GHI News

New Transnational Research Group "Imperial Legacies"

Together with the German Historical Institute Rome and the German Center for Art History Paris, the German Historical Institute Washington successfully proposed a new research hub, which was approved by the Max Weber Foundation's Board of Trustees at its 56th meeting on May 8, 2026. The new Transnational Research Group will be based in Santiago de Chile.

This research group, *Imperial Legacies. Conflicts over Norms, Power, and Images in the Post-Imperial Societies of Latin America (1820–2020)*, will examine how colonial and imperial pasts continue to shape political cultures, legal systems, international relations, and visual orders in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Bringing together scholars from Latin America and Europe, the project combines perspectives from history, legal history, and art history.

The research group will investigate how imperial concepts of order persisted after independence and were reinterpreted or contested in debates over citizenship, law, political legitimacy, international influence, and social belonging from the nineteenth century to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the intersection of history, legal history, and art history, treating power, norms, and images as interconnected fields through which post-imperial orders continue to be negotiated. Ulrike von Hirschhausen, the director of the German Historical Institutes in Washington/Berkeley will serve as the spokesperson of this new group.

With its new office in Santiago, the Max Weber Foundation is strengthening its presence in Latin America. Chile offers a strategically important location for the research group, combining academic excellence with strong opportunities for regional cooperation and exchange across Latin America.

"The MWS Board of Trustees sees this new research group not only as a promising example of inter-institutional collaboration, but also as the basis for a possible medium-term establishment of an institute in Latin America — a continent of major forward-looking importance for German historical research and social sciences," stated Ute Frevert, President of the Max Weber Foundation.

Transnational Research Groups allow one or more institutes of the Max Weber Foundation to carry out fixed-term research projects with clearly defined research questions in cooperation with international partners. Projects may have a regional, thematic, or disciplinary focus, and they are intended to contribute to the strategic development of the foundation. Previous Transnational Research Groups operated in Delhi (2013–2017), Dakar (2017–2021), and Rome/Warsaw (2022–2026).

The Max Weber Foundation promotes research in history, cultural studies, economics, and the social sciences in select host countries around the world. To this end, it maintains 11 institutes as well as research groups and offices internationally. The foundation is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Research, Technology and Space.

Inquiries about the new research group should be directed to Dr. Sarah Beringer, head of strategy and communications at the German Historical Institute Washington.

2026 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize

The 2026 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 Lane B. Baker for his dissertation "From Encounter to Expulsion: Romani Immigrants in the Holy Roman Empire, 1417-1498," completed at Stanford University in 2025 under the supervision of Rowan Dorin.

The Stern Prize Committee comprised Molly Loberg (Chair, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo), Amy Leonard (Georgetown University), and Michelle Kahn (University of Richmond). The committee's prize citation (*laudatio*) read as follows:

"The committee commends Dr. Lane Baker for his truly breathtaking dissertation, "From Encounter to Expulsion: Romani Immigrants in the Holy Roman Empire, 1417-1498." With painstaking care, Baker excavates traces of one of the last great migrations in the European Middle Ages and explores the dynamic interplay between arriving and receiving communities. He reveals a world filled with contingencies and unknowns, one in which xenophobia and expulsion were not the first, nor the only responses to newcomers.

The reader simply cannot miss the scope and depth of Baker's scholarship. The bibliography spans eighty pages and includes nearly seventy archives, libraries, and museums across multiple countries. Yet, this list merely hints at the dissertation's methodological range and precision. Baker's close reading of texts is inspired. Rather than relying only on printed editions of chronicles, Baker sought out the archival originals, identified alterations, and recovered omissions. In doing so, he revealed these sources as richer and more layered than previously imagined. Baker authenticates letters of safe conduct by cross-referencing them with royal itineraries. Through a combination of medieval evidence and shrewd detective work, Baker pinpoints overlapping locations and dates within a matter of miles and days. From imperial charters to municipal account books, he extracts administrative categories and ways of thinking at all levels of governance. Baker charts the evolution of literary and visual tropes in popular dramas, tapestries, and even medical manuscripts. Baker's deep dive into German dialects is both erudite and eminently readable. And the findings are profoundly important. By drawing on a vast collection of sources and his remarkable linguistic skills, Baker ascertains the presence and the agency of Romani immigrants in a time before the more familiar historical terms for identifying them had emerged or solidified.

