German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

Transoceanic American Studies
May 17-18, 2018

Conveners:
Juliane Braun (GHI/ University of Bonn)
Benjamin Fagan (GHI/ Auburn University)

Thursday, May 17

1:00 – 1.30 pm  Welcome and Introduction
Axel Jansen (Associate Director, GHI Washington)
Juliane Braun (GHI Washington)
Benjamin Fagan (GHI Washington)

1.30 – 3.30 pm  Panel I: Theories and Methodologies
Chair: Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)

Michelle Burnham (Santa Clara University)
“Transoceanic Thinking and American Literary History”

Christopher Connery (University of California, Santa Cruz)
“Psychohydrography: Notes Toward a Field Practice”

Nicole Waller (University of Potsdam)
“Connecting Atlantic and Pacific: Conceptualizing the Arctic”

Hester Blum (Pennsylvania State University)
“Polar American Studies”

3.30 – 3.45 pm  Coffee Break
3.45 – 5.15 pm  **Panel II: Interrogating Empire**

Chair: Sören Urbansky (GHI Washington)

Kariann Akemi Yokota (University of Colorado, Denver)
“Transoceanic Visions of Empire in Early America”

Alvita Akiboh (Northwestern University)
“From the Virgin Islands to the Philippines: The United States as Transoceanic Colonial Empire”

Eric Covey (Miami University)
“Main Currents of American Studies off the Shores of Africa”

6.30 pm  **Conference Dinner**

“Café Dupont”
in the Dupont Circle Hotel
1500 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington DC, 20036

Friday, May 18

9.00 – 10.30 am  **Panel III: Transoceanic Archipelagos**

Chair: Chelsea Stieber (Catholic University)

Ernesto Bassi Arevalo (Cornell University)
“The Sea as Territory and the Creation of a Transimperial Greater Caribbean”

Marlene L. Daut (University of Virginia)
“The Haitian Atlantic”

Brian Russell Roberts (Brigham Young University)
“Borderwaters, Polynesian-Arawaks, and Remembering Los Alamos”

10.30 – 10.45 am  **Coffee Break**
10.45 am – 12.15 pm **Panel IV: Transoceanic Mobilities**

Chair: Matthew Hiebert (GHI Washington)

Maria A. Windell (University of Colorado)
"Early US Naval Writing and Transoceanic American Studies"

Mark B. Kelley (University of California, San Diego)
"Sentimental Seamen: Affective Archives in Transoceanic American Studies"

Alexandra Ganser (University of Vienna)
"Maritime Mobilities in North American Refugee Narratives"

12.15 – 1.30 pm **Lunch (Catered)**

1.30 – 3:00 pm **Panel V: Transoceanic Seascapes**

Chair: Ananya Chakravarti (Georgetown University)

Ryan Tucker Jones (University of Oregon)
“American Coasts, Pacific Seas: Animal Migrations and the Creation of an Ocean World”

Martha Elena Rojas (University of Rhode Island)
“Decolonizing the Ocean”

Nicole Poppenhagen (University of Flensburg) and Jens Temmen (University of Potsdam)
“Navigating Pacific and Atlantic Currents: Towards a Transoceanic Perspective in American Studies?”

3.00 – 3:15 pm **Coffee Break**

3.15 – 4.45 pm **Panel VI: Concluding Discussion**