SOCIETY FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM
April 22-25, 1999 – New Ulm, Minnesota
Society for German-American Studies Steering Committee:
Denis Warta
Arnold Koelpin
Bert Schapekahm
Robert Paulson
Paul Kretsch
Jeanine McKenna
Jo Perhson
Darla Gebhard

The SGAS Executive Committee will meet beginning at 1:30 p.m. on April 23, 1999, in the Tyrolean Room of the Holiday Inn.

Sponsors of the Turner Halle Slide Show at Friday night's banquet are the New Ulm Junior Pioneers.

Overview

Society for German-American Studies 1999 Conference

FRIDAY SESSIONS:
Friday, April 23, 1999

8:00-10:00 a.m.  History I (domestic)
Moselle Room  Danube Room  Rhine Room
Dolf Schroeder  Bradford Miller  John Hhusmann
Robert Paulson  Anthony Richter  Anke Ortlepp
Charles Barber

10:00-12:00  History II (non-domestic)
Danube Room  Rhine Room
Sabine Freitag  Martin Lorenz-Meyer
Karl Hausner  Karen Hobbs
Horst Ludwig

Moselle Room
Werner Steger
Manfred Zimmermann
Ansgar Reiss
Dedication of Jakob Nix Memorial: 4:30-5:30. Buses provided for trip to German Park, downtown New Ulm. Organized by Denis Warta and Arnold Koelpin.

Friday, April 23, 1999 6:00 p.m. Evening Banquet
German Rivers Banquet Room. Entertainment by German-Bohemian Singers, followed by Anton Gag Show. $12.00.

SATURDAY SESSIONS:
Saturday, April 24, 1999 8:30-10:30 a.m. Genealogy
Moselle Room
Zella Mirick
Del Thomas/Kent Cutkomp
Paula Goblirsch

Genealogy and Poetry
Danube Room
Ingeborg Carsten-Miller/Dolores Whelan
Angelika Jakob
Christiane Seiler
Ortrun Wenzel-Gates
Saturday, April 24, 1999  
10:30-12:30  
1848ers and 1948ers, Genealogy and People

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1848ers and 1948ers, Genealogy and People

Tyrolean Room reserved for Plattdeutsch Session and Roundtable on Cities 1918.
Contact: William Reba, Scott Community College, 500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722, wroba@pop3.eiccd.cc.ia.us; William Keel, University of Lawrence, Lawrence, KS 66045, wkcel@falcon.ukans.edu.

Tours: 2:00-5:00. (1) Regional bus tour; (2) museums and cemeteries; (3) visit to Schell’s Brewery. $5.00 per person per event.


Conference Information:

Symposium Headquarters

The 1999 SGAS Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn, 2101 South Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073. Room rate for those attending the Symposium is $59 for any number of persons. For reservations contact the Holiday Inn directly at (507) 359-2941 or by mail to Reservations Desk, New Ulm Holiday Inn, 2101 South Broadway, 56073-0597. Blocks of rooms will be held at this rate until April 15, 1999. Holiday Inn 800 telephone number will NOT give the special rate, but rather the $79.00 and up charge.

Transportation

To reach the Holiday Inn by car from the north: Take 169 South to St. Peter, 99 to Nicollet and continue from this east direction on U.S. Highway 14 to New Ulm, left on 37 to Holiday Inn; from the west, take U.S. 14, then continue south on Broadway to Holiday Inn; or from the south, take U.S. 15 out of Iowa to the south end of New Ulm, Holiday Inn.
Meals
Dinner can accommodate up to 290 settings. Banquet 1 is Friday evening, April 23, at 6:30 in the Holiday Inn followed by entertainment provided by the German-Bohemian Singers and the Anton Gag show (to coordinate with the Anton Gag presentation that afternoon by Julie L'Enfant), $13.00. Awards presentations by the SGAS Society. SGAS Business Meeting luncheon is Saturday, April 24, at noon, $8.50 for soup and salad buffet. Banquet 2 is buffet style on Saturday evening, April 24, in Turner Halle at 6:30. Entertainment provided by the Concord Singers, followed by presentations, slide show about the history of Turner Halle and a dance with old time German music, $13.00.

Registration
Participants and attendees may pre-register using the form in the back of this program. Registration in advance is free through the Chamber of Commerce but is $5.00 at the door. All participants and attendees are expected to register and wear a badge for all functions.