At the same time, Baker shows remarkable sensitivity to the limits of his archive, teasing out the voices of the Roma, even within these oftentimes hostile depictions. His sources are mostly by non-Romani observers—municipal authorities, chroniclers, and ecclesiastical institutions. He is explicit that he does not, and cannot, claim to recover Romani voices in any direct sense. Rather than treating this as a problem to be solved, Baker makes it central to his analysis. The categories through which Romani people were understood—pilgrims, guests, imposters—are themselves products of these documentary frameworks. What we see, then, is not simply Romani experience, but the processes by which that experience was interpreted, constrained, and ultimately transformed into grounds for exclusion.

The dissertation is equally impressive in its command of the broader historiography. Baker engages with multiple bodies of scholarship—on late medieval migration, charity, urban regulation, the history of marginality, and modern views of the Roma—without ever losing sight of his central argument. The significance of Baker's findings resonated deeply with each committee member, across the centuries and diverse themes of our expertise. We are delighted that this dissertation will inspire and guide research in many fields for years to come."

In Memoriam Konrad Jarausch

The German Historical Institute Washington as well as the entire community of scholars of German history, lost a great colleague and patron when Konrad Hugo Jarausch, Lurcy Professor Emeritus of European History at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, accidentally drowned on September 1, 2026, while swimming near his home. A towering figure in the discipline for more than half a century, Jarausch helped guide the growth of the GHI in Washington from its birth and strove to unify the historical profession and historical discipline in Germany after 1990. Together with German-born, U.S.-based historians of an older generation, such as Fritz Stern and Georg Iggers, Jarausch always centered the

transatlantic interaction of and exchange between historians of Germany in Germany and the United States. And at the same time, he was a perennial leader in the methodological and technological changes that have shaped historical research and dissemination. Finally, in manifold ways he always prioritized support for the work of the Institute, as part of his limitless personal generosity, energy, and kindness.

Born in Magdeburg in August 1941, Jarausch never met his father, who died in Russia. Together with his mother, Jarausch navigated the disruption of defeat in the western zones of occupied Germany seeking shelter and employment in a time of scarcity. Yet in his affecting memoir, The Burden of German History, Jarausch chronicled a childhood full of happy memories. But by the time he finished the Arndt Gymnasium in Krefeld, he had become discontent with the constraints of Adenauer-era West Germany and decided to spend a gap year in the United States before returning to attend university. Instead, he remained in the United States to pursue his higher education, first at the University of Wyoming in Laramie and then taking his Ph.D. in German history at the University of Wisconsin, a dynamic center for young scholars of German history. Directed by Theodore Hamerow, his dissertation, and his first book, was an interpretation of German responsibility for the outbreak of the First World War by way of a life of Chancellor Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg. Jarausch then began his distinguished career at the University of Missouri, Columbia, before he was called to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1983 to become Lurcy Professor of European Civilization. Chapel Hill thereafter became his home base while he spent the rest of his career teaching and mentoring a cohort of outstanding historians of Germany, founding or building institutions near and far, and writing an enormous body of outstanding historical work as he continued to explore the burden of German history, always in a double historical and personal sense.

Jarausch's scholarship embodies the evolution of methodological and historiographical trends in the field over the course of his career. Moving from the political and diplomatic history that typified the era in which he wrote his

dissertation, he mastered quantitative social history, producing impressive monographs on German university students and German professions, while pausing to write a still-relevant guide to quantitative methods for historians. With the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the "rush to German unity," Jarausch focused intently on capturing the history of the growth of an under-appreciated civil society in the German Democratic Republic and the national and international politics of the rapid unification in 1990, producing important analyses and documentary collections for teaching and research. That work led Jarausch deep into memory studies, as he wrote incisive works on memory culture in both the Federal Republic and the German Democratic Republic, and the continued burden of German history in the newly-unified, or still-unifying, Berlin republic. Still active as a scholar at the end of his life, Jarausch had again shifted the focus of his research to a full-throated celebration of the project of European integration, even as the strains imposed by resurgent, and sometimes xenophobic, populist nationalism seemed to have sapped its appeal among thought-leaders in Europe and the United States.

