

Society for German-American Studies

45th Annual Symposium — Virtual Event

April 21–24, 2021

In Real Time: German-American Studies Around the Globe



PROGRAM

(All times are Central Daylight Time/ Chicago Time)

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 21

11:00–11:45 AM Cora Lee Kluge, University of Wisconsin–Madison, SGAS President

- Welcoming Remarks
- **Presentation of the SGAS Outstanding Achievement Award to Werner Sollors**, Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Professor of English and of African American Studies, Emeritus, Harvard University, and former Global Professor of Literature, New York University Abu Dhabi
- Conversation with Professor Sollors

12:00–12:45 PM SGAS Business meeting

12:45– 2:00 PM *Gemütliches Beisammensein* (grab your favorite drink and socialize with your fellow conference participants)

THURSDAY – April 22

8:00–9:00 *Kaffeerunde* (chat with other participants before the first sessions of the day)

[Session 1] 9:00–9:45 AM **Pennsylvania Politics in 1799**

Moderator: Mark L. Louden

- Courtland D. McEneny Ingraham, George Washington University: “America’s First Swing Vote: How German-American Voters Decided Pennsylvania’s 1799 Election Results”
- Chester H. Neumann, Kansas City, Missouri: “John Fries’ 1799 Pennsylvania German Rebellion”

[Session 2] 10:00–10:45 AM **Life and Art in Colonial Times**

Moderator: William E. Petig

- Achim Kopp, Mercer University: “Four Moravian Diaries from Colonial Georgia: Completing a Mercer University Sourcebook Project”
- Jenna P. Bennett, Binghamton University: “Deliciously Carved: Christopher Ludwick’s Cookie Mold and the Artistry of Lebkuchenmodels”

[Session 3] 11:00–12:00 AM **German-American Women in the late Nineteenth Century**

Moderator: Joshua Brown

- Alison Clark Efford, Marquette University: “Women’s Strength in the German-American Turner Movement, 1880s–1920s: Reproducing Race and the Limits of Empowerment”
- Melanie Lorenz, Marquette University: “The German-American Fight for the Professionalization of Midwifery During the Late Nineteenth Century
- Barbara Becker-Cantarino, Ohio State University: “The Sculptor Elisabet Ney as Eccentric and Feminist in Texas, 1873 to 1907”

[Session 4] 12:30–1:30 PM **Communities in German-American Literature**

Moderator: Christopher Stohs

- Caroline Huey, University of Louisiana at Lafayette: “Die Geheimnisse von New Orleans in Antebellum New Orleans”
- William E. Petig, Stanford University: “Albert F. W. Grimm: His Life and Works”
- Mark L. Louden, University of Wisconsin–Madison: “Linguistic Aspects of the Writings of Albert F. W. Grimm”

[Session 5] 1:45–2:30 PM **Science and Medicine**

Moderator: Marc Pierce

- Reinhard Andress, Loyola University Chicago: “Eduard Dorsch’s Two Poems on the Occasion of Humboldt’s 100th Birthday”
- Sandra Rebok, Madrid, Spain: “In Support of Darwin: Fritz Müller and His Transatlantic Networks of Knowledge”

2:30–3:30 PM **Cocktail Hour** (time to unwind and socialize with other participants)

Friday – April 23

8:00–9:00 *Kaffeerunde*

[Session 6] 9:00–10:00 AM **German and Austrian Americans in the World War I Era**

Moderator: Walter Kamphoefner

- Michael Burri, Bryn Mawr College: “A Post-War Habsburg Identity in Philadelphia? The Austrian Hungarian American Relief Society and Humanitarian Relief to Europe after 1918”
- Cora Lee Kluge, University of Wisconsin–Madison: “From German Medicine to War Propaganda: The ‘Hun Flu’ of 1918”
- Ted Dawson, University of Nebraska–Lincoln; Christopher Etheredge, University of Nebraska–Lincoln; and Brent Koenigsman, University of Nebraska–Lincoln: “A Community in Crisis: German Newspapers in Nebraska after the First World War”

