GHI NEWS

2020 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize

The 2020 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize, which is awarded annually by the Friends of the German Historical Institute for the best dissertation in German history completed at a North American university, was awarded to Emma L. Thomas (University of Michigan). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the award ceremony had to be postponed until May 2021. The selection committee was composed of: Tanya Kevorkian (chair, Millersville University), Frank Biess (University of California, San Diego), and Lisa Fetheringill Zwicker (Indiana University, South Bend).

The committee's prize citation for Emma Thomas' dissertation “Contested Labors: New Guinean Women and the German Colonial Indenture, 1884–1914” (Ph.D. dissertation, University of Michigan, advised by Kathleen Canning) reads:

We are delighted to honor Emma Thomas with the 2020 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize. Her clearly and compellingly argued thesis recovers the lives of New Guinean women as they made their way through periods of German colonial indenture. Thomas assimilates, challenges, and extends a range of approaches by historians, anthropologists, and other scholars: an impressive analytical range. She provides a fresh perspective on the German colonial project by showing how closely sexual and economic exploitation were linked in everyday life. The women’s reproductive and productive labor were likewise linked. Thomas’ combining of analyses of representations and actual practices is enlightening. She also demonstrates the gendered nature of this project’s resonance in the metropole. She starts by reconstructing colonizers’ sexualization of New Guinean women and preoccupation with vernacular marriage practices, and then explores a range of sites of contact between New Guinean women and German colonial men, from plantations to colonists’ homes to colonial courts: well beyond the formal and expected.

Thomas undertook imaginative and impressive research to build this picture. Many imperial records fail to mention women, but she pieces together a fuller picture by working with sources from numerous Australian and New Guinean libraries and archives, as well as missionary archives in Germany and beyond. Thomas’ research allows her to uncover a wide spectrum of everyday interactions and types of labor. Interactions included routine sexual violence, which courts processed as sexual promiscuity on the part of the women. Thomas investigates the actual dynamics involved in relations that colonists (and some historians) characterized as
“cohabitation,” “marriage,” and “prostitution.” For example, what colony-izers presented as prostitution was actually sexual violence against New Guinean women. However, the women did maintain agency, including active social and personal networks, marriages to New Guinean men, and litigation in colonial courts. The picture Thomas develops thus is nuanced as well as original.
NEW STAFF PUBLICATIONS

Monographs


Edited Volumes and Special Issues


Chapters and Articles


Westermann, Andrea. “A Technofossil of the Anthropocene: Sliding up and down Temporal Scales with Plastic.” In Power and Time. Temporali-


Other Publications (Book Reviews, Conference Reports, Working Papers, Blog Articles, Encyclopedia Entries)


Beacock, Ian, Heidi Tworek and Sudha David-Wilp, “Covid-19 has democratic lessons to teach. Has Angela Merkel helped Germany to learn


Roesch, Claudia. “Book Review: Julie Guard: Radical Housewives. Price Wars and Food Politics in Mid-Twentieth Century Canada. Toronto, Buf-


**STAFF CHANGES**

**Andreas Greiner** joined the GHI Washington in January 2021 as a research fellow in Global and Transregional History. His research specializes in infrastructure networks, their spatiality and materiality in the long 19th and early 20th centuries. He received his PhD in history from ETH Zurich in 2019 where he also worked as a research assistant at the Chair for History of the Modern World. Before joining the GHI he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Max Weber Program at the European University Institute in Florence. His first monograph, *Human Porterage and Colonial State Formation in German East Africa, 1870–1914: Tensions of Transport* (forthcoming 2022), explores the shifting role of caravan transport and human porterage in colonial East Africa, unveiling the resilience of precolonial structures in the era of “high imperialism.” His current research project examines the entangled history of intercontinental airline networks in the interwar period.

**Mark R. Stoneman**, an editor since February 2010, left the GHI’s regular staff in April 2021 to take up freelance work (https://markstoneman.com). He continues to collaborate on some GHI projects, in particular the History of Knowledge and Migrant Knowledge blogs.
GHI FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships
The GHI awards short-term fellowships to European and North American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars to pursue research projects that draw upon primary sources located in the United States. We are particularly interested in research projects that fit into the following fields: German and European history, the history of German-American relations, the role of Germany and the USA in international relations, and American history (European doctoral and postdoctoral scholars only). The proposed research projects should make use of historical methods and engage with the relevant historiography. We especially invite applications from doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars who currently have no funding from their home institutions. The fellowships are usually granted for periods of one to five months.