This kind of advocacy and activism showed in Jarausch's institution-founding and -building as well. Jarausch was delighted when the German Historical Institute Washington opened its doors in 1987 and immediately became deeply involved in supporting it in any fashion that he could. Along with Gerald D. Feldman, Vernon L. Lidtke, Mack Walker, and Geoffrey Giles, in 1990-91 Jarausch founded the tax-exempt nonprofit corporation Friends of the German Historical Institute Washington, whose purpose is to support the work of scholarly production and transatlantic exchange that is the mission of the GHI. The founders raised an endowment, coordinated closely with successive Directors, helped to finance important projects such as German History in Documents and Images (in which Jarausch co-edited the most recent period in a first and second digital edition), sponsored an annual Gerald D. Feldman Memorial Lecture, and an annual Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize competition for the best dissertation in German history completed in the prior year at a North American university. Jarausch served as the inaugu-

ral President of the Friends of the GHI and happily delivered the 2024 Feldman lecture.

The Friends of the GHI was not the only important historical institution that Jarausch helped build and nurture. In 1993, he co-founded the Center for European Studies in the Department of History at UNC. Between 1998 and 2006 he served as co-director of the Leibniz-Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung in Potsdam, where he helped promote a new history of the German Democratic Republic and built ties to the United States. And closer to home, he was instrumental in working with others to create in 2006 the North Carolina German Studies Seminar and Workshop Series, which since 2019 has awarded the annual Konrad H. Jarausch Essay Prize for Advanced Graduate Students in Central European History. Always an engaged citizen in the discipline and profession, he served as President of the German Studies Association and of the Central European History Society.

But Jarausch's most indelible and endearing trait was his warmth and generosity. Shy and reserved, he nonetheless reached out to younger scholars, far beyond the ranks of his own students, to encourage them in their work, to make keen and insightful suggestions, and to include them in important networking opportunities at conferences and symposia. He was always quick to include these younger scholars in his cherished outdoor activities, and any who found themselves in Berlin when he was in Potsdam found themselves frequently invited to long Sunday treks through the fields, forests, and villages of the Fläming. The profession will miss him, the German Historical Institute mourns his passing, and the Friends of the GHI will always appreciate him as a foundational figure in its work.

Kenneth F. Ledford
Case Western Reserve University
President, Friends of the GHI, 2019-2026

GHI Publications

Publications of the German Historical Institute

Bradley Nichols. *Making Germans: Race, Empire, and Assimilation in Nazi Europe*. Cambridge University Press, 2026.

Transatlantische Historische Studien

Julia Lange. *Identity Trouble: Deutschamerikanische Identitätspolitiken und die Erinnerung an den Holocaust*. Franz Steiner Verlag, 2026.

Studies in German History

Claudia Kreklau. *The Making of Modern Eating: How the German Middle Class Forged the Way We Eat, 1780–1910*. Berghahn Books, 2026.

Stephan H. Lindner. *A History of the I.G. Farben Trial: Armament, Exploitation, Auschwitz*. Berghahn Books, 2025.

Staff Changes

Christiane Hoth de Olano joined the GHI Washington as a Research Fellow in June 2026. Christiane is a historian of Latin America and the Caribbean specializing in environmental history and the history of knowledge and science. She received her Ph.D. from KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt in 2024 and has held academic appointments at the University of Bern and UniDistance Suisse in Brig, Switzerland. Prior to joining the German Historical Institute, she was affiliated with the Centre for Empire Studies (CES) at the University of Münster. Her first monograph, *Frontier Medicine: Practices, Knowledge, and Science in Southern Chile, 1883–1939*, is forthcoming with Brill. The book builds on her doctoral dissertation, for which she received the Maximiliana Kocher Prize. Her publications address missionary encounters, exhibitions, and collections, drawing on approaches from mate-

rial culture studies and the history of photography. Her current postdoctoral research at the German Historical Institute explores the environmental history of water in the imperial Caribbean during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

GHI Fellowships and Internships

As part of the GHI Washington's mission to promote junior scholars in both Europe and North America, the institute awards a number of fellowships each year to serve several different purposes and provide opportunities for different types of scholars. Through its home in Washington as well as its regional office in Berkeley, the GHI is well-positioned to connect scholars to major universities within the U.S as well as provide proximity to world-renowned research facilities. The fellowships are an important means for furthering international dialogue, particularly between European and North American academics.

