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SECTION I

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference, San Diego

The German Studies Association will hold its Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference from October 3 through 6 at the Town and Country Resort Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108, Telephone 619-7131. Conference Registration and Hotel Reservation Forms are included in this Newsletter, and are also available on the Association's web site at www.g-s-a.org along with other information. Visit the Association web site for all full information.

San Diego is a beautiful city in southern California. Our hotel has swimming pools and recreation facilities as well as excellent meeting room arrangements. It is a conference hotel that is often used for purposes such as ours. This is a very large hotel with both high rise and low rise buildings on a very large area of land, about twenty minutes from San Diego Airport. Because there is so much space between rooms and buildings, GSA will add a few minutes of time between sessions, so that members can more comfortably get from one to another. A map of the hotel will be printed in the Conference Program. Also, because the hotel is so large and is located in a region where there are many such hotels, though not all so large as ours, it is not easy to walk off property for lunch. This is very important! If you try to go off property for lunch, you may not return in time for the next session. Therefore, we have attempted to keep the meal cost for luncheons at a reasonable price, which includes taxes and tip and a beverage. You can purchase lunch from the hotel on site at one of their sit-down areas, but you should keep in mind the number of participants in the GSA Conference (probably about 750), added to the number of regular

guests, and you will see that it may be better just to come to the GSA luncheon. Be warned.

Room rates are: Garden Rooms - \$109, East Tower Rooms (Courtyard) \$119, and West Tower Rooms \$129. All rates shown are for either single or double occupancy. You may request any category, and will be assigned to that category as long as rooms are available for that category. After that, you will be assigned to the next available category. Our room block shows 20% in Garden Rooms, 50% in East Tower Rooms, and 30% in West Tower Rooms. Therefore, the least expensive category will very likely be the first to be sold out. Please be certain to select a category on the Hotel Reservation Form. Check-in time is 3pm, and check-out time is noon.

Behind the hotel (a walk through a small park) is the San Diego Trolley, which you can use to go to downtown San Diego for Saturday dinner and shopping. Our own dinner on Friday night will be offered at a very good price, and will feature the Presidential Address, the Awards Ceremony, and a few announcements. If you are staying another night, the hotel will give you our Conference Rate, and you can even take the trolley as far as Mexico. Be sure to take identification so that you may cross the border.

As with all GSA Conferences, you may only book a room at the Conference Hotel through GSA, and this only if you have paid a Conference Registration Fee. Our hotel rates are substantially discounted from the normal rate, and are exclusively available to participants in the GSA Conference. Therefore, we require registration in order to book a room. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and our room block will be cancelled if not filled by the deadline the hotel has set. While GSA may be able to obtain you a room after the room block has been filled or after the deadline set by

the hotel, we cannot guarantee this. Consequently, it is important that you reserve a room as soon as you can do so.

If you wish to change the date of a hotel reservation arrival, or seek a different kind of room, this is something that you must take up with the hotel directly. If you wish to cancel a hotel reservation, this is something that you must do with the hotel directly. GSA does not cancel reservations for you. GSA attempts to persuade the hotel to confirm reservations. This is not always possible for a conference of this size. In some cases, GSA can confirm a reservation we have made for you, but the best way to do so is to contact the hotel directly. The hotel does give us print-outs, but these are often late. We attempt to confirm the spelling of your name, to speed your check-in when you arrive.

Conference Registration Cancellation Policy

GSA cancellation policy is fully explained on the web site in the section entitled “Call for Papers. Information. Important – Read FIRST.” All Conference Participants must be members of the GSA. A membership form is on the web site. Cancellation and Refund Policy is as follows: withdrawal more than ten days before the Conference begins will allow a refund of all fees less a \$25 service charge. Withdrawal AFTER ten days before the beginning of the Conference (Thursday), will not permit a refund of any registration or meal fees. Meal tickets cannot be transferred by the Association. You must pick up your own meal tickets during the time that the Registration Desk is open. However, you can transfer a meal ticket to someone else if you wish. Last year, someone wanted to go to the Dinner and “did not have the time” to go to the Registration Desk to pick up a ticket. This is not possible. Tickets are required, and can only be distributed at the Registration Desk, not at the meal itself. We have no staff for

that, and I did my best last year when called away from eating my dinner to help the poor lost soul, but we just cannot do that. So, pick up your materials at the desk.

GSA Conference Badges Required

GSA Registration Badges are required for all sessions and meals. No one will be admitted without a badge. Persons without a badge will be asked to leave. Participation in the Conference is a shared-cost and those who try to attend without registering are responsible for higher registration fees for those who do. Admission to the exhibit area requires a badge. In Washington, GSA had a United States Marshal for security purposes. Naturally, only those with badges were allowed.

GSA Pre-Conference Wine Tour

San Diego is located just south of the Wine Country of Temecula Valley. GSA will offer a special bus tour and wine tasting for early arrivers. You can only reserve this in advance. The bus will leave our hotel on Wednesday morning at 9 am, and return in time for the opening of Conference Registration at 3:30pm and the No-Host Cocktail Reception at 6:30pm. It is about an hour and a half drive each way. You will stop at several wineries and have the opportunity to taste their wines, and stop for lunch (lunch not included in the price of the tour). Since the wineries charge for wine tasting, the price of the tour will include one "tasting" at each winery we stop for. In some wineries this includes a variety of wines, in others a smaller selection. You can also order wine to be shipped by the case to your home in another state, providing that your state permits this. The wineries will know. Reservations must be made on the Conference Registration Form and pre-paid. There is no refund for cancelled wine tour reservations, so be certain that you will go. You can check out the

scene in advance at www.temeculawines.com on the internet. Do not be surprised if some of the wine personnel speak German.

Conference and Research Trip Travel Discounts

German Studies Association has selected SIGNATURE DESTINATIONS of Phoenix, Arizona, a travel agency affiliated with CARLSON/WAGONS-LITS, as our official travel agency for the 2002 GSA Conference.

