

**Bosch Foundation Archival Seminar for Young Historians: American  
History in Transatlantic Perspective  
An Archival Course for Historians in the United States**

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With the generous support of the Robert Bosch Foundation, the German Historical Institute, together with the University of Chicago's Department of History and the Heidelberg Center for American Studies at Heidelberg University, offers an archival program for doctoral students from Germany and the United States.

The seminar prepares Ph.D. students working in the field of American history for their prospective research trips. Participants learn how to contact archives, use finding aids, identify important reference tools, and become acquainted with miscellaneous American research facilities, among them the Wisconsin State Historical Society, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, and the Library of Congress. They gain insight into how historical materials are acquired, preserved, and made accessible to historians. In addition, they have the opportunity to meet a number of prominent scholars and discuss their research with them.

We hope that participants will gain an appreciation for the various kinds of archives and special collections located in the United States, either for future reference or for their general training as scholars of American history, culture, and society. Students are also welcome to extend their stay in the United States to do their own exploration and research after the program ends.

We strongly encourage potential participants to apply together with a transatlantic partner. Participants are expected to form small working groups during the seminar and initiate cooperation with a partner PhD-student in their respective fields.

Applicants should note, however, that they will have limited opportunity to do their own work during the course.

Applicants must be registered as Ph.D. students or enrolled in a Ph.D. program at a German or US institution of higher education. The program seeks qualified applicants interested in historical studies in a broad range of fields (art history, economic and business history, history of consumption, cultural studies, diplomatic history, etc.), and whose projects require consulting sources located in US archives.

Preference will be given to those who have already chosen a dissertation topic and written a dissertation proposal but have not yet embarked on actual research. Prospective candidates must have excellent knowledge of written and spoken English. All parts of the program will be conducted in English.

The stipends cover expenses for travel and accommodation and include a daily allowance.

A complete application consists of:

- (1) a cover letter outlining the candidate's motivation to participate;
- (2) a curriculum vitae;
- (3) a dissertation proposal (4-8 pages), and
- (4) a letter from the candidate's doctoral advisor.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials via e-mail. Advisors' letters can be sent directly, by post, or by e-mail to

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Deadline for submission is March 1, 2010. All applicants will be notified by March 31, 2010.

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