GHI WELCOMES SIMONE LÄSSIG AS NEW DIRECTOR

The German Historical Institute in Washington welcomes Simone Lässig, who succeeded Hartmut Berghoff as Director of the GHI on October 1, 2015. Lässig comes to the GHI from Braunschweig, where she served as Director of the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research and Professor of Modern and Contemporary History at the University of Braunschweig since 2006. She will be on leave from both positions during her tenure as GHI Director. Lässig is delighted to return to Washington and the GHI, where she served as Research Fellow from 2002 to 2006, and looks forward to cooperating with colleagues at North American universities. During her directorship, she is planning to make the history of knowledge (Wissensgeschichte) as well as the subject areas “religion and ethnicity”, “space and boundaries,” and digital history foci of research at the GHI.

2015 FRANZ STEINER PRIZE

On May 28th, 2015, the Franz Steiner Prize, offered biennially for the best German or English-language manuscript in transatlantic and North American studies, was awarded to GHI Research Fellow Elisabeth Engel for her outstanding dissertation “Encountering Empire: African American Missionaries in Colonial Africa, 1900-1939.” The prize is awarded by the GHI Washington and the Franz Steiner Verlag in Stuttgart, which publishes the GHI’s book series Transatlantische Historische Studien (Transatlantic Historical Studies; THS). It carries an honorarium of 3500 Euro and includes publication of the award-winning manuscript in the THS book series. The award was presented by Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson, GHI Deputy Director, and Thomas Schaber, editor-in-chief of the Franz Steiner Verlag, in a ceremony that was part of the festive opening of the annual meeting of the German Association of American Studies (GAAS) in the Great Auditorium of the University of Bonn. Organized by Sabine Sielke, Director of the North American Studies Program in Bonn, it was framed by beautiful a capella music performed by the Jazz Choir of the University of Bonn and attended by over 500 people, including U.S. Ambassador John B. Emerson, U.S. Consul General Kevin C. Milas, Lord Mayor of Bonn Jürgen Nimptsch, GAAS President Carmen Birkle, and the Rector of University of Bonn, Michael Hoch. After briefly introducing the GHI and the THS series, Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson delivered the prize citation honoring this ground-breaking study, which follows in abbreviated form here:

“Engel examines how the African American missionaries sent to Africa by the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church navigated the everyday
realities of colonial rule, engaging with the world of native Africans on the one and of British elites on the other hand. Brilliantly using the latest theoretical approaches of post-colonial, critical empire, and Black Atlantic studies, Engel’s work impresses by the vast scope of its sources. Based on a multitude of sources, Engel is able to let her readers hear the voices and views of the black missionaries as well as the responses of their African contacts in a story that is usually told only from the perspective of white colonizers. By focusing on the roles, self-images, and multiple relationships of local AME churches and individual people, Engel’s book closes a major gap in the historiography of colonial and Black Atlantic history. Her research convincingly shows that while AME missionaries worked within the colonial system, they were often able to use imperial structures for their own self-determination and for re-connecting African Americans and Africans in the early twentieth century. Thus Engel’s study effectively challenges the popular assumption that Pan-Africanism was the only effective strategy for black liberation and turns a new page in African American and transatlantic history.”

NEW GHI PUBLICATIONS

   Gerald D. Feldman, Austrian Banks in the Period of National Socialism. Introduction by Peter Hayes
   Jonas Scherner and Eugene N. White, eds., Hitler’s War and Nazi Economic Hegemony in Occupied Europe

2. Transatlantische Historische Studien (Franz Steiner Verlag)
   Larissa Schütze, William Dieterle und die deutschsprachige Emigration in Hollywood: Antifaschistische Filmarbeit bei Warner Bros. Pictures, 1930–1940

3. Worlds of Consumption (Palgrave Macmillan)
   Annelie Ramsbrock, The Science of Beauty: Culture and Cosmetics in Modern Germany, 1750–1930
   Malte Zierenberg, Berlin’s Black Market, 1939–1950
   Emanuela Scarpellini, Food and Foodways in Italy from 1861 to the Present
4. Studies in German History (Berghahn Books)

Frank Usbeck, “Fellow Tribesmen”: *The German Image of Indians, the Emergence of National Identity, and Nazi Ideology in Germany*


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**STAFF CHANGES**

Hartmut Berghoff completed his term as GHI Director at the end of September 2015 and returned to his position as director of the Institute for Economic and Social History at the University of Göttingen.