GSA has negotiated special airline discounts and car rental discounts for the Conference in San Diego. These are only available through SIGNATURE. The agency has guaranteed GSA that they will offer the best fares available, and the best car rental fees available. You will get personal service at Signature. They are the specialists for flying to our conference location.

In addition, there are special discounts for airline tickets booked more than 60 days in advance of the Conference.

We are trying to serve GSA members in every way possible. SIGNATURE has also agreed to assist GSA members in booking transatlantic tickets for your research travel at low fares, and for all of your travel needs. All of this helps. The more tickets GSA members book through SIGNATURE, the more we can show the individual airlines that GSA has a meaningful traffic flow. We hope to use this to increase discounts available to our members in the future, as well as to bring other benefits to GSA. Up to now, participants have booked their tickets individually in a variety of ways, and it has been impossible to demonstrate that over 750 people fly to our Conference site. This way, we will be able to assist members by offering good fares, and show that we actually do have a heavy traffic flow.

Hopefully, we can obtain even better discounts in the future, and more benefits to GSA and its members. Volume discounts help, but the airlines have to see that we fly to our conference site.

GSA Airlines and Auto Rental Partners for 2002:

This year, GSA is offering special discounts on United and Delta, and also on Avis Rental Cars for the San Diego Conference. Call Signature to get the best prices, on these or other airlines and car rental companies. Signature will give you personal service.

How to book your airline ticket or car rental:

Call SIGNATURE at 1-800-486-6884. Call Monday through Friday at business hours in Mountain Standard Time. Or, you can reach an agent directly by e-mail. Two of the several agents available to you are wally@signaturedestinations.com or amy@signaturedestinations.com.

You can have an e-mail copy of your booking, and an e-ticket will ensure that you do not have anything to lose. Just go to the airline ticket counter at your airport when you are ready to leave, and the boarding pass will be issued when you show a picture ID. Don't forget to give the SIGNATURE agent your frequent flyer number.

Flying to/from Britain? Include GSA and We All Save!

Did you know that GSA has a special account at British Airways (Venture Club #7QX001US) under which you can earn BA frequent flyer miles AND, GSA also earns points as well? Whenever you fly BA, give them your frequent flyer number and our number, too. We both earn points. When you book, tell your travel agent to include our

Venture Club number along with your frequent flyer number. We both earn points.

Travel Assistance Available for Non-North Americans to GSA Conferences

The GSA Endowment Fund supports a limited amount of travel grants to GSA Conferences for non-North Americans. If you are on the Program, and have been turned down for travel assistance from your government's travel assistance organization or similar entity, GSA may be able to assist you. The Endowment Fund supports and maintains the international character of the GSA Conferences. We are the only major North American scholarly association to do this, and to welcome non-North Americans in our ranks in this manner.

How to apply: Contact the Executive Director of the Association at kleinfeld@asu.edu and request information about GSA Endowment Fund travel assistance. To be eligible, you must have already become a GSA member (membership form is on the web site).

You will need to pay Conference Registration Fees. We all do. GSA is the ultimate non-insider organization. All members of the Executive Committee pay Conference Registration Fees and also pay for their meal tickets, hotel rooms, and travel. The Executive Director pays the Conference Registration Fee along with everyone else. Travel grants are a special feature of GSA, because they have been created out of contributions of GSA members, North American and non-North American residents. If you want to support GSA, contribute to our Endowment Fund.

GSA Endowment Fund News

The GSA Endowment Fund is now at around \$350,000 and comes from the contributions of GSA members and the dues assigned to the Fund. You can contribute to the GSA Endowment Fund. Mark off the special box on your Dues Notice and enclose an amount designated to the Endowment Fund.

Sybil Halpern Milton Memorial Prize

GSA's first named prize is the Sybil Halpern Milton Memorial Prize. It is awarded annually by the Association for the best book on the Third Reich and Holocaust in history, literature, culture, or politics. Contributions towards the endowment of this prize may be sent to the Association Main Office and may be added to your dues payment amount.

GSA Elections in 2002

Not only the German Bundestag and German Chancellor, but also GSA officials will be elected in 2002. A ballot and information are contained in this issue of the Newsletter. This year, we elected a new Vice President, who will succeed to the Presidency, as well as members of the Executive Committee. Be sure to vote. This is your Association.

This is the last time we will have ballots in the Newsletter. The Executive Committee has decided to include them next time with the dues notices.

GSA Nominating Committee for 2003

The Executive Committee has decided to give the Nominating Committee more time to consider candidates for the available positions. This is your Association, and you are all invited to be part of the process. This means sending in your nominations NOW.

In 2003, the terms of Keith Bullivant (University of Florida, Germanistik) and David Barclay (Kalamazoo College, History) will expire. We will fill them with a Germanist and a historian or political scientist. Your suggestions will be heard.

The new Nominating Committee, appointed by the Vice President, who will be President in 2003, Patricia Herminghouse (University of Rochester, Germanistik), with the advice of the Executive Council, consists of Marc Silberman (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Germanistik) as Chair, and the members are Jeff Peck (University of Toronto, Germanistik) and Belinda Davis (Rutgers University, History).

Qualifications for suggested candidates include, of course, membership in the Association and a record of interest and participation. You can e-mail your suggestions to the Chair at mdsilber@facstaff.wisc.edu and should do so as soon as possible.

GSA Web Site Active

If you have not used the GSA web site, you must be one of the very, very few. The web site gets hundreds of “hits” a month, as noted by our counter. Since we are able to update the web site quickly, it can be used for instant information. One use last year was to add information that the deadline for applications for the German Fulbright Seminar Award had been extended. GSA members learned about this with a

direct link to Fulbright and the application form.

Don't miss the web site. It will become more and more useful, and you should visit it often.

Next Year's Conference is in New Orleans

Watch the GSA web site for information on the Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, which will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. As you know, GSA Conferences are held in different regions, and this will be our first in New Orleans.