The GHI also offers a number of other long-term doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships with more specific profiles to strengthen key research interests at the institute, including: the history of knowledge, the history of race and ethnicity, the history of religion and religiosity, the history of family and kinship, the history of migration, and North American history. In addition to these opportunities, several new fellowships programs have been introduced: The Binational Tandem Research Program for “The History of Knowledge” and “Global and Trans-regional History,” and the Gerda Henkel Postdoctoral Fellowship for Digital History. For further information about these programs and current application deadlines, please check our website at www.ghi-dc.org/fellowships.

GHI 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 in the sense that 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. For further information, please check our website at www.ghi-dc.org/internships.
GHI FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2020/21

Tandem Fellowships in the History of Migration at the German Historical Institute Washington’s Pacific Regional Office in Berkeley

Robin Buller, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*Sephardi Immigrants in Paris: Navigating Community, Culture, and Citizenship between France and the Ottoman Empire, 1918-1945*

Anne Klotz, Leibniz-Institut für jüdische Kultur und Geschichte – Simon Dubnow
*Polish-Jewish Journalists and the Production and Movement of Knowledge before, during and after the Holocaust*

Horner Library Fellows

Ariane Fichtl, Universität Augsburg
*The Declaration of the Rights of Man and its Reception within the Democratic-Republican Societies of Pennsylvania (1790-1800)*

Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
*American Aurora: Environment and Apocalypse in Early Pennsylvania*

Sebastian Willert, (Technische Universität Berlin)
*Die “Peters-Hilprecht-Kontroverse” an der University of Pennsylvania. Eine Geschichte transatlantischer Rivalität und ihrer Auswirkungen auf die deutsch-amerikanische Öffentlichkeit zwischen 1889 und 1911*

Short-term Research Fellowships

Due to the pandemic the application process for short-term research fellowships was temporarily placed on hold.
GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR AND COLLOQUIUM, FALL 2020

September 9  Still Lives: Jewish Photography in Nazi Germany  
Ofer Ashkenazi (Hebrew University)

September 24  Locating the Central Asiatic Expedition  
Lukas Rieppel (Brown University)

October 7  Historicizing Immigration Control at Airports: The Case of Frankfurt  
Carolin Liebsch-Gümüş (GHI Washington)

November 4  Pan-American Mobility Infrastructures and the Cooperation Between Experts from the United States and Latin America  
Mario Peters (GHI Washington)

November 18  Mass Migration, Mass Digitization: Studying Viral Texts in German-Language Newspapers in the U.S., 1830–1914  
Jana Keck (GHI Washington)
DIGITAL CULTURAL HERITAGE DC MEETUP #DCHDC

August 18  Digitizing the Black Experience
Lopez D. Matthews (Howard University Libraries and the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center)

African American Digital Humanities initiative (AADHUM)
Marisa Parham (University of Maryland)

October 20  The People’s Archive
Kerrie Cotten Williams (DC Public Library)

December 15  Putting Accessibility First
Tiana Trutna (Metadata Cataloger for the Digital Preservation Archive of the Library + Archives at National Geographic Society)
GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

January 22  Virtual Postgraduate Forum Get-Together
GAAS Virtual Get-Together organized by Jana Keck (GHI Washington), Whitney Peterson (University of Stuttgart), and Melissa Schlecht (University of Stuttgart)

January 27  Ruin and Renewal: Civilizing Europe after the Second World War
Lecture (virtual)
Speaker: Paul Betts (St Anthony’s College, Oxford)

January 29  Migration and Racism in the Americas: The Case of Migrants in the United States
Lecture (virtual)
Speakers: Ramón Grosfoguel (University of California, Berkeley); Comment: Julia Roth (Bielefeld University)

February 10  Third Annual West Coast Germanists’ Workshop: Facts, Fakes, and Representations (Panel I)
Virtual Workshop
Conveners: Sheer Ganor (Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute Washington), Isabel Richter (UC Berkeley)

February 26  Mexico and the United States: Frontierization and Migration Policies
Lecture (virtual)
Speakers: Kateřina Březinová (Metropolitan University Prague) and Luicy Pedroza (El Colegio de México); Moderators: Albert Manke (GHI PRO) and Stefan Rinke (FU Berlin)

March 3  A Demon-Haunted Land: Witches, Wonder Doctors, and the Ghosts of the Past in Post-WWII Germany
Lecture (virtual)
Speaker: Monica Black (University of Tennessee, Knoxville); Moderator: Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann (University of California, Berkeley)
March 5
Town Hall Meeting of the German Association for American Studies (GAAS)
Panel Discussion (virtual)
Organized by PGF Team Stuttgart and GHI Washington

March 5
Layers of Untold Stories: Sharon Dodua Otoo in Conversation with Translator Jon Cho-Polizzi and Deniz Göktürk
Panel Discussion (virtual)
Featured Speaker: Sharon Dodua Otoo; Discussants: Jon Cho-Polizzi and Deniz Göktürk (University of California, Berkeley)