Anne Schenderlein joined the GHI as a Research Fellow in October 2015. During the academic year 2014/15 she had held the GHI’s Postdoctoral Fellowship in North American History. Prior to her coming to the Institute, she taught at the University of California, San Diego, where she received her Ph.D. with a dissertation on German Jewish refugees in the United States and their relationships to Germany from 1938 to 1988. Her current research focuses on the American Jewish boycott and consumption of German products.

Uwe Spiekermann completed his term as GHI Deputy Director at the end of September 2015 and returned to the Institute for Economic and Social History at the University of Göttingen on a fellowship from the Max Weber Foundation.

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**GHI FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS**

**GHI Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships**

The GHI awards short-term fellowships to German and American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars in the fields of German history, the history of German-American relations, and the history of the roles of Germany and the United States in international relations. The fellowships are also available to German doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars in the field of American history. The fellowships are usually granted for periods of one to six months but, depending on the funds available, can be extended by one or more months. The research projects must draw upon primary sources located in the United States. The GHI also offers a
number of other doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships with more specific profiles. For further information and current application deadlines, please check our web site 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 web site at www.ghi-dc.org/internships.

RECIPIENTS OF GHI FELLOWSHIPS

Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Knowledge

Anna Echterhölter, Humboldt University Berlin
Gouvernementales Geld, Wirtschaftsethnologie und Rationierungsmaßnahmen

Anandita Nag, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science
Reading the Numbers: Statistics and Humanitarian Governance in the Nineteenth Century

Fellowship in North American History

David Jünger, Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg

Fellowship in the History of Consumption

Mark Keck-Szajbel, Viadrina European University
Penetrating the Iron Curtain: Marketing and Consuming in the West in Times of Transition

Fellowship in Economic and Social History

Jeroen Euwe, Université Libre de Bruxelles
Quantifying the Connections between the German and U.S. Art Markets during the National-Socialist Era
**Doctoral Fellow in African American History**

**Noaquia Callahan**, University of Iowa  
_Divided Duty: African American Feminist Transnational Activism and the Lure of the Imperial Gaze, 1888–1922_

**Doctoral Fellow in International Business History**

**Jessica Levy**, Johns Hopkins University  

**Fellowships at the Horner Library**

**Tristan Coignard**, Université Bordeaux Montaigne  
_Das kulturelle und politische Selbstverständnis von Ludwig August Wollenweber (1807–1888). Facetten eines verwurzelten Kosmopolitismus zwischen Pfalz und Pennslyvania_

**Duane Corpis**, Central European University  
_Overseas Charity and German Protestantism: Global Networks, Local Norms, 16th–19th Centuries_

**Andreas Obersdorf**, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  
_Demetrius Augustinus von Gallitzin (1770–1840): Ein transatlantischer Bildungsreformer im Spannungsfeld von Aufklärung und katholischer Frömmigkeit in Münster und Pennsylvania_

**Elisabeth Piller**, Heidelberg University/ Norwegian University of Science and Technology  
_Weimar Cultural Diplomacy and the United States, 1919–1932_

**Postdoctoral Fellows**

**Nadine Klopfer**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
_The “French Craze”: French Things and the Politics of Taste in the United States, 1800–1870s_

**Alexander Korb**, Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies  
_Deutsche Journalisten: Transnationale Karrierewege, Kontinuitäten und Konflikte zwischen 1925 und 1975_

**Silvan Niedermeier**, Universität Erfurt  
_Expanding the Kodak Zone: Photography and Colonial Self-formations in the Philippine-American War (1899–1913)_)
Andrew Spadafora, Harvard Business School
*Competition, Concentration, and Cartels: Ideas of Industrial Organization in Germany and the United States, 1890–1960*

Oliver Werner, Leibniz-Institut für Regionalentwicklung und Strukturplanung (IRS) Erkner
*Von Görings Vierteljahresplanbehörde zur Weltbank. Der Finanzökonom Otto Donner und die Perzeption der deutschen Wirtschafts- und Wissenschaftselite in den USA von 1930 bis 1960*