GSA Affiliation with ASGP

The Association for the Study of German Politics, the organization for political scientists in the United Kingdom who study German politics, has completed a formal affiliation agreement with the German Studies Association. Prof. Charlie Jeffery and Prof. William Paterson, representing the ASGP flew to the United States in February to sign the official document, which had previously been approved by the Executive Committees of both organizations. Recognizing the importance of the GSA Annual Conference in research on German politics worldwide, ASGP has undertaken to provide annually at least two sessions of British scholars and to invite GSA scholars to present at their own annual conference in the United Kingdom. The two sessions might be complete panels, or they might be the equivalent, including North American and European scholars within them.

GSA recognizes that numerous international and domestic scholarly organizations and associations regularly sponsor sessions at our conferences.

Here We Go Again

The USPS has announced a very large price increase for bulk mail and printed matter, along with a three cent increase for domestic postage. GSA members typically receive about 800 pages of printed material each year, including three issues of the journal, two issues of the *Newsletter*, and one copy of the Conference Program. In addition, GSA mails a minimum of one copy of the dues notice, and will probably be enclosing the ballot with the dues notice in the future, unless the Executive Committee decides to keep it in the *Winter Newsletter* to save postage. We have an enormous postage bill.

You can help. How? Please pay your dues promptly, and avoid having us send you a second dues notice. In the meantime, GSA is investigating the possibility of dues payment on line, via the internet. Secretary-Treasurer Fetz (German, Montana) has been sending out a large number of reminder notices via e-mail. This saves some money. A second way to help is to encourage more people to join GSA. If we can break that 2000 member barrier, we can have further economy of scale.

At some future point, we will have to revisit the postage situation. We have now experienced two postage rate increases without an increase in dues payments. We are trying to hold the line. In fact, I have seen an increased traffic in my own e-mail rather than people calling the GSA Main Office. This is helpful. Although we are reluctant to return long distance calls because of the cost, response to e-mail is always possible. This is your Association, and we want to be as open as possible.

SECTION II

OTHER CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Call for Papers: Rhetoric of Aggression

A conference on “The Rhetoric of Aggression, The Representation of Violence in German Literature and Other Textual Media from 1945 to the Present” will take place at Oxford Brookes University on April 11 and 12, 2003. Paper proposals for presentations from 30-40 minutes in length must be submitted before June 30, 2002 and may be sent to the conference organizer Prof. Robert Weninger, School of Languages/ Department of German, Gipsy Lane Campus, Headington, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford ox3 0BP Great Britain, or e-mail to rweningen@sol.brookes.ac.uk

Call for Papers: Impact of American Culture

A conference on “Americanization and Anti-Americanism: The Impact of American Culture on Germany After 1945” will be held at the Mershon Center at The Ohio State University from October 18-20, 2002. The conference is expected to contribute to the yet to be written comprehensive history of the transfer of American culture to Europe in the twentieth century. Invited are historians, cultural historians, and anthropologists as well as specialists in media studies, American studies and German Studies. Papers should be broadly construed within the following two areas:

- 1) The comparative analysis of cultural events in Germany and their origins in the United States, such as the concept of a cultural cold war, the interaction between high and low culture, the youth rebellions of the 1950s and 1960s on both sides of the Atlantic,

theories of modernism and postmodernism or the debate about American cultural hegemony after the demise of communism.

- 2) The relation between the ‘Americanization’ of German culture and wider issues, such as elitism vs democratization, westernization, a common European culture, modernization, and globalization.

Funding for the conference has been provided by the Mershon Center for the Study of International Security and Public Policy. This includes transportation, lodging and meals for all active participants. German academics should apply to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. Plans are made to publish the papers.

Proposals should be sent to Prof. Alexander Stephan, Professor of German, Ohio Eminent Scholar, Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201-2602, tel 614-247-6068, fax 614-292-2407/ Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, 314 Cunz Hall, 1841 Millikin Road, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210-1229. E-mail is stephan.30@osu.edu

Call For Participation

Between Conformity and Eigen-Sinn: New Approaches to GDR History, Workshop to be held at the German Historical Institute, London, on 11 May 2002

General Aim

Increasingly, scholars of German history in the UK have taken up a concern, with the history of the GDR in recent years. This workshop has been created, to provide a new forum for discussion, to give participants an, immediate impression of current research trends on the GDR. A second,, equally important feature of the workshop will

be a focus on postgraduate, research on the GDR. Postgraduates and final-year undergraduates, specializing in the GDR in their dissertations will be given priority in, presenting their work, and they will be invited to chair sessions.

Schedule:

Participants are invited to deliver informal papers of 10-15 minutes each, with plenty of time for discussion. The workshop starts at 10am, and will, be over by 6pm at the latest. Details of the sessions will be announced at, short notice, once we know who will participate. We would aim for between, 20 and 30 participants.

Travel Bursaries:

We have a substantial travel grant available, and aim to reimburse participants for their travel expenses within the UK. We ask participants to book their train tickets with plenty of time in advance, to keep travel costs to a minimum.

Registration:

Participants are asked to register with:

Ms Rachel Homer, Department of German, King's College
London WC2R 2LS

(tel: 020 78482124; Rachel.Homer@kcl.ac.uk)

When registering, please indicate your area of research, and if you would like to present a particular topic for discussion.

Registration Deadline

Participants are asked to register by 30 April at the latest. We will contact participants by email shortly thereafter with further details about the individual sessions.

For further information, please visit our website at www.kcl.ac.uk/

[hrc/work.html](#) We gratefully acknowledge the support of the following: German Historical Institute, London, German History Society, Department of German, King's College London, Arts and Humanities Research Board: 'Constituting the German Nation', (www.kcl.ac.uk/hrc/gernat.html)

Richard Bessel, University of York, Jan Palmowski, King's College London

SECTION III

PROFESSIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program

The American Institute for Contemporary German Studies has announced the final 2002 application round for their research fellowship program, designed to bring scholars and specialists to Washington for stays of 1-4 months. Fellowships carry a monthly stipend of \$4600, plus a monthly research budget of \$250 and economy round trip travel to Washington. Office space at the Institute is provided.

