

# ANNOUNCEMENTS: PRIZES, SEMINARS, FELLOWSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS

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## FRITZ STERN DISSERTATION PRIZE

Each year the Friends of the German Historical Institute award the Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize for the two best doctoral dissertations submitted in German history, German-American relations, or the history of Germans in North America. While recognizing outstanding academic achievements, the prize is also meant to assist talented scholars at an early stage in their careers.

The winners are invited to the GHI to present their research at the annual symposium of the Friends in November. The prizewinners receive an award of \$2,000 and reimbursement for travel to Washington, DC. Their dissertations will be considered for inclusion in the "Publications of the German Historical Institute" series published by Cambridge University Press.

Candidates are nominated by their dissertation advisers. Their dissertations must have been completed, defended, and authenticated at a university in the United States or Canada between January 1 and December 31 of the calendar year preceding the award ceremony. The GHI will accept nominations through *March 20, 2005*, and will announce the prize winners at the end of the summer. Dissertation advisers should submit a letter of nomination along with an abstract (1–3 pages) of the dissertation to:

German Historical Institute  
Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize  
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20009-2562

## TRANSATLANTIC DOCTORAL SEMINAR 2005: GERMAN HISTORY, 1890–1930

The German Historical Institute in Washington, DC and the BMW Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University are pleased to announce the 11th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar in German History. The 2005 seminar will take place in Washington DC from April 13–16, 2005.

The seminar brings together young scholars from Europe and North America who are nearing completion of their doctoral degrees. We plan to invite eight doctoral students from each side of the Atlantic to discuss their research projects. The organizers welcome proposals on any aspect of German history during the years 1890 to 1930. Doctoral students working in related disciplines—such as art history, legal history or the history of science—are also encouraged to apply, as are students working on comparative projects or on the history of Austria or German-speaking Switzerland. The discussions will be based on papers (in German or English) submitted in advance of the conference. The seminar will be conducted bilingually, in German and English. The organizers will cover travel and lodging expenses.

We are now accepting applications from doctoral students whose dissertations are at an advanced stage but who will be granted their degrees *after* June 2005. Applications should include a short (2–3 pp.) project description (in German or English), a curriculum vitae, and a letter of reference from the major advisor. Potential applicants whose projects focus mainly on the period after 1930 should consider applying next year for the 2006 Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar, which will be devoted to the period 1930 to 1960. Questions may be directed to Richard F. Wetzell by email at [r.wetzell@ghi-dc.org](mailto:r.wetzell@ghi-dc.org)

Applications and letters of reference must be received by December 1, 2004. They should be sent to Bärbel Thomas at the German Historical Institute and may be submitted by email, fax or regular mail:

German Historical Institute  
Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar  
Attn: Bärbel Thomas  
1607 New Hampshire Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20009-2562  
Email: [b.thomas@ghi-dc.org](mailto:b.thomas@ghi-dc.org)  
Fax: (202) 483–3430

## ARCHIVAL SUMMER SEMINAR IN GERMANY MAY 30–JUNE 10, 2005

The Summer Seminar, organized by the GHI and supported by the German Department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, is a program for advanced graduate students in German historical studies. The program trains participants to read *alte deutsche Schrift*, familiarizes them with German research facilities (archives and libraries), provides a forum for discussing research methods and practical tips, and helps prepare them for their prospective dissertation research trips to Germany. The program has practical and theoretical dimensions. The group will spend the bulk of their time together thinking about research methods and discussing practical information on using archives and libraries. Students will learn how to contact archives, use finding aids, identify important reference tools, and become generally acquainted with German research facilities. In theoretical terms, participants will be exposed to various approaches that archivists, librarians, and scholars use to locate source material in an exceedingly complex repository landscape. They also will gain insight into how historical materials are acquired, stored, and made accessible to scholars. The participants will hear from scholars actively engaged in research, and will have the chance to ask them questions about research methods, strategy, and planning.

Potential applicants should note that the program is exploratory in nature and should not be considered a predissertation research grant; participants will have limited opportunity to do their own work. Most institutions that we visit will not have materials specifically related to the topics of most of the participants. However, over the course of the seminar, participants learn tips that are directly related to their projects, and meet archivists and librarians who may be useful contacts in the future. We hope that participants will gain an appreciation for the various kinds of archives and special collections located in Germany, either for future reference or for their general edification as scholars of German culture, history, and society. Of course, students are welcome to extend their stay in Germany to do their own exploration and/or preliminary research after the tour ends.

Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at a North American institution of higher education. The program seeks qualified applicants interested in historical studies in a broad range of fields (art history, history, literature, musicology, etc.). The program is looking for advanced graduate students whose projects require that they consult source material in archives and research libraries as well as handwritten materials in the old German script. Preference will be given to those who have already

chosen a dissertation topic and have already written a dissertation proposal, but have not yet embarked on actual research (ABD). Successful candidates must have a very good knowledge of written and spoken German. All official parts of the program will be conducted in German. The organizers will evaluate applicants' German proficiency by telephone interview before participants are selected.