March 9
Vaccines and (Dis-)trust in Medical Science in Times of Crisis
Part 3 of Virtual Panel Series “Racism in History and Context” Panelists: Ute Frevert (Max Planck Institute for Human Development), Samuel K. Roberts (Columbia University), Sarah B. Rodriguez (Northwestern University), Malte Thießen (LWL-Institut für westfälische Regionalgeschichte); Moderator: Johannes Paulmann (Leibniz Institute of European History)

March 10
Third Annual West Coast Germanists’ Workshop: Facts, Fakes, and Representations (Panel II)
Virtual Workshop
Conveners: Sheer Ganor (Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute Washington), Isabel Richter (UC Berkeley)

March 11
Eurafricca: The Colonial Origins of the European Union
Lecture (virtual)
Speaker: Peo Hansen (Linkoping University); moderated by Akasemi Newsome (UC Berkeley)

March 11
Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
DH@GHI Workshop
Speaker: Sebastian Bondzio (GHI Washington/RRCHNM)
March 26  
**Public Transport in the Americas: Mobility and Transatlantic Scientific Exchanges**  
Lecture (virtual)  
Speakers: Andra B. Chastain (Washington State University Vancouver); Dhan Zunino Singh (National University of Quilmes); Moderators: Bianca Freire-Medeiros (Universidade de São Paulo/Brasilien), Mario Peters (GHI Washington)

April 2  
**Unreadable Archives: Zafer Şenocak in conversation with Deniz Göktürk and Kristin Dickinson**  
Panel Discussion (virtual) | Speaker: Zafer Şenocak; Discussants: Kristin Dickinson (University of Michigan); Deniz Göktürk (University of California, Berkeley)

April 7  
**Third Annual West Coast Germanists’ Workshop: Facts, Fakes, and Representations (Panel III)**  
Virtual Workshop  
Conveners: Sheer Ganor (Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute Washington), Isabel Richter (UC Berkeley)

April 8  
**Digitization and Digital Humanities: What is the Role of Libraries?**  
DH@GHI Workshop  
Speaker: Clemens Neudecker (Berlin State Library)

April 16  
**The Language of Dreams: Yoko Tawada in conversation with Elisabeth Krimmer and Jonas Teupert**  
Panel Discussion (virtual)  
Featured Speaker: Yoko Tawada; Discussants: Elisabeth Krimmer (University of California, Davis) and Jonas Teupert (University of California, Berkeley)

Conference at the German Institute for Japan Studies, Tokyo (virtual)

Conveners: Sarah Beringer (German Historical Institute Washington D.C.), Benjamin Beuerle (German Historical Institute Moscow), Sonja Ganseforth (German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ)) and Yufei Zhou (DIJ); in collaboration with the Max Weber Foundation Research Group at the National University of Singapore and the Max Weber Foundation China Branch Office in Beijing

April 22  Migration and Racism in the United States and Germany in the Twentieth Century

Virtual Workshop

Conveners: Maria Alexopoulou (Technische Universität Berlin), Elisabeth Engel (GHI Washington)

April 26  Change in Motion: Environment, Migration, and Mobilities

Workshop at the Pacific Regional Office of the GHI in Berkeley (virtual) Conveners: Sarah Earnshaw (Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute Washington, Berkeley) and Samantha Fox (Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School, New York)

April 29  Transmission of Intelligence and Information: A History of Artificial Intelligence

Lecture (virtual)

Speaker: Rudolf Seising (Deutsches Museum)

April 30  Flying Down to Rio: Aviation, National Identities, and Hemispheric Relations in the Americas

Lecture (virtual)

Speakers: Melina Piglia (National University of Mar del Plata); Leonie Schuster (Kiel University); Peter Soland (Southeast Missouri State University); Moderators: Stefan Rinke (Freie Universität Berlin) Mario Peters (GHI Washington)
May 5  Third Annual West Coast Germanists' Workshop: Facts, Fakes, and Representations (Panel IV)
Virtual Workshop
Conveners: Sheer Ganor (Pacific Regional Office of the German Historical Institute Washington), Isabel Richter (UC Berkeley)

May 6  A Backstage Perspective on Digital Archives, Collections and Libraries
DH@GHI Workshop
Speaker: Katharina Hering (Digital Librarian, GHI Washington)

May 13  The History of the Second Half of the Twentieth Century as Shown in Six Groups of Graphs, Charts, and Maps
12th Gerald Feldman Lecture (virtual)
Speaker: Jonathan Sperber (University of Missouri); moderated by Kenneth Ledford (Case Western Reserve University)