Research Fellows are expected to produce a short publication for dissemination under Institute auspices. Special consideration will be given to proposals that address one or more of the research areas currently being given emphasis by the Institute: transatlantic economic relations, enlargement of the European Union, security issues linking the United States, Germany, and Russia; the evolution of the “New Economy” in the United States and Germany; immigration policy; and cultural or value conflicts between America and Germany/ Europe.

Detailed information is on the AICGS web site at www.aicgs.org and queries should be directed to Prof. Jeffrey Anderson, Director of Studies at AICGS, 1400 16th St., N.W., Suite 420, Washington, D.C. 20026-2216.

Jeffrey Anderson has recently taken on this post of Director of Studies at AICGS.

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**This is your conference
REGISTRATION FORM**

**GERMAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
2002 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Make checks payable to German Studies Association and send to:

**German Studies Association
Box 873204
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ 85287-3204 USA**

or use credit card; you may also fax to 480-965-8989

Indicate number of persons participating: __

Conference fee for members \$70 \$ _____

Late Registration (after Sept. 11) \$80 \$ _____

Conference fee for non-members \$80 \$ _____

Fee for students with valid ID card \$15 \$ _____

Fee for spouses not in profession \$35 \$ _____

Luncheon on Friday \$25 per person \$ _____

Luncheon on Saturday \$25 per person \$ _____

Dinner on Friday \$32 per person \$ _____

Wine Tour on Thursday \$50 per person \$ _____

Conference Package Fee \$150 per person \$ _____

(incl. registr., 2 lunches, 1 dinner)

Total \$ _____

Dinner preference:

Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____

Credit Card payment (only Visa or MasterCard/Eurocard):

MasterCard number _____

Visa Card number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

**GERMAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
2002 HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
Town and Country Resort Hotel
(NOT VALID WITHOUT CONFERENCE REG. FORM)**

**Garden Room \$109: Single _____ Double _____
Tower Room \$119: Single _____ Double _____
Tower Room \$129: Single _____ Double _____**

Note: Every effort will be made to provide the room rate you have selected. However, our number of rooms in each category is limited. T&C will attempt to apply a first-come, first-served basis and the hotel will assign you to the next higher available category if the category you request is sold out. You will receive e-mail confirmation from the hotel. If you wish to make any changes in the reservation at any time, contact the hotel, not GSA!

**SEND OR FAX THIS FORM TO THE GSA OFFICE!!!
NOT TO THE HOTEL, THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT IT!**

**Date of arrival _____ Date of Departure _____
Time of arrival _____ (check in 3 pm, check out 12 noon)**

**Name (BLOCK PRINT) _____
Affiliation _____
Address _____**

E-mail _____

Sharing room with: _____

Special Requests: _____

Reservations are subject to availability. Reserve before the room block is exhausted. We may not be able to honor special requests. Only a credit card will reserve a room for you.

MasterCard/Visa (cross out one) _____

American Express/Diners (cross out one) _____

Expiration date _____

Your signature below authorizes the credit card use:

**Please remove and send to
German Studies Main Office**

**This is your conference
HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

**Please call the hotel for room
confirmations.**

ACLS/DAAD Research Grants

These “Collaborative Research Grants in the Humanities and Social Sciences” support cooperative research projects between German and American scholars. Proposals which deal with East European and Soviet Studies are of particular interest. Grants are means to enable pairs or groups of scholars to work together on any phase of the joint project, from planning to writing and editing.

German and American scholars must apply in partnerships, Germans to the DAAD, Americans to the ACLS. There must be corresponding applications for the same project to each agency, even though it may be that only one side of the partnership wishes to travel in any year. Scholars from the former GDR and younger scholars are strongly encouraged to apply. The awards cover transportation and living expenses. The duration of the scholarship varies, with tenure beginning July 1. Application deadline is September 1. ACLS participation is made possible by grants from the Ford Foundation and the U.S. Department of State. For further information and application materials, Americans should contact the ACLS at 228 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017-3398. Telephone is 212-697-1505. Germans should contact the DAAD in Bonn.

Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grants for Research in European History

Offered by the American Historical Association only to members of the AHA, these are individual grants not to exceed \$1000 for such expenses as travel and copying. Preference is given to junior scholars. Applications should include a completed application form, an estimated budget, curriculum vitae, and a statement of no more than 750 words (typed, double-spaced) describing the project and indicating the

support it has already received. They should be addressed to Schmitt Research Grants Program, The American Historical Association, 400 A Street, S. E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

DAAD/Leo Baeck Institute Fellowships

These grants are offered to recent Ph.D.s under 35 years of age, and applicants must be American citizens researching on issues within the scope of the Institute's general interest: that is, the social, communal, and intellectual history of German-speaking Jewry. They provide a monthly stipend of approximately Euro 1200, to cover expenses during the time abroad and the entire tenure of the grant must fall within a calendar year. Travel is supported by a lump sum grant of about Euro 450. One six-month and two three-month fellowships are appointed per year. Deadline for applications is November 1. For further information, and to apply, contact the Leo Baeck Institute 129 E. 73 Street, New York, NY 10021.

CIES Administered Fulbright Research and Lecturing Grants

Information on Fulbright grants may be obtained at the Fulbright desk at the GSA Conference in October, or at their web site, or by telephoning. Application deadlines are generally August 1, but some are different. Check the web site! Various grants include lecturing and researching. There are approximately 50 lecturing/research grants for 3 to 10 months. Award categories are full maintenance, travel only, junior lecturing, and junior research. Preference is given to grant durations of approximately one semester (3 to 5 months) with the exception of academic-year grants to junior lecturers and the Distinguished Chair. Updated information is at the Commission's web site at www.cies.org and information can be obtained from Richard Pettit at rpettit@cies.iie.org or call at 202-686-6240. For the

approximately 30 Lecturing/Research awards, the starting date would be between September 2003 and March 2004. These are full maintenance grants. There are also travel grants.