Short-term Visiting Fellowships at the GHI

The GHI awards short-term research fellowships to European and North American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars to pursue research projects that draw upon primary sources principally located in North America. 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
- North American and Pan American history, including Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean (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 four months but, in exceptional cases and depending on the availability of funds, they can be extended by one month.

The GHI has two deadlines each year for the fellowships: April and October. Questions about applying or for the fellowship program in general should be directed to fellowships @ghi-dc.org.

Long-term Visiting Fellowships at the GHI

The German Historical Institute Washington (GHI) is now accepting applications for its long-term visiting fellow program. The fellowships will be granted for a period of 6 to 12 months in the following thematic areas:

- German, European & Jewish History
- Transatlantic History & History of the Americas
- History of Migration & Mobility
- History of Empires and their Legacies

These thematic areas are intentionally broad and aligned with the GHI's broad research fields. The GHI welcomes applications from scholars whose research addresses these fields, especially those who explore them from transnational or global perspectives. We are open to projects that employ digital history methods or engage with questions of digital scholarship in innovative ways.

Applicants should explain how their project fits within one or more of the thematic areas and why the GHI provides a suitable environment for pursuing their research. Proposed projects should employ historical methods and engage substantively with relevant historiography.

The fellowship will preferably start in September 2026. The Fellow is expected to be in residence in Washington, DC, and participate in GHI activities and events. The Fellow will have the opportunity to make use of the resources in the Washington metropolitan area, including the Library of Congress

and the National Archives, while pursuing his or her own research. Travel within the U.S. to work in archives and libraries will be possible. Candidates doing original research for a dissertation or a second book project will be given preference.

The fellowship is open to both doctoral and postdoctoral scholars based in North America and Europe. The monthly stipend is €2,400 for doctoral students and €3,400 for postdoctoral scholars. Fellows will receive a subsidy toward their round-trip travel to Washington, DC.

Applicants should be based at (or recent graduates of) a North American or European university or research institute. Postdoctoral scholars should be untenured. For doctoral students applying, ABD status (or the equivalent) is required prior to commencing the fellowship. For postdoctoral scholars applying, the preference is for projects that are designed for a "second book" (Habilitation or pre-tenure equivalent).

Questions about applying or for the fellowship program in general should be directed to fellowships@ghi-dc.org.

Binational Visiting Tandem Program at the GHI's Pacific Office in Berkeley

The German Historical Institute Washington (GHI) and the Institute of European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley (IES), are seeking applications for a Binational Visiting Fellow Tandem for postdoctoral researchers with at least one degree from a German university (German tandem partners) and at least one degree from a North American University (North American tandem partners). The 24-month fellowship program contributes to the research foci on German, European, and global history at the GHI's Pacific Office in Berkeley.

The GHI's fellowship program promotes cutting-edge research in history and related disciplines and international exchange among scholars. For this purpose, the GHI and IES invite two postdoctoral scholars, one from a German and one from a North American university, to collaborate as a

binational research tandem during a 24-month fellowship. The research programs of the GHI's Pacific Office center on German and European, as well as global and transregional history, including global Germany and the Pacific world. The visiting tandem program is designed for postdoctoral historians with an outstanding academic record. For applicants based in Germany, a good working knowledge of English is essential. Tandems can be formed on the basis of shared methodological approaches, shared regional expertise, or linked topics. Applicants may apply individually and be matched by the GHI or apply together with their potential tandem partner. Preference will also be given to candidates doing original research for a new book project.