The registration table is located in the main lobby of the Holiday Inn. It is open from 5:00-7:30 on Thursday evening, April 23; on Friday from 8:00-4:00; and on Saturday from 8:30-11:30.

Gemütliches Beisammensein with Schell’s Faß (draft) beer at poolside from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, April 23.

Displays and/or Archives Booth
Located in L-shaped hall or “German Café” area in Holiday Inn. Waldler Messe at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Trinity Cathedral, with “Predigt” by Bishop Raymond Lucker.

Tours
Tours are scheduled for Saturday afternoon. (1) bus tours; (2) museums and cemeteries; followed by visit to the Schell’s Brewery. A fee of $10.00 per person includes bus fare and free beer in social room at Schell’s Brewery.

Session Locations
All sessions are held in the following four rooms: Moselle, Danube and Rhine, with Plattdeutsch sessions and Roundtable on Cities in the Tyrolean Room.
Sponsoring Institutions

St. Olaf College
Martin Luther College
Brown County Historical Society
New Ulm Convention and Visitor's Bureau
City of New Ulm
German-Bohemian Heritage Society
New Ulm Turnverein
Junior Pioneers of New Ulm and Vicinity
August Schell Brewing Co.
New Ulm Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota Humanities Commission
German-American Fellowship Association
North Star Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German
Germanic Genealogy Society

The SGAS 1999 Symposium has received a $3,000 grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission to defray registration expenses.

Program:
La Vern Rippley
Photo of New Ulm - credit Brown County Historical Society

Local Arrangements:
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Jeanine McKenna

Program Brochure and Design:
La Vern Rippley
Friday Sessions: 8:00-10:00 a.m. – By Title

Session 1, Moselle Room, History I (domestic)
Chair: Giles Hoyt
Dolf Schroeder
Missouri’s Sutter Connection and the California Gold Rush
Robert Paulson
We Weren’t First, But We Were a Close Second: The German-Bohemian Settlement of New Ulm
Charles Barber
German-Americans and the Survival of Republican Ideals in North Dakota, 1889-1959

Session 1, Danube Room, History I (domestic)
Chair: Gary Grassl
Bradford Miller
The German Community in Washington, DC in the 1850’s
Anthony Richter
The Germans from Russia in South Dakota

Friday Sessions: 10:00-12:00

Session 2, Moselle Room, History II (non-domestic)
Chair: Dolores Hoyt, IUPUI University
Werner Steger
Cheyenne Autumn: Carl Schurz, the Legacy of 1848, and American Indian Policy, 1877-1881
Manfred Zimmermann
Amisikasymptiene kurhessicher Offiziere zwischen Restauration und Revolution (1816-1849)
Angsar Reiss
Clash of Intellectual Cultures: The History as a History of Progress, as Written by Gustav Struve and George Bancroft
Session 2, Danube Room, History II (non-domestic)
Chair: Charles Barber, Northeastern Illinois University
Sabine Freitag
The Begging-bowl of Revolution. The German revolutionaries' fund-raising tour of North America in 1851-52

Karl Hausner
The Great Expulsions of 1945/46 and Their Effects on Europe and America

Session 2, Rhine Room, History II (non-domestic)
Chair: Randy Donaldson, Loyola College in Maryland
Martin Lorenz-Meyer
To Feed the Hungry: German Americans, the Truman Administration and The European Food Crisis
Karen Hobbs
To Serve or Not to Serve; Conscription and the Austrian Army
Horst Ludwig
The Un-intending Immigrant? An Experiential Eyewitness

Session 3, Moselle Room, People
Chair: La Vern Rippley, St. Olaf College
James Seifert/Alexander Berghold: Parish Priest and Prairie Poet
La Vern Rippley

Session 3, Danube Room, 1848ers and 1948ers
Chair: Donald Tolzmann, University of Cincinnati
Gerhard Weiss
Poets on the Barricades: Literary Aspects of 1848
Hans Trefousse
The Forty-Eighters and the Sectional Crisis: Carl Schurz as an Example

Friday Sessions: 2:00–3:30
Session 3, Rhine Room, Language
Chair: William Keel, University of Kansas
Clint Shaffer
Little Men meet Goethe & Co.: Germanica in the World of Louisa May Alcott
Paul Fessler
Role of German-English Language Schooling in New Ulm From 1890 to 1920
Gabi Lunte
Highlights of a Unique Bavarian Dialect: The Catholic Bohemian German Of Ellis, Kansas

