. Wegge, College of Staten Island, CUNY: “Describing Religion in the German Principality of Hesse-Cassel in the 1850s.”

William E. Petig,, Stanford University, “Margarethe Mayer Schurz: a Problematic Biography.”

Lunch on your own; proceed west from the GSP about two blocks for several opportunities.

Second Round 12:30 PM-2:00

Session III, Venue 1: Auditorium

“New Directions in Lutheran History,” Chair open.

Kathryn Galchutt, Concordia College, New York, “Lutheran History as American History.”

Anna Amundson, “A Mighty Power for Good: Women in the National Lutheran Council.”

Elliot Worsfold, Western University: “Fracturing Whiteness: Ethnicity and Race in Missouri Synod Congregations, 1948-1960.”

Session IV, Venue 2 Rathskeller

Chair: William E. Petig, Stanford University.

Bärbel Such, Ohio University, “‘Im Netz aus künstlichen Strahlen’: Alfred Gong’s Anti-War Writings of the 1950s.”

Cora Lee Kluge, Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison,: “Transnational Echoes of Mark Twain’s Dispute with the Mandate of Altruism.”

Antje Petty, Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, University of Wisconsin— Madison, “German-American Publications in the World War I Era.”

Third Round 2:30 -4:00 PM

Session V, Auditorium

Chair open

Kit Belgum, University of Texas-Austin, "Piety or Reason: German Theology in the Early American Republic."

Dr. Joseph B. Neville, Jr., "Bridging Two Worlds: Georg von Bosse's 1914 Visit to Germany."

Jonathan Marner, College Station, Texas: "The Evangelical Association in America: A North Dakota Case Study."

Session VI, 2 Rathskeller

Chair open

Christopher Stohs, PhD Candidate. University of Wisconsin - Madison: "Defending *Deutschtum*: The Bennett Law in the Pages of the *Milwaukee Germania*."

Nicole Grewling, Washington College: "Stereotypes, Science, and Sensationalism: German-Indian Relationships in Balduin Möllhausen's Fiction."

Ryan Dux, Bucknell University, "The Use of English Verbs in German-American Varieties."

Session VII, Committee Room

Chair open

Dr. Kenneth Shefsiek, University of North Carolina Wilmington, "Pennsylvania, New York, Amsterdam and Rotterdam: A Disfunctional Reformed Community."

Steven Rowan, "The *Freie Gemeinde von Nord St. Louis*: A Freethinker Congregation in the 1850s."

William Keel, University of Kansas: "Variations on a *Schnitzelbank*: Varieties of *Schnitzelbank* Songs in German-American and American Popular Culture"

Fourth Round 4-5:30 PM

Session VIII, Auditorium

Chair open

Dr. Karen Roesch, IUPUI German-American Center: Friedrich C. D. Wyneken: "Lutheran Missionary on the Indiana Frontier."

David Z. Chroust, independent scholar: "Germans and Czechs in America."

Mark L. Loudon, Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison: "Lutherans and Reformed and the Maintenance of Pennsylvania Dutch."

Session IX, Rathskeller

Chair: Bärbel Such, Ohio University.

Andreas Hübner, Kassel University: "The world war has reduced interest in our institutions: The German-American Community of New Orleans 1914-1918."

Brigitta Luders Malm, Covington, Great German Literature born out of political conflict (WW I and after), a powerpoint presentation.

Karl-H. Fuessl, Technical University of Berlin, "Between Despair and Hope: German Émigrés in the United States after 1933."

Session X, Committee Room

Chair open

Erika Weidemann, Graduate student, Texas A&M University: "Ethnic German Lives: The Photographic Collection of Rudolf Zaft."

Janice Miller, MA, IUPUI, resident, Carmel, IN: "Gabriele Münter: A German Painter behind an American Lens."

Frank Baron, Kansas University, "Alexander von Humboldt in Philadelphia and Washington (1804) and the Progress of His Fame."

Return to Hotel; Dinner on your own

Saturday 22 April

German Society of Pennsylvania

Fifth Round 8:30-10 AM

Session XI, Auditorium

Chair open

Silvia Anna Rode, University of Southern Indiana: "The De-Radicalization of George Rapp's Treatise, *Thoughts on the Destiny of Man*."

Joyce E. Bromley, independent historian, Madison, WI, "The legacy of Martin Luther in the United States and the former East Germany."

Marcus Höhne, University of Kansas: "Hamlet in Wittenberg: Traces of the Protestant Reformation in Shakespeare's Tragedy and its Early American Reception and Performances."

Session XII, Rathskeller

Chair: Open.

Lavern Rippley, St. Olaf College, "North Dakota's Capital: Why Bismarck?"

Frank Trommler, University of Pennsylvania, paper proposal: "Why Philadelphia? Shaping the History of German Americans."

Berit Jany, University of Colorado, Boulder, "Digital Documentaries in Germans to America Courses."

Session XIII, Committee Room

Heidi Podlasli-Labrenz, Ball State University, "Walking toward Newly Found Freedoms: Kate Chopin and Malwida von Meysenburg."

Jeff Strickland, Montclair State University, New Jersey: "Mapping German Charleston: A Historical GIS of the Immigrant Community on the Eve of the Civil War."

Michael Rice, Middle Tennessee State University: "Against the Current: Friedrich Torberg, the Anti-Writer."

10-10:30 Break

Sixth Round 10:30-12 Noon

Session XIV, Auditorium

Chair: Friederike Baer, Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Thomas Hahn-Bruckart, Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz, "Martin Luther in the German-American Imagination."

Barbara Becker-Cantarino, Ohio State University: Migration to America in Moravian Personalia of the eighteenth century."

Chet Neumann, Kansas City, MO: "The Role of Pennsylvania Dutch and Quakers in the Founding of Upper Canada 1783-1812."

Session XV, Rathskeller

Chair: Steven Rowan, University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Sandra Rebok, independent scholar; advising board of the German Historical Institute, Washington DC: "*Ja, er war unser!*" Humboldt and the Freemasons."

William Cahill, Retired, Rutgers University: Henry Muhlenberg, The German-American Linnaeus.

Ingo Schwarz, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften: "John Brinkman — Between Rostock, New York, Guestrow."

Session XVI, Committee Room

Chair open

Sydney Norton, St. Louis University, "Legacy and Transformation: German Nationalism in Turner Societies of Civil-War America."

David Z. Chroust, independent scholar, "Czechs and Germans in America."

Ingeborg Bradinge, poetry reading: "Ingeborg's Poetry for Pennsylvania."

12:30- Sandwich and Salad Buffet and SGAS Business meeting

**Planned Trolley Excursion to Germantown
Return to the
Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District Hotel**

5:30-7 PM Social Hour in the bar

7 PM Banquet Formal Dining Room

**Buffet: Chickent Marsala or London Broil in a Merlot Demi Glace
Seasonal Vegetable Medley. Special vegetarian alternatives.**