The visiting fellow tandem program at the GHI's Pacific Office in Berkeley presents an excellent opportunity for scholars to develop their expertise by collaborating closely, to work with additional resources, and to make connections with others in their fields. The successful applicants will be in residence at the GHI's Pacific Office for a 24-month fellowship, starting September 1, 2026. They will be expected to conduct their research and fully participate in the academic life at the GHI's Pacific Office. Further, in collaboration with the GHI's staff there, they will organize a workshop in their field of expertise at an institution of higher education of their choice on the North American West Coast. Fellows will have access to the UC Berkeley academic and social facilities (library, databases, email address, office space at the IES, etc.) and are offered the opportunity to make use of further resources in the greater Bay Area–including the Magnes Collection, the Hoover Institution Library and Archives, the Archives in Stanford, and the National Archives/Pacific Region in San Bruno–while pursuing their research.

A member institution of the Max Weber Foundation, the German Historical Institute Washington is a distinguished independent research institute that fosters inter- and transdisciplinary research with a transatlantic focus. The GHI's Pacific Office is located at UC Berkeley's Institute of European Studies. It organizes a series of programs and scholarly events aimed at facilitating cooperation and dialogue

among researchers in the humanities and social sciences based in North America and Germany, as well as in Latin America and the Pacific world.

Funding will be provided for a 24-month stay at the GHI's Pacific Office/ UC Berkeley. The monthly stipend ranges from $5,957 to $6,889, depending on the recipient's level of seniority. In addition, fellowship recipients will receive an allowance for their round-trip economy airfare. The GHI regrets that it is unable to provide accommodation for its fellows.

Eligibility Requirements

- PhD completed before the start date of the fellowship; German tandem partners should have completed one of their academic degrees at a German university (such as a B.A., an M.A., or a doctorate); North American tandem partners should have completed one of their academic degrees at a Canadian, Mexican, or US University (such as a B.A., an M.A., or a doctorate)
- current affiliation with a North American or European research institution or university
- ability to remain in residence in Berkeley for the duration of the fellowship

Gerda Henkel Fellowship in Digital History

With the generous support of the Gerda Henkel Foundation, the German Historical Institute (GHI) and the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at the George Mason University (RRCHNM) invite applications from postdoctoral scholars and advanced doctoral students based in Europe for a 12-month fellowship in digital history

This fellowship aims to connect scholars from Europe to digital history in the United States. The fellowship is intended to support a junior scholar working in the field of digital history or a junior scholar with less experience in digital history but interested in learning new research methods. We welcome applications from scholars who are seeking seed-funding in order to develop an innovative idea into a new project and/or

funding proposal as well as from scholars who wish to pursue fully-fledged research projects.

The fellowship provides a unique opportunity for the recipient to work on his or her research project at the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media (RRCHNM) at George Mason University (GMU), one of the most established centers for digital history in the United States with strengths in K-12 educational materials for history, historical podcasting, and data-driven histories. The fellow will be in residence for one year. While at the Center, the fellow will also have the opportunity to consult with the RRCHNM's faculty and staff in order to develop his or her project, join teams working on projects in development at RRCHNM, and to sit in on graduate digital history classes at GMU.

The fellow is also expected to work with the GHI on a regular basis. She/he will participate in the Institute's scholarly activities and its digital projects. Moreover, the fellow will have the opportunity to connect with other North American centers for digital history or digital humanities and to participate in local digital history initiatives in the Washington, DC region. Depending on funding and approval, the fellow might also have the chance, after completing the fellowship, to be participate in the annual GHI Conference on Digital Humanities and Digital History, which is jointly convened with the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C^2DH).

Starting September 1, 2025, the successful applicant will be in residence at the RRCHNM and will also participate in GHI activities, events, and digital projects. Funding will be provided for a 12-month stay for postdoctoral scholars as well as advanced doctoral students, who are currently affiliated with a European research institution. The monthly stipend will be €3,400 for postdoctoral scholars or €2,400 for doctoral students. The fellow will also receive reimbursement for his or her round-trip economy airfare to the U.S. and a grant for travel to other North American institutions.

For more information, please contact: fellowships@ghi-dc.org at the GHI or Dr. Lincoln Mullen lmullen@gmu.edu at the RRCHNM.

Fritz-Thyssen-Pre-Dissertation Fellowship

For Doctoral Students in German and European History at North-American West Coast Universities

The program will grant up to seven summer fellowships of up to 3,500 Euro each to graduate students in German History at North American Universities located west of the Mississippi River and the western provinces of Canada. This funding will give doctoral students with a focus on German history the opportunity to work for four to six weeks in German archives and libraries to review material for their dissertation. In individual cases outstanding projects can also be funded, which are not primarily concerned with German History but require a research stay in German archives.