Gerhard Wolf, University of Sussex
*Von Paris nach Potsdam: Gelenkte Migration und die Befriedung Europas (1919–1960)*

**Doctoral Fellows**

Paul Edwards, Boston University
*Louis Douglas and Jonny spielt auf: Imagining Blackness in Germany*

Annika Estner, Freie Universität Berlin

Jane Freeland, Carleton University
*Domestic Violence in Divided Germany, 1969–1990*

Daniela Hettstedt, University of Basel
*Leuchtturm, Schlachthaus, Seuchenschutz. Shared Colonialism und internationale Verwaltung in Tanger (Marokko), 1840–1956*

Rudolf Himpsl, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
*Außenhandel und Außenwirtschaftspolitik in Bayern 1957–1982*

Sebastian Huempfer, University of Oxford
*The Political Economy of U.S. Trade Policy since the 1930s*

Stefan Laffin, Universität Bielefeld
*Eine (an)gespannte Beziehung? Die US-amerikanische Besetzung Italiens 1943–1945*

Nick Ostrum, Stony Brook University
*From Autarky to Globalization: The West German Pursuit of Oil in the Arab World, 1957–1974*

Will Rall, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
*Nazi Charity: Giving, Emotion, and Morality in the Third Reich*
GHI Conference Grants for GSA Participants

**Eva Balz**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
*Politics of Property in the Cold War: The Restitution of Jewish Assets in Berlin*

**Jan Hansen**, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
*“Züri brännt”: The “Opernhauskrawall” and Swiss Society in the Early 1980s*

**Lasse Heerten**, Freie Universität Berlin
*Between Auschwitz and Vietnam: The Biafran War, Genocide and Third-Worldism in Germany’s Global 1960s*

**Christian Rau**, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Berlin
*A National Library in Divided Germany: The Deutsche Bücherei 1945-1990*

**Julia Timpe**, Universität Bremen
*The Third Reich’s Beauty Project: Schönheit der Arbeit and its Work in Germany’s Factories and Countryside*

**Matthew Unangst**, Temple University
*‘Hinterland’: A German Word Becomes International in East Africa*

**Gavin Wiens**, University of Toronto
*Schools of the Nation: State Sovereignty, Nation-Building, and the Imperial German Military, 1866-1918*

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**GHI RESEARCH AND DOCTORAL SEMINARS, SPRING 2015**

**January 28**  
**Ines Prodöhl** (GHI)  
*A Miracle Bean*: Eine Verflechtungsgeschichte der Sojabohne

**February 18**  
**Harald Fuess** (Universität Heidelberg)  
Global History of German Lager Beer in East Asia and the United States

**February 26**  
**Martin Gruner** (Universität Augsburg)  
Alliierte Strafverfolgung von NS-Verbrechen: US-amerikanische Militärprozesse gegen ehemalige KZ-Kommandanten

**Helena Barop** (Universität Freiburg)  
Poppy Wars: Interventionist Drug Policy in the 1960s and 1970s

**March 11**  
**Mischa Honeck** (GHI)  
Boyification: How Scouting Fetishized Boys, Rejuvenated Men, and Infantilized Empire
March 25  Árpád von Klimó (Catholic University)
Cold Days: The Novi Sad Massacre of 1942 and the Debate on the Holocaust in Hungary during the 1960s

April 29  Mirjam Thulin (Leibniz Institute of European History/
Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies)
From Breslau to New York: Instituting Conservative Wissenschaft des Judentums

May 13  Jeremy Varon (New School, New York)
“They Couldn’t Fool Us, We Couldn’t Fool Them”: Holocaust Survivors in German Universities, 1945–1951

May 27  Sabine Horlitz (Center for Metropolitan Studies,
Technische Universität Berlin)
The Labor Housing Conference: Unions and Modern Housing in 1930s USA

June 10  Jan Jansen (GHI)
Freemasons and Empires in the Atlantic World: Mapping Slavery, Anti-Slavery, and Freemasonry (c. 1780-1850)

July 8  Astrid Kirchhof (Georgetown University/GHI)
Fighting for Recognition of Sovereignty: The GDR’s Nature Conservation Policy in an International Arena
GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015/16

For a regularly updated calendar of events, please check our website at www.ghi-dc.org.