The Fulbright German Studies Seminar 2003 "Challenges of Demographics" will be offered by the German-American Fulbright Commission from June 7 through June 27, 2003 in Germany.

The seminar is open to U.S. college, university and community college scholars in German studies and other humanities and social science fields related to the topic, specifically sociology, political science and anthropology. Experts in the seminar topic, as well as nonexperts with an interest in the topic, are encouraged to apply. U.S. citizenship, the Ph.D., Ph.D. candidacy or equivalent experience is required.

For application materials and program details, please contact Dr. Richard Pettit at the address below or visit the CIES Web site at www.cies.org. Application deadline: November 1, 2002

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Washington, DC 20008-3009
Telephone: 202.686.6240 . Fax: 202.362.3442 . E-mail:
rp Pettit@cies.iie.org

CIES also administers NATO Advanced Research Fellowships in Political/Military Studies. These are designed to assist work on a project that will lead to a publication on political, security, and economic matters directly affecting the health of the alliance. Some research time should be spent at NATO headquarters in Brussels, but research may be conducted elsewhere, as well.

DAAD Travel Grants to GSA Conferences

The DAAD has provided GSA with travel grants for our Conferences in 2002, 2003, and 2004 for East European scholars. The grants will fund up to three scholars per year who are presenting papers at the Conference. Applicants must be citizens and residents of a country in eastern Europe, and must speak either German or English. Application must be made after having sent in a proposal for the Conference in the relevant year, either as an individual paper or as part of a session. Applications are made by letter, with a curriculum vitae and a copy of the Conference proposal to the Executive Director of the Association. They will be given rolling consideration, meaning that there is no deadline.

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowships

These are awarded to scholars who hold the Ph.D. and are under 40 years of age. The program enables them to carry out research projects in Germany. Applications may be submitted at any time, but should be received at least 5 months prior to the meeting at which they are reviewed. The Review Committee meets in March, June/July, and November. Further information can be obtained from the Humboldt Representatives at the GSA Conference or at their office, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, U.S. Liaison Office, 1012 14th St, N.W., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20005, or avh@bellatlantic.net.

Fulbright Visiting Professorships on Austrian Studies at Minnesota

In August, 2001, the University of Minnesota and the Austrian-American Educational Commission established the joint venture

which will bring an Austrian scholar to the Center for Austrian Studies in 2002-3. The Chair will rotate among the departments of history, political science, German, and geography. The initial visitor will offer a course on Austrian literature, theater, or film.

Austrian Airlines Offers Discounts

Austrian Airlines has established a discount program for Friends of the Center for Austrian Studies at the University of Minnesota. The discounts are not offered directly by AUA, but through a travel agent, Brian Aho. He can be reached at Travelmore Wagons-Lit, 200 NW 6th Street, Brainerd, MN. His toll-free number is 1-800-417-9138, and his e-mail is travel@brainerd.net. The discounts are offered from any airport in the United States served by a Star Alliance carrier, and are effective for the entire trip, not just the transatlantic portion.

CIAO Online

CIAO, which stands for "Columbia International Affairs Online", is a new venture that offers excellent research tools. Access it as www.ciaonet.org and see what it can provide for your research. Much of the material is social science data and papers from conferences, but also information from many data bases. The hitch is that it costs money to use it. Your institution must be a subscriber. The basic cost is \$655 a year and the price varies with the size of the institution. You can try it for thirty days without charge.

TransCoop Program

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation maintains the TransCoop Program for Transatlantic Research Cooperation. Through this program, the AvH Foundation supports collaborative research

involving American, Canadian, and German scholars in the humanities, social sciences, economics, and law.

Successful proposals may receive funding up to €45,000 (about \$43,000) over a 3-year period. The grant may be used to finance short-term research visits and travel, organize conferences and workshops, purchase materials and equipment, and to cover costs for research assistants and printing.

Applications should be submitted jointly by at least one German and one U.S. or Canadian scholar. Ph.D. is required. Funds provided by the TransCoop Program must be matched with funds from U.S. or Canadian sources. The deadline for applications is October 31. Applications may be downloaded from www.humboldt-foundation.de or one may contact the AvH Liaison Office at 1012 14th St, N.W., Suite 301, Washington, D.C. 20005. E-mail is avh@bellatlantic.net.

Women in German Dissertation Prize

We received the notice too late for this issue of the Newsletter, but the Women in German Dissertation Prize has a deadline of February 15. Since this is a repeating prize, it is well to announce it now, so that people can be aware for next year. Applicants must be members of WiG and the award is for \$500. The prize is presented at the WiG Conference. Applicants may apply or be nominated. In any case a letter of application or nomination is required, plus three copies of the dissertation, each with an abstract, and a complete address, including e-mail. WiG is looking for dissertations that reflect the WiG Mission Statement, make a substantial contribution to the current dialogue in the given area, and demonstrate solid and innovative scholarship. Further information can be obtained from WiG, along with the next year's Chair name and address.

SECTION IV

COMPUTERS - BYTES, BITS, AND SOFTWARE

New Computers, New Prices

It is not really possible to update the information on computers as fast as the manufacturers are changing their products and prices, but we will try to bring you some of the latest information as it becomes available.

Windows XP Issues are Fun

Now that Microsoft's Windows XP is out there, and on all PCs that are sold, some interesting quirks have developed. Here are a few of them.

First, the system has a unique licensing feature, designed to help Microsoft get as much out of the product as possible, and to minimize chances that people will pirate it. Thus, any copy you buy to upgrade with is usable by only one computer. One. So, if you have more than one computer in your family, and want to use one upgrade for all of them, Microsoft has news for you. You will have to pay them more money to use it on more than one computer. It is called a family license, is hardly ever sold at a retailer, and is generally only available on their web site. You pay per computer. So, if your family has two or three, plus a couple of laptops, look to spending quite a bundle.