This preparatory research is intended to make it easier for doctoral candidates to write a detailed description of their project which in turn can improve their chances of success if they choose to apply for a longer-term research fellowship in Germany in the future. Questions about applying or about the fellowship program in general should be directed to Heike Friedman (friedman@ghi-dc.org).

This program is generously funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation.

Eligibility Requirements

- Enrollment in a graduate program at a university in western North America (west of the Mississippi River);
- Being in the early stage of the dissertation project (no more than two years after the project has begun);
- Sufficient proficiency in German, particularly strong reading skills;
- Existing or planned connections with universities or non-university research institutions in Germany;
- A well-developed research and archival plan.

GHI Fellowships at the Horner Library

Together with the German Society of Pennsylvania, the German Historical Institute will sponsor two to four fellowships of up to four weeks for research at the Joseph Horner Memorial Library in Philadelphia between April 1 and Sept. 30, 2026.

The fellowship will be awarded to PhD and M.A. students and advanced scholars without restrictions in research fields or geographical provenance for research using materials at the Horner Library. Opportunities for research at other special collections in Philadelphia may be available.

In 2026, the United States will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This will shine a special light on Philadelphia, the city where it was written and from where it was sent to the 13 states whose representatives had met here, as well as out into the world. In honor of this anniversary, research topics on themes related to the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress, and the early days of the republic would be especially welcome for 2026, though this will not be a requirement.

The Joseph Horner Memorial Library houses 50,000 volumes and is the largest German American collection in the US outside of a university. The collection offers rich materials from the 17th to the 20th centuries to historians of German American immigration culture, especially in Pennsylvania, as well as historians of German fictional and non-fictional literature, including travel and popular literature.

Questions about applying or for the fellowship program in general should be directed to fellowships@ghi-dc.org.

GHI Internship Program

The German Historical Institute (GHI) Internship Program gives students of history, political science, public relations, and public administration at German and U.S. universities an opportunity to gain experience at a scholarly research institute. The program is very flexible: the GHI will try to accommodate accepted interns' interests, abilities, and goals. Students of history and political science can apply for a research-oriented internship, in which they assist current research projects, help with our publications and assist in the preparation and hosting of conferences. They also have the chance to engage with our digital projects and create content for the institute's academic blogs based on their individual research projects, mentored by the editorial team.

Students interested in public relations and "Wissenschaftskommunikation" can apply for an internship with our communications and press team, where they can assist in writing communication materials and be involved in the planning of public events. Students in the fields of public administration or public management from Germany are eligible to apply for an internship in the administration of the GHI. These interns will have the chance to gain experience in different fields, such as finances and auditing, human resources (including related legal issues). Ideally, all candidates should have prior experience in the respective fields.

For the on-site internships, a three-month stay is preferred. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. However, for planning purposes we recommend that applicants interested in coming to Washington the following year submit their applications by July 31 of the previous year. Preference is given to applicants who have completed a BA degree or equivalent qualification. Applicants who require a visa must be enrolled at a university at the time of their internship. Candidates who have already completed an internship at the Max Weber Foundation or one of its institutes are not eligible to receive an internship.

German students applying for an internship are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with the American visa requirements beforehand. Information is available on the website of the American Embassy in Berlin. The GHI cooperates with an organization authorized by the State Department to issue the relevant papers to obtain visas. Applicants accepted into the internship program will receive further information on the procedure in their acceptance letters.

Applications should include a cover letter, a CV, a letter of recommendation from a professor or academic advisor, and copies of university degrees/transcripts. Applicants may write in either English or German; we recommend that they use the language in which they are most proficient. Please send applications electronically in one (1) PDF file via email to internships@ghi-dc.org. The letter of recommendation should be sent directly by your academic advisor or professor. For further information please contact Markus Borchertmeyer (borchertmeyer@ghi-dc.org).