Friday Sessions: 3:30-4:15
Session 4, Moselle Room, Miscellaneous
Chair: Arnold Koelpin, Martin Luther College
Paula Weber
The German Influence on Brewing in California

Session 4, Danube Room, Religion
Chair: Gerhard Weiss, University of Minnesota
Robert Frizzell
Diverging Paths of Hanoverian Lutheran Identity on the Western Missouri Frontier
Randy Donaldson
Free Religion in German-America
Heiko Muehr
Picking Up the Common Thread: The Ethnic and Religious Heritage of Southwestern Indiana’s United Church of Christ Congregations

Session 4, Rhine Room, People
Chair: Darla Gebhard, Brown County Museum
Julie L’Enfant
A True Bohemian: Anton Gag
Saturday Sessions: 8:30–10:30

Session 5, Moselle Room, Genealogy
Chair: Robert Paulson
Zella Mirick  Introduction to German Genealogy
Paula Goblirsch  Internet Resources for Research in German History and Genealogy
Del Thomas/Kent Cutkomp  MN Resources: Reference Materials Valuable to the German Genealogist And Where to Find Them

Session 5, Danube Room, Poetry and Fiction
Chair: Volker Schmeissner
Ingeborg Carsten-Miller/Dolores Whelan
Angelika Jakob
Christiane Seiler
Ortrun Wenzel-Gates

Saturday Sessions: 10:30–12:30

Session 6, Moselle Room, 1848ers and 1948ers, Genealogy, and People
Chair: Robert Frizzell
Rudolph Muhs  Commemorating the German Revolution in America - The Forty-Eighters in 1873 and 1898
Kevin Fox  The 48ers of New Ulm and How They Viewed Slavery and Black Voting Rights
Kent Cutkomp  Geography and History of Germany and Central Europe and their Impact On Historical and Genealogical Records

Session 6, Danube Room, People
Chair: William Roba, Scott Community College
Annette Hofmann  Wilhelm Pfänder, a transatlantic Turner or the "grand old man" of New Ulm
William Keel  From Refugee of 1848 to American Super Patriot: "Colonel" Fred Buehrle, the Official Cannoner of the State of Missouri
Jake Erhardt  Robert Reitzel: Extraordinary German-American Prose Stylist and 48er in Intellectual Outlook
Session 6, Rhine Room, People
Chair: Anthony Richter, South Dakota State University
Joachim Reppmann/Jurnjakob Swehn - Famous Immigrant from Mecklenburg
Udo Baarck

Plan Ahead 2000 SGAS Symposium in Bremerhaven

With a theme of Emigration via Bremen/Bremerhaven, the year 2000 meeting is planned to open Sunday, June 11, 2000 with conviviality and orientation. June 12 calls for presentations during the forenoon, a reception on an historical sailing vessel with appropriate events. On Tuesday, June 13, is planned an all-day trip to Copenbach open air museum with sessions and a workshop. While June 14 will see presentations, there is an afternoon excursion to Cuxhaven, Steubenhoft and the historic HAPAG facilities. Thursday is dedicated to panels and the well-known "history trail" with biographical portraits in Bremerhaven. On Friday, June 16, there will be special oral history recollections from more recent emigrants and return migrants with readings and an evening banquet. On Saturday, June 17, is planned a day trip to Expo 2000 in Hannover. To present a paper, contact President Donald Tolzmann. Concerning travel and registration, contact Wolfgang Grams at "Routes to the Roots" Research Center for US Emigration, University of Oldenburg, D-26111 Oldenburg, Germany; Fax: 01149-441 9706180; grams@herzl.pcnet.uni-oldenburg.de. Co-sponsors for the SGAS 200 Bremerhaven symposium include the universities of Bremen, Oldenburg, Osnabrück, the German Russian Heritage Collection of Fargo, North Dakota as well as Dirk Schröder of Expo 2000 and the Bremerhaven Foeiderverein.

REGISTRATION

1) To become a member of SGAS, complete this form, copy it and return it with $25.00 to Society for German-American Studies at the following address: William Roa, Scott Community College, 500 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722, broba@pop3.ecicd.cc.ia.us.

2) To register for the 1999 Symposium, fill out both sides, tear off, and mail with your check to: Jeanine Siemens McKenna, New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, Box 384, New Ulm, MN 56707.

Names ____________________________
Mailing Address ____________________________
City/State/Zip ____________________________
Institutional Affiliation as it should appear on your badge ____________________________
Pre-registration is free (through Jeanine McKenna at the Chamber of Commerce)

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