June 4-6  The U.S. South in the Black Atlantic:
Transnational Histories of the Jim Crow
South since 1865
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Elisabeth Engel (GHI), Nicholas Grant
(University of East Anglia), Mischa Honeck (GHI)

June 12-13  Financialization: A New Chapter in the History
of Capitalism?
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI), Kenneth Lipartito
(Florida International University), Laura Rischbieter
(Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

June 8-20  Archival Summer Seminar in Germany 2015
Seminar in Berlin
Convener: Elisabeth Engel (GHI)

June 18  Between Recovery and Decline? Observations of
an Economic Historian on the Obama Years and
Beyond
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI)

July 3-4  Fourth Junior Scholars Conference in German-
Jewish History: “Heritage” in the Study of Jewish
and Other (Diaspora) Cultures - The Search for
Roots as a Recurring Theme of 19th and 20th
Century History
Conference at the Institute for the History of the
German Jews, Hamburg
Co-organized by the GHI, the Institute for the History
of the German Jews, Hamburg, the Alvin H. Rosenfeld
Chair in Jewish Studies at Indiana University,
Bloomington, and the Wissenschaftliche Arbeitsge-
meinschaft des Leo Baeck Instituts

September 9-11  Kolloquium zu Kriminalität und Strafjustiz in der
Neuzeit, 18.- 20. Jh.
Conference in München/Gauting
Conveners: Sebastian Frenzel (Technische Universität
Dresden), Désirée Schauz (Technische Universität
München), Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)
September 6-18 Bosch Foundation Archival Summer School for Young Historians 2014: U.S. History in Transatlantic Perspective
Seminar in Chicago, Madison, Boston, Washington DC
Convener: Mischa Honeck

Conference at Boston College - Ireland
Conveners: Franziska Seraphim (University of Boston), Kerstin von Lingen (University of Heidelberg), Wolfgang Form (ICWC Marburg), Barak Kushner (University of Cambridge)

October 3 Defining the Modern Metropolis: Universal Exhibitions from the mid-19th to the mid-20th Century
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Friedrich Lenger (University of Giessen)

October 15 Towards an Iconology of Medieval Studies: Approaches to Visual Narratives in Modern Scholarship
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Bernhard Jussen (University of Frankfurt)

October 15-17 Medieval History Seminar 2015
Seminar at the GHI Washington

October 21-23 Nineteenth-Century Anti-Semitism in International Perspective
Conference at the German Historical Institute Paris
Co-organized by the Max Weber Foundation and its institutes: the German Historical Institutes in Paris, London, Rome, Moscow, Warsaw and Washington, the German Centre for the History of Art in Paris, the Orient Institute Istanbul; as well as the Centre for Research on Anti-Semitism at the Technische Universität Berlin

October 27 German Unification Symposium
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Gregor Gysi

November 12 Twenty-Ninth Annual Lecture
Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Jerry Z. Muller (Catholic University of America)

November 13 Twenty-Fourth Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute
Presentation of the Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize Symposium at the GHI
December 4-5  Atlantic Brotherhods: Fraternalism in Transcontinental Perspective (18th-early 20th century)  
Conference at the GHI  
Conveners: Jessica Harland-Jacobs (University of Florida), Jan C. Jansen (GHI)

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Conference at the Universität Zürich  
Convener: Simone Lässig (GHI)

April 1  Taking Stock of Global History: Perspectives, Purposes, and Politics  
Conference at the GHI  
Conveners: Mischa Honeck (GHI) and Jan Jansen (GHI)

April 13-15  Navigating Diversity: Narratives, Practices and Politics in German-Speaking Europe  
Conference in Montreal  
Conveners: Anthony J. Steinhoff (Université du Québec à Montréal), Till van Rahden (University of Quebec), Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)

April 28-30  Forging Bonds Across Borders: Mobilizing for Women’s Rights and Social Justice in the 19th-Century Transatlantic World  
Conference at the GHI  
Conveners: Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (GHI), Anja Schüler (HCA, Heidelberg), Sonya Michel (University of Maryland)

May 25-28  22nd Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century German History  
Seminar at the GHI  
Conveners: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University) and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI)

June 9-11  Willy Brandt and the Americas, 1974-1992  
Conference at the GHI  
Co-organized by the GHI and the Bundeskanzler-Willy-Brandt-Stiftung, Berlin
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.

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