May 14  29th Annual Symposium of the Friends of the GHI
Award of the 2020 & 2021 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize (virtual) Prize Winners: Emma Thomas (PhD., University of Michigan, 2019) and Richard Calis (PhD., Princeton University, 2020)

May 15  Reflecting on German Heritage in the United States in the Twenty-First Century: A Panel Discussion with German Scholars
Panel Discussion (virtual)
Speakers: Sarah Panter (Leibniz Institute of European History, Mainz) and Sebastian Bondzio (GHI Washington/Roy Rosenzweig Center for New Media and History), Moderator: Jana Keck (GHI Washington)
May 18-19  
**In Search of the Migrant Child: Global Histories of Youth and Migration between Knowledge, Experience, and Everyday Life**  
Virtual Workshop  
Conveners: Friederike Kind-Kovacs (Hannah-Arendt-Institute for Totalitarianism Research, Dresden), Sheer Ganor (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis), and Swen Steinberg (Carleton University, Ottawa/German Historical Institute Washington with its Pacific Regional Office at University of California Berkeley)

May 20  
**The Golem: The Artificial Anthropoid from Enlightenment Monster to AI**  
Lecture (virtual)  
Speaker: Cathy Gelbin (University of Manchester)

June 7-9  
**Mobilities, Exclusion, and Migrants’ Agency in the Pacific Realm in a Transregional and Diachronic Perspective**  
Conference at the University of California, Berkeley  
Conveners: Albert Manke (GHI’s Regional Office at UC Berkeley) and Sören Urbansky (German Historical Institute Washington)

June 15-19  
**26th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: German History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries**  
Virtual Seminar  
Conveners: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University) and Richard F. Wetzel (GHI Washington)

June 17  
**Text Mining with Voyant Tools**  
DH@GHI Workshop  
Speaker: Jana Keck (Research Fellow in Digital History, German Historical Institute Washington)
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October 18-21  
**Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and  
Global Perspectives**

Fifth Annual Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at 
the Pacific Regional Office of the GHI in Berkeley

Conveners: Franziska Exeler (Department of 
History, Free University Berlin; Centre for History 
and Economics, University of Cambridge) and 
Sören Urbansky (Pacific Regional Office of the 
German Historical Institute Washington, Berkeley)

November 15-16  
**Contested Meanings of Migration Facilitation:  
Emigration Agents, Coyotes, Rescuers, and  
Human Traffickers**

Annual Academic and Policy Symposium: 
Innovation through Migration at GHI PRO

Conveners: Ulf Brunnbauer (Leibniz Institute for 
East and Southeast European Studies & Regensburg 
University) and Andrea Westermann (GHI PRO)

December 9-11  
**Datafication in the Historical Humanities:  
Reconsidering Traditional Understandings of  
Sources and Data**

International Conference and Workshop at GHI 
Washington Conveners: German Historical Insti-
tute Washington in collaboration with Luxembourg 
Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C2DH), 
Chair of Digital History at Humboldt Universität zu 
Berlin, Consortium Initiative NFDI4Memory, Roy 
Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, and 
Stanford University, Department of History

December 13-15  
**Antisemitism and Sexuality Reconsidered**

Conference at the Center for Research on 
Antisemitism, TU Berlin Conveners: Stefanie 
Schüler-Springorum (Center for Research on 
Antisemitism, TU Berlin), Anna-Carolin Augustin 
(GHI Washington), Sebastian Bischoff (Paderborn 
University), Kristoff Kerl (University of Copenhagen), 
in cooperation with the German Historical Institute, 
Washington DC (GHI) and the Center for Research 
on Antisemitism, TU Berlin
**GHI Library**

The GHI library concentrates on German history and transatlantic relations, with emphasis on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. In addition to providing essential literature for scholarly research, the library fulfills an important cultural mission: no other library in the United States offers a similarly condensed inventory of modern German history. The library offers access to about 50,000 books, DVDs, CD-ROMs, microfiches, and 220 print journals. In addition, we offer access to about 500 e-books and 100 online journals.

The collection includes books on American history written by German authors as well as historical literature of the institute’s past research foci: global history, religious studies, exile and migration studies, environmental history, and economic history. The collection includes only print materials, mostly secondary literature; there are no archival holdings.

The GHI library offers free access to scholars as well as the general public; appointments or reader cards are not necessary. The library does not lend materials but visitors may consult material from the entire collection in our beautiful reading room, which also offers access to a variety of databases for journal articles, historical newspapers, genealogical research, and bibliographical research.

For the library catalog or a list of our databases, please visit www.ghi-dc.org/library. Or send an email to library@ghi-dc.org for any further questions.

The **library hours** are Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm, Fridays from 9 am to 4 pm, and by appointment.