Would you want to upgrade anyway? Well, that depends. Sure, it is better than Me or Windows 2000 or Windows 98, less prone to crash, and all of that. But, upgrading is a touchy thing, and does not always work. You may have to get a local guru to help you.

Even then, it is not always easy. Some magazines report a high failure rate, and people give up. Then, you must understand that it is a NEW system, which is not everywhere backwards compatible. This means that it may not work with your printer driver, and you may have to get a new driver, and that might not be available (check first!), and other program updates may not be available yet. If you have a lot of old software, check it out. You may have to spend more money on updates. Remember, if you have scanners or whatever, everything has to work, so you may wind up upgrading a whole lot of things. The HP Deskwriters are not supported by XP, and a few scanners are not, either. Some older modems are not. This means that you may need new hardware, too. So, do check it out in advance.

New PDA from Sony

Well, by now you all know that I am very high on the little handheld PDAs (personal digital assistants), particularly those running the Palm OS (operating system). I think that these are great for their original uses, to store addresses and telephone numbers, and to keep a calendar and appointment register. I like the Palm variety, which is handy and good, and have preferred the Handspring company's version of them, which uses the Palm OS. I have not liked the Windows OS because it is written for a desktop computer, and causes the handheld user to go through just too many steps to do anything. Palm is simply Palm, and it does well what it is supposed to do. And, it is compatible with both Windows and Mac. If you like the Windows OS in a PDA, that is a personal preference, and it certainly does offer its own features.

That said, Sony has been trying to re-define itself of late. It last a lot of neat products, but does not seem to be able to make money on them.

You have to hand it to the company. They keep on trying. This time, they have come up with a handheld that really upgrades their last effort. The new CLIÉ is sleek and trim. It will fit anywhere without a bulge. It will not bulge in a pocket, nor take up much space in a purse. In shiny silver or royal blue, the Clié runs the latest version of the Palm OS, 4.1, and sports a USB bus (connection port). It has 16mb of memory and a color display that puts all of them to shame. It is 16 bits of color, 320 X 320 backlit, and looks great indoors and surprisingly bright outdoors. Street price in the USA is about \$400, which makes it more than competitive with Palm, and cheaper than the Windows models. Much, much, much thinner, too. On top of that, it accepts the Sony memory stick, a proprietary memory addition system, which you probably will never need.

Look, if you want to use these things to take digital pictures, that's fine. I prefer a digital camera as a second device, but they do do it. You can get the affordable add-on and plug it in. I really cannot see myself accessing the web yet on these small devices, even with the mini-priced add-on keyboard, but maybe I am a little old-fashioned. You can do it, though on the higher-end Handsprings and Palms and Windows PDAs, not this one. If you want it to telephone for you, and be your cell phone, you will need a subscription and an add-on, as with all PDAs. Or, you can buy something like the Kyocera and get a phone that runs Palm OS. There is value in that.

The newest handheld is the Treo, by Handspring. You can see it at www.handspring.com and note that it is three units in one. I suppose that is why they use the name Treo. Well, they must have people paid more than professors thinking up names like Treo and Clié. Or else they hire somebody from creative writing.

But, I am hardly ever without my little PDA, and think that it is great

for remembering where I am supposed to be when, and those phone numbers and e-mail addresses that I can never remember if I am away from them too long. Look at the Clie, and you might be captivated. Otherwise, do get yourself a black and white version of the Palm in their lowest priced unit or the Handspring low priced one. They are forever offering sales and lower prices. For less than \$200, you can have one that will surely fit your needs. In a pinch, it takes notes, and reads your handwriting. What else can you ask for?

Apple iMac is like Bauhaus

Not really, but this is a marriage of design and practicality that would even make the designer of the original Coke bottle smile. Every once and a while, Apple strikes out. They did so with that awful cube look. But, having left their cubist period, the Mac designers came up with this magnificent thing. It is a computer that looks like a bubble, with a flat panel display that floats above it and can be positioned in almost any way you would like. Oh, come on, and it is inexpensive, too. Not as cheap as a Gateway, but Mac never strives for that. For a Mac, this is inexpensive, sleek, and takes up so little of your cramped desktop space that you will marvel that you still have a desk left. Why not at least LOOK at it? It runs OS X, of course, and does most of what you need, unless the kids are totally into games and your computer is theirs. It is compatible with that other sleek new product, the one that plays music (will not even be discussed here, nor ever mentioned again). Raised eyebrows in the industry have greeted the iMac, and it is a grand entry into the effort to bring design to the workplace.

EndNote

The latest version of EndNote, 5.0, has appeared. This handy program works with major word processors, and has resident dictionaries for

German and French, as well as other languages. It creates your endnotes, footnotes, and bibliographies. Easy to use, the program speeds up your writing by taking care of one of the most tedious task that often interrupts a scholar's train of thought. The idea of putting this sort of thing in a simple, automated structure, relieving the scholar to write without pausing to look up citations or notes is a really useful tool. The academic price is about \$109.95, though you might be able to find it cheaper. There is also a site license available, so that multiple copies can be sold to reduce the price even further. It works both with PC and Mac, and the files are interchangeable across platforms.

SECTION V

ELECTIONS

Candidates for the Position of Vice President**Harry Ritter**

Education: Ph.D. in History, University of Virginia, 1969; M.A. University of Virginia, 1967; B.A. University of Arizona, 1965.

Professional Experience: Member of History faculty at the Western Washington University since 1969; Professor since 1986.

Honors: Fellowships, Offices: Best Article Prize, Austrian Cultural Institute, 1989; Chair, National Book Prize Committee, Austrian Cultural Institute/Center for Austrian Studies, 1994; Research Fellow, Center for Austrian Studies, 1992; National Dissertation Prize Committee, Austrian Cultural Institute/Center for Austrian Studies, 1980.