A complete application consists of: (1) a cover letter that outlines the need for participation; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) a dissertation proposal (4–8 pages), and (4) a letter from the doctoral adviser.

*The deadline for submission is December 31, 2004.* All applicants will be notified by February 15, 2005. For more information, contact Dr. Astrid M. Eckert, German Historical Institute. Phone: (202) 387 3355; e-mail: eckert@ghi-dc.org. Send application materials to:

German Historical Institute  
Summer Seminar  
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C., 20009-2562

## DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

The GHI awards short-term fellowships of one to six months to German and American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars/Habilitanden in the fields of German history, the history of German-American relations, and the role of Germany and the USA in international relations. These fellowships are also available to German doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars/Habilitanden in the field of American history. The GHI will give clear priority to those post-doc projects that are designed for the "second book." The research projects must draw upon source materials located in the United States. The monthly stipend is approximately €1,580 for doctoral students and €2,650 for postdoctoral scholars. In addition, fellows based in Germany will receive reimbursement for their roundtrip airfare to the United States. All fellows are required to present their research at the GHI in Washington during their grant period. Depending on the funds available, it may be possible to extend the scholarship by one or more months (up to a maximum duration of six months).

The *deadlines* for applications are *October 15, 2004* (for the year 2005), *May 31* and *October 15, 2005* (for 2006). Applications should include cover letter, curriculum vitae, proof of academic degree, project description (3000 words), research schedule for the fellowship period, and at least one

letter of reference. While applicants may write in either English or German, we recommend that they use the language in which they are most proficient. They will be notified about the outcome within two months after the deadline. Please send applications to:

German Historical Institute  
Doctoral/Postdoctoral Fellowships  
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20009-2562

### KADE-HEIDEKING FELLOWSHIP

Funded by the Annette Kade Charitable Trust (approval for 2005 is pending), the Kade-Heideking Fellowship is awarded annually to a German doctoral student working in one of the three areas to which the late Jürgen Heideking made significant contributions: American history and German-American relations from the early modern period to the present; international history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; and twentieth-century German and European history. This is a residential fellowship of twelve months' duration, and the recipient is expected to divide his or her time between the GHI and the University of Wisconsin in Madison. The stipend amount is \$30,000. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, proof of academic degree, project description (3000 words), research schedule for the fellowship period, and two confidential letters of reference. The application deadline is *November 15, 2004*. Please send applications to:

German Historical Institute  
Kade-Heideking Fellowship  
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NWM  
Washington, DC 20009-2562

### THYSSEN-HEIDEKING FELLOWSHIP

The German Historical Institute invites applications for a one-year postdoctoral fellowship in memory of the late Jürgen Heideking. The fellowship, supported by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, is intended for American scholars working in one of the three areas to which Professor Heideking made important contributions: American history and German-American relations from the early modern period to the present; inter-

national history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; and twentieth-century German and European history.

The Thyssen-Heideking Fellow will receive a stipend of €25,000 (plus a family allowance if applicable) for a fellowship period of six to twelve months in residence at the University of Cologne to begin in 2005. The fellow will be expected to give one public lecture on his or her research. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, proof of academic degree, project description (8–10 pages), research schedule for the fellowship period, and two confidential letters of reference. The application deadline is *November 15, 2004*. Please send applications to:

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Thyssen-Heideking Fellowship  
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20009-2562

## INTERNSHIPS

The GHI Internship Program gives German and American students of history, political science, and library studies an opportunity to gain experience at a scholarly research institute. Interns assist individual research projects, work for the library, take part in the preparation and hosting of conferences, and help with our publications. They receive a small stipend. The program is very flexible: The GHI tries to accommodate the interns' interests, abilities, and goals. A two-month minimum stay is required; a three-month-stay is preferred. There is a rolling review of applications. Applicants interested in coming to Washington in 2006 are encouraged to submit their application by late July 2005. German students are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with the American visa requirements beforehand. The process to obtain a visa has become complicated and expensive. Information is available at the website of the American Embassy in Berlin. ([www.usembassy.de](http://www.usembassy.de)) The GHI cooperates with an organization authorized by the State Department to issue the relevant papers to obtain a visa. Applicants accepted into the internship program will receive further information on the procedure in their acceptance letters. Applications should contain a cover letter, a CV, a letter of recommendation, and copies of *Zwischenprüfungs-* or *Abschlusszeugnis*. You can apply either in English or German. For further information please contact Astrid M. Eckert ([eckert@ghi-dc.org](mailto:eckert@ghi-dc.org)).