GHI Fellowship Recipients, 2026-2027

Long-term Visiting Fellowships

Victoria Bergbauer (Emory University)
Carceral Mobilities: Punishment, Displacement, and the Atlantic World

Jonathan Kaplan (University of Verona)
Political Solidarity: The Cold War and East Germany's Jewish Diplomacy

Paige Newhouse (University of Michigan)
Revisiting the Right to Stay: Vietnamese Migrants in Contemporary Germany

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Aron Brouwer (University of Pennsylvania)
Empire and Counterrevolutionary Internationalism in a Post-Imperial World, 1945–1991

Derek Hattemer (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)
Insuring Global Markets: Insurance Privatization in the Age of Globalization, 1980–2008

Short-term Doctoral Research Fellowships

Alexander Brackebusch (University of Munich)
Morality Amendments: Strategic Constitutional Reform Proposals and Collaboration with the Christian Right, 1960–1989 (Working Title)

Caroline Bühler (University of Munich)
Women Making Money: Labor Unions and Feminized Professions in U.S. Economic Culture (1960–1990)

Meike Katzek (University of Erfurt)
Political Epistemologies of the Science Wars in the 1990s

Mariia Kovalchuk (University of Munich)
Imagining Ukraine in Times of Cold War: Ukrainian Exiles and the CIA in the Secret Anti-Soviet Alliance

Fritz Kusch (University of Bremen)
The Defenders. The Popularist Attempt to Uphold Protectionism in the United States, ca. 1880–1930

Alexandra Schenke (University of Munich)
Let's Make America Great Again: The "Pro-Hero" Image Makers of the Reagan Era

Leon Wallich (University of Linz)
Transnational Networks of Anti-Imperialism: The Philippine Revolution as a global event

Short-term Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Joachim Bürkle (University of Cologne)
Rechtskatholizismus und katholisches Intellektuellenmilieu am Ende der Weimarer Republik

Susanne Quitmann (Käte Hamburger Research Centre global dis:connect, University of Munich)
Tree Time: (Re-)Thinking Modern Temporalities through Trees

Benedikt Sepp (University of Munich)
Entscheidende Millimeter. Kaliberstandardisierungen im langen 20. Jahrhundert

Horner Library Fellows

Tyler Carrington (Cornell College)
Tales from the German Midwest: Crime, Courts, and Contested Cultural Identity

Olga Sparschuh (University of Vienna)
Travelling Titles: Imported Doctorates and Educational Protectionism in a Globalizing World, 1870s–1920s

Julius Wilm (University of Leipzig)
Selective Allures of Fascism: Pennsylvania German American Elites and the Third Reich

Exploratory Fellowships - Between Democracy and Dictatorship

Dalila Munoz Lira (Freie Universität Berlin)
Gender Mandates in Tension during the Popular Unity, the Dictatorship, and Exile, 1970–1990

Javier Sadarangani Leiva (University of Bern)
The Limits of Democracy: Emotions, Morality and Authoritarian Alternatives in the Writings of Tancredo Pinochet LeBrun in Chile and in Leopoldo Lugones in Argentina, 1900–1930

Daniela Silva Jara (Freie Universität Berlin)
Objects, Nation, and Democracy: The Formation of the Collections of the National Historical Museum of Chile and Their Narratives (20th Century)

Research Seminar and Colloquium, Spring 2026

February 26	**Colloquium** **Lauranne Wolfe (Boston University)** "Our Children Are Special": Claiming Unaccompanied Children with Disabilities **Simon Schulz (Universität Heidelberg)** Soviet "Weather War" or American "Fog of Lies"? Cold War Weather Modification across the Iron Curtain
March 11	**Research Seminar** **George Derek Musgrove (University of Maryland)** "You don't have to demonstrate . . .": Black Political Incorporation, 1965–76
March 30	**Washington-Area German History Seminar** **Javier Samper Vendrell (University of Pennsylvania)** Who's Afraid of the Bogeyman? Gender, Sexuality, and the Politics of Childhood in the AfD
April 29	**Research Seminar** **Alice Weinreb (Loyola University Chicago)** Originary Wound: Hilde Bruch, Jewish Trauma, and the Invention of Eating Disorders
May 6	**Research Seminar** **Marie Huber (National Air and Space Museum)** The Problem of Flying: African Airlines and Global Connectivity