Selected Publications: "Liberal Pasts and Liberal Futures in Germany and Austria" (forthcoming 2002 in *International Politics*; "From Dracula to Hitler and Back: The Hero in German Film" in *Film and History Annual*, 2001; "From Habsburg to Hitler to Haider: The Peculiarities of Austrian History," in *German Studies Review*, 1999; "Austria and the Struggle for German Identity," in *German Studies Review*, 1992; "German Policy in Occupied Greece and Its Economic Impact, 1941-44," in *Germany and Europe in the Era of the Two World Wars*, 1986; "Austro-German Liberalism and the Modern Liberal Tradition, in *German Studies Review*, 1984; "Progressive

Historians and the Historical Imagination in Austria,” in *Austrian History Yearbook*, 1984.

GSA Participation and Service: GSA member since 1977, six papers at GSA conferences, eight panel commentaries, and panel chair on three occasions. Executive Committee member, 1994-96; Chair of Nominating Committee, 1994; Committee on Academic Programs, 1988-90; Program Director for 1983; Member of Program Committee, 1982.

Katherine Roper

Education: Ph.D. in History; Stanford University, 1968; M.A. in German literature, Stanford University, 1963; B.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1962.

Professional Experience: Professor of History, Saint Mary’s College of California, 1969-present.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: NEH Summer Seminar stipend, 1994; DAAD grant, 1996; DeSales Perez Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1998; Saint Mary’s College Professor of the Year, 1998; German Film Institute Grant, 2000.

Selected Publications: *German Encounters with Modernity: Novels of Imperial Berlin*, 1991: “1848 in the Novels of Friedrich Spielhagen: The Making of a German Democrat” in *German Studies Review*, 2000: “Looking for the German Revolution in Weimar Films” in *Central European History*, 1988; “Imagining the German Capital: Berlin Writers in the Two Unification Eras” in Walter Pape, ed. *1870/71 – 1989/90: German Unifications and the Change of Literary Discourse*, 1993; “In Search of the German Revolution: Novels of

Imperial Berlin” in Karin MacHardy and Gisela Brude-Firna, eds., *Fact and Fiction: German History and Literature, 1848-1924*, 1990.

GSA Participation and Service: Member since 1978; Executive Committee, 1994-97; Book Prize Committee, 1994-95; Chair, Nominating Committee, 1998; Nominating Committee, 2001; participant in all GSA conferences since 1989, and 1979, 1983-87.

Candidates for the Executive Committee, Position 1 (History)

Francis Nicosia

Education: Ph.D. McGill University, 1977; M.A. Georgetown University, 1968; B.A. Pennsylvania State University, 1967.

Professional Experience: Professor of History at St. Michael’s College, 1979-present; Visiting Professor at the Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, Technische Universität Berlin, 1992-93; Revson Fellow, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000; Visiting Faculty, Institut für europäische Geschichte, Mainz, 1985.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Advisory Board, Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Vermont, 1993-present, Editorial Board, H-German Internet Discussion Network, 1997-2000; Charles Revson Foundation Fellowship, 2000; Senior Fulbright Research Award, 1992-93; American Philosophical Society grant, 1993; DAAD, 1991.

Selected Publications: *The Third Reich and the Palestine Question*, 1985 (paperback 2000); *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust* (co-authored with Donald Niewyk), 2000; *Medicine and Medical Ethics in Germany: Origins, Practices, Legacies* (co-edited with Jonathan Huener), 2000; editor, *The Central Zionist Archives Jerusalem*, vols

3 and 4, 1990; *Germans Against Nazism: Nonconformity, Opposition and Resistance in the Third Reich* (co-edited with Lawrence Stokes), 1990; plus thirty-one articles or chapters in books.

GSA Participation and Service: Program Director, 2001; Program Committee, 2000; Committee for the Best Scholarly Article in History, 1997; Conference papers 1987, 1990, 1994, 1996; commentator and moderator, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001.

Michael Phayer

Education: Ph.D. History, Universität München, 1968; Louvain University, Belgium, History Certificate, 1964; St. Benedict's Theologate, 1963; B.A. St. Benedict's College, 1958.

Professional Experience: Director, Institute for Family Studies, Marquette University, 1987-2000; Professor, Marquette University, 1989-present; Associate Professor, Marquette University, 1977-88; Assistant Professor, Marquette University, 1970-76.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Fellow of the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies; Yom Hashoah Honoree, 1998; Vatican II Award for Ecumenical Service, 1995; Rabbi Baron Faculty Achievement Award, 1994; Senior Fulbright Research Fellow, 1992-93; numerous grants from Marquette University, American Philosophical Society, National Endowment for the Humanities; National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education, Board Member, 1987-present, Chair, 1993-97; Board Member, Milwaukee Association for Jewish Education, 1996-present; Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning, Board of Trustees, 1995-present.

Selected Publications: *The Catholic Church and the Holocaust*,

1930-1965, 2000 (paperback 2001), translations forthcoming in English and French; *Cries in the Night: Women Who Challenged the Holocaust* (with Eva Fleischner), 1997; *Protestant and Catholic Women in Nazi Germany*, 1990: plus thirteen articles or chapters in books.

GSA Participation and Service: Papers presented 1986, 2000; Local Arrangements Director, Milwaukee, 1989.

Candidates for the Executive Committee, Position 2 (History)

Gerald Feldman

Education: Ph.D. History, Harvard University, 1964; M.A. History, Harvard University, 1959; B.A. Columbia College, 1958.

Professional Experience: Professor, University of California, Berkeley, 1970-present; Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley, 1963-70; Director, Center for German and European Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 1994-present.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Grosse Verdienstkreuz des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, 2000; Berlin Prize Fellow, American Academy in Berlin, 1998-99; Karl W. Deutsch Guest Professor, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 1997; Chancellor's Professorship, 1997-2000; Co-winner, Financial Times/Booz-Allen and Hamilton Business Book Award (for the *Deutsche Bank*), 1995; DAAD Book Prize of the GSA (for *The Great Disorder*), 1995; Book Prize, CGCEH of the AHA, 1995 (for *The Great Disorder*). Numerous fellowships from the ACLS, Guggenheim, SSRC, NEH, Volkswagen Foundation, German Marshall Fund, Woodrow Wilson, Stinnes Foundation, Editorial and Advisory Boards of numerous journals.