[Session 7] 10:15–11:00 AM ***Das Amerikabild* in East Germany**

Moderator: Nichole Neumann

- Petra DeWitt, Missouri University of Science and Technology: “*Zwischen Dallas und New York: An East German Encounters American Society*”
- Kajsa P. Niehusen, University of California, Santa Barbara: “East Germany’s *DEFA Indianerfilme*: Imagining Natives as Comrades in Suffering”

[Session 8] 11:15 AM–12:00 PM **Commerce and Cityscapes in the Twentieth Century**

Moderator: William Keel

- Brigitta L. Malm, Covington, Louisiana: “Bauhaus Captures the World”
- Jonathan Marner, Texas A&M University: “F. L. Maytag and the Maytag Corporation: From Pioneer Days to the Pandemic

[Session 9] 12:30–1:15 PM **Nazis Among German Americans?**

Moderator: Andreas Hübner

- Anthony Conn, Keokuk, Iowa; Joachim Reppmann, Northfield, Minnesota: “The Peace-Pipe Letters from Keokuk, Iowa, 1931–2021: Rotary under Nazi Rule”
- Annette Hofmann, Ludwigsburg University of Education, Germany: “Stars, Stripes, and Swastikas: German-American Turners and Their Involvement in Nazi Ideology”

[Session 10] 1:30–2:15PM **In the Aftermath of World War II**

Moderator: Alison Efford

- Patricia Kollander, Florida Atlantic University: “German and Austrian Emigres in the U.S. Army and the Prosecution of Nazi War Criminals”
- Heiko Mühr, University of California, Berkeley: “A Hidden Collection Emerges: Captured German World War II Maps, Deposited in American Research Libraries by the U.S. Army Map Service”

[Session 11] 2:30–3:15 PM **Religious and Ethnic Identity I**

Moderator: Frank Trommler

- David Zersen, Concordia University Texas: “German-American Man Surprises Friends”
- Erika Weidemann, Texas A&M University: “Displaced Persons Not Ethnic Germans: Post-WWII Resettlement Success and Failure”

3:15–4:15 PM **Cocktail Hour**

SATURDAY – April 24

8:30–9:30 *Kaffeerunde*

[Session 12] 9:30–10:30 AM **German Spoken in Texas**

Moderator: Mark Loudon

- David Hünlich, Leibniz-Institut für Deutsche Sprache, Mannheim, Germany: “Black German Speakers in Texas: Reevaluating the Historic Relationship Between African and German Americans”
- Marc Pierce, University of Texas at Austin [coauthors: Hans C. Boas, University of Texas at Austin, and Glenn Gilbert, Southern Illinois University]: “Fred Eikel and the Study of Texas German”
- Franco Tondi, University of Catania, Italy: “German Language Maintenance in Texas: A Comparative View”

[Session 13] 10:45–11:30 AM **German in Latin America**

Moderator: Sandra Rebok

- Sebastian Kürschner, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany: “Varieties with North and South Bohemian Background in Southern Brazil”
- Patrick Wolf-Farré, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany: “Making Sense of German(-speaking) Minorities in Latin America”

[Session 14] 12:00–12:45 PM **Religious and Ethnic Identity II**

Moderator: Achim Kopp

- Benjamin T. Phelps, Kenai, Alaska: “An Analysis of Religion’s Role in the Frank-Kerler Letters”
- Christopher Stohs, Goethe Institute Washington: “W. H.’s *Granatensplitter aus dem Schulkampfe*: A Catholic Priest’s Literary Battle against the Bennett Law”

[Session 15] 1:00–2:00 PM **Memory and Ethnic Identity**

Moderator: Cora Lee Kluge

- David Hünlich, Leibniz-Institut für Deutsche Sprache, Mannheim, Germany, [coauthors: Klara Dentler, University of Mannheim, and Thomas Gschwend, University of Mannheim]: “‘America First’ With a German Accent: The Isolationist Pathway to Donald Trump’s 2016 Victory”
- Andreas Hübner, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany: “‘[T]o select a time when the public mind would be unclouded:’ Memory, Politics, World War I, and the Germantown Pastorius Monument”
- Frank Trommler, University of Pennsylvania: “Revisiting the Tricentennial 1983: Staging German-American Understanding Through an Ethnic Celebration”

2:00–3:30 PM **Cocktail Hour** (one last time to gather, chat, and reflect)