June 10

Research Seminar
Ofer Ashkenazi (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Paying Attention at the End of the World: The Collapse of the Weimar Republic in Photographs of German Jews

Calendar of Events, 2026-2027

2026

September 15 **The "New Jews": (Post-)Soviet Migration and the Reinvention of Jewishness in Germany since 1990**
Gerda Henkel Lecture Tour at UC Berkeley | Speaker: Frank Bösch (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam)

September 17 **Die Freiheit der Zugelassenen: Wissenschaftsfreiheit zwischen Moral und Moralisierung**
Keynote Lecture at Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften | Speaker: Caspar Hirschi (Universität St. Gallen)

September 17-18 **The Moralization of Science Conference at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna** (Austria) | Conveners: Daniel Brewing, Moritz Fischer, Elke Seefried (RWTH Aachen), Alexander Bogner (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Axel Jansen (GHI Washington)

September 22 **Scripting Silence: Animals Political and Unpolitical in Charlotte Beradt's Dreamscape**
Lecture at UC Berkeley | Speaker: Ariel Tang (Stanford University)

September 26 **Dealing with Dictatorships: German Interactions with Worldwide Autocracies since the 1950s**
Gerda Henkel Lecture Tour at the Annual Meeting for the German Studies Association | Speaker: Frank Bösch (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam)

September 29	**Dealing with Dictatorships: German Interactions with Worldwide Autocracies since the 1950s** Gerda Henkel Lecture Tour at UCLA | Speaker: Frank Bösch (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam)
October 5	**German-American Encounters – 250 Years of Shared Histories** Panel Discussion at United Church | Panelists: Katja Sipple (German-American Heritage Foundation), Shirley Gindler-Price (Founding President, Black German Cultural Society), and Maria Sturm (German Society of Pennsylvania); Moderator: Raphael Rössel (GHI Washington)
October 8	**Reckoning with the Past in Germany and the United States: The Case for Thinking Comparatively about Reparative Justice** 2026 Feldman Lecture at Alumni House Berkeley Speaker: Rita Chin (University of Michigan)
October 8-9	**Flight, Exile and Emigration in Germany's Age of Extremes: Biographical Perspectives** International workshop at Georgetown University | Conveners: Frank Biess (UC San Diego), Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University), Simone Lässig (TU Braunschweig) and Richard Wetzell (GHI Washington)
October 29	**Manifest Destiny's Myriad Influences: Native Americans and the Rise of 20th-century Totalitarianism** 40th Annual Lecture at GHI Washington | Speaker: Ned Blackhawk (Yale University)

November 16-17 **Environments and Societies at the Crossroads: Socio-Environmental Justice in Europe and the Americas in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries**
Workshop at UC Berkeley | Convener: Simone M. Müller (University of Augsburg), Isabel Richter (German Historical Institute Washington, Pacific Office)

February 25-26 **The Violent 1950s: Towards a New History of the Global "Postwar" Decade**
Conference at GHI Washington | Conveners: Andreas Greiner (GHI Washington) and Robert Kramm (University of Tübingen)

March 12-13 **Ninth West Coast Germanists' Workshop: Borders and Belonging**
Workshop at the University of California, Berkeley | Conveners: Sheer Ganor (University of Minnesota), Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann (University of California, Berkeley), Stefan Laffin (University of California, Berkeley), and Isabel Richter (German Historical Institute Washington | Pacific Office Berkeley), in conjunction with the Townsend Working Group in German History and Culture

March 18-19 **Between Big Data and Obsolescence: Born-Digital Sources, Contemporary History, and the Politics of Access**
Ninth Conference on Digital History and Digital Humanities at GHI Washington | Co-convened with the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C2DH), the Chair for Digital History at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG) in Mainz, the Chair for Contemporary History at the University of Mannheim, and NFDI-4Memory

June 11-13 **Bloodbath Nation? Political and Social Violence in U.S. History**
Annual Conference of the Historians of the German Association for American Studies (GAAS) at the Akademie für Politische Bildung, Tutzing | Conveners: Raphael Rössel (GHI Washington) and Jana Dunz-Keck (GHI Washington)

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