Advisory Board, Historical Commission of the Dresdner Bank, Chair Historical Commission of Bank Austria, 2000-present; Advisory Council to Presidential Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States, 1999-2000; Historical Commission of the Deutsche Bank, 19980-present.

Selected Publications: *Allianz and the German Insurance Business*, 2000; *Hugo Stinnes. Biographie eines Industriellen*, 1998; *The Great Disorder: Politics, Economics, and Society in the German Inflation, 1914-1924*, 1993 (paperback 1997); *Iron and Steel in the German Inflation, 1916-1923*, 1977; *Army, Industry and Labor in Germany, 1914-1918*, 1966: plus numerous edited, co-edited, books and over 100 articles and review essays.

GSA Participation and Service: 1995 GSA/DAAD Book Prize, papers at several conferences, and Luncheon Address, 2001.

Günther Bischoff

Education: Ph.D. History, Harvard University, 1989; M.A. Harvard University, 1983; Mag. Phil. Universität Innsbruck, 1982; M.A. University of New Orleans, 1980.

Professional Experience: Professor of History, University of New Orleans, 1999-present, Associate Professor, UNO, 1994-99, Assistant Professor, UNO, 1989-94; Guest Professor, Universities of Salzburg, Vienna, Munich, 1998; Executive Director, Center for Austrian Culture and Commerce, 2000-present; Academic Director, UNO Summer School Program, Innsbruck, 2001.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Founding Co-Editor of Eisenhower Center Studies of War and Peace; founding Co-Editor of Contemporary

Austrian Studies; Vice Chair of International Advisory Board of the Austrian Marshall Plan Anniversary Foundation; Austrian Vice Chancellor Commission, "The Future of Austria." Board of Editors, H-German.

Selected Publications: *Austria in the First Cold War, 1945-1955*, 1999; Co-Editor of many books, including (with Rolf Steininger and Michael Gehler), *Austria in the Twentieth Century*, forthcoming; (with Anton Pelinka and Michael Gehler), *Oesterreich in der EU*, 2002; (with Wolfgang Krieger), *Die Invasion in der Normandie 1944: Internationale Perspektiven*, 2001; (with Saki Dockrill), *Cold War Respite: The Geneva Summit of 1955*, 2000; (with Rüdiger Overmans), *Kriegsgefangenschaft im Zweiten Weltkrieg: Eine Vergleichende Perspektive*, 1999; (with Roger Dupont), *The Pacific War Revisited*, 1997; (with Stephen Ambrose), *Facts Against Falsehood: Eisenhower and the German POW*, 1997; also over fifty book chapters, journal articles and review essays.

GSA Participation and Service: Presented papers at Conferences in 1988, 1992, 1993, 1998, 2000, 2001; organized showing of Ruth Beckerman's documentary on the Wehrmachtausstellung.

Candidates for the Executive Committee, Position 3 (Germanistik and Culture Studies)

Martha Helfer

Education: Ph.D. German Studies, Stanford University, 1001; M.A. Germanic Languages and Literatures, University of Wisconsin, 1985; B.A. German and Linguistics, 1984.

Professional Experience: Associate Professor of German, University

of Utah, 1996-present; Assistant Professor of German, University of Utah, 1991-96; Associate Chair, Department of Languages and Literatures, 2000-present; Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Languages and Literatures, 1995-96, 1999-2000.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Best Article Award, *German Quarterly* (Max Kade Prize), 1998; Several faculty and career development awards and research grants, University of Utah, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1999. MLA Executive Committee, 2002-present; Secretary-Treasurer, Goethe Society of North America, 1998-2002; Book Review Editor, *Goethe Yearbook*, 2001-present; Editorial Board, *Amsterdamer Beiträge zur neueren Germanistik*, 1998-present.

Selected Publications: *The Retreat of Representation: The Concept of Darstellung in German Critical Discourse*, 1996; editor, *Rereading Romanticism. Amsterdamer Beiträge zur neueren Germanistik*, Vol. 47, 2000, as well as nine articles in scholarly journals.

GSA Participation and Service: Program Committee member and Local Arrangements Committee member, 1998; session organizer 1988, 2000; papers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001. Commentator or moderator on six occasions.

Richard Rundell

Education: Ph.D. in German Literature, University of Colorado, 1971; M.A. in German Literature, Middlebury College, 1962; B.A. German, Colorado College, 1961.

Professional Experience: Professor, New Mexico State University. 1990-present; Associate Professor, NMSU, 1981-1990; Assistant Professor, NMSU, 1975-81; Head, Department of Theater Arts,

NMSU, 1987-90; Guest Professor of German, Deutsche Sommerschule, Taos, 1980, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1995, 1998, 2001.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Fellowships from NEH, DAAD, Goethe Institute, Board member, Dona Ana Lyric Opera, 1991-present; officer NMEH, 1992-97; Associate Editor, *Die Unterrichtspraxis/Teaching German*, 1993-present; Program Chair, AATG, 1997.

Selected Publications: fifteen articles in scholarly journals, including (with Jörg Thunecke) “Unbekannte ‘Szenen’ aus dem Exil des Stückschreibers Erich Fied: Von den Anfängen bis zur antifaschistischen Propaganda,” in *Westbourne Terrace: Erich Fried im Londoner Exil (1938-1945)*, 2001; “Literary Nazis? Adapting Nineteenth Century German Novellas for the Screen,” in Robert Reimer, ed., *Through a National Socialist Lens: Essays in Cinema in Nazi Germany*, 1999; “Liedermacher im Zeichen der Wende,” in Keith Bullivant, et. al, (eds.) *Literatur für Leser, Sondernummer: Liedermacher*, 1996

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