2016 FRITZ STERN DISSERTATION PRIZE

The 2016 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize was awarded to Katharina Matro (Stanford University). The award ceremony took place at the 25th Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute on November 11, 2016. The selection committee was composed of: Monica Black (University of Tennessee-Knoxville), Eva Giloi (Rutgers University-Newark), and James Melton (committee chair, Emory University). The prize winner has contributed an article presenting her dissertation research to this issue of the *Bulletin* (see “Features”).

The committee’s prize citation for Katharina Matro’s dissertation, “Postwar in No Man’s Land: Germans, Poles, and Soviets in the Rural Communities of Poland’s New Territories” (Ph.D. dissertation, Stanford University, 2016), read:

“Katharina Matro’s Stanford dissertation, ‘Postwar in No Man’s Land: Germans, Poles, and Soviets in the Rural Communities of Poland’s New Territories, 1945-1948,’ explores the fate of Prussian noble estates after the Second World War. Focusing on Further Pomerania (Hinterpommern), a former German territory assigned to Poland in the wake of Nazi defeat, Matro’s absorbing study shows that population transfer and resettlement did not happen overnight. For more than four years, Soviets, Poles, and Germans lived alongside each other. The rural space they co-habited was to be sure a contested one, and her detailed, compelling account of everyday life in the region underscores the violence and disorder of those years.

Yet Matro’s fascinating dissertation, based on painstaking research in Polish as well as German archives, also yields surprises. Most German villagers, many of them laboring on and attached to land their forbears had worked for generations, chose not to flee out of a conviction they would be allowed to remain. Polish Communist officials, recognizing the need for labor and for local expertise that newly arrived settlers did not yet have, were often at odds with their Soviet counterparts. Poles back east were themselves reluctant to settle in a sandy and remote region some called the ‘Wild West.’ Those who did often suffered the same mistreatment accorded their German neighbors. Faced with uncertainty about their status on the lands they occupied, few ultimately chose to stay. In an evocative and poignant epilogue that brings Further Pomerania up to the present, Matro notes that the region is today one of the most sparsely populated areas of Europe. Much of its stark and sandy landscape, once cultivated as farmland, has reverted to forest.

The selection committee has nothing but praise for this gracefully written and tightly argued study. Beyond making a significant contribution...
to the scholarship, ‘Postwar in No Man’s Land’ already reads like a book; the committee is hopeful it will soon become one.”

NEW STAFF PUBLICATIONS

Monographs and Edited Volumes


Book Chapters and Journal Articles


**STAFF CHANGES**

**Heike Friedman** joined the GHI as program coordinator at GHI West in February 2017. She previously was the Director of Development for the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley (2013 — 2017) and for Tehiyah Day School (2006 — 2013). Ms. Friedman has more than twenty years of experience working as a journalist, editor, and press officer. She holds an M.A. in German Literature, Linguistics, and Film from the University of Bochum.

**Kathryn Deschler** joined the GHI as a library associate in March 2017. She is filling in for Elisabeth Mait, who is on leave until December 2017. Ms. Deschler has previously worked in the library of the American Council of Life Insurers and most recently held the position of Head Librarian.
OBITUARY

Raimund Lammersdorf (1960-2017)

On January 28, 2017, former GHI research fellow Raimund Lammersdorf passed away at the age of 56. From his student days onward, Raimund Lammersdorf was a devoted historian of the United States. He studied at the University of Cologne, at the Free University of Berlin, where he earned his doctorate, and at Stanford University. In 1989 he became a research fellow at the Free University’s John F. Kennedy-Institute, from where he moved on to the Technical University Chemnitz as an assistant professor in 1994. Two years later, he was awarded a fellowship by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Lammersdorf joined the GHI in 1997 and stayed on until 2002. After leaving the GHI, Lammersdorf returned to Germany and worked in various capacities, including as executive director of the Bayerische Amerika-Akademie and the Bayerisches Amerikahaus. As a scholar, Raimund Lammersdorf is best known for his work on U.S. foreign relations. His book, Anfänge einer Weltmacht. Theodore Roosevelt und die transatlantischen Beziehungen, 1901-1909, published in 1994, won him wide recognition. At the GHI, he focused on the transition of West Germany’s political culture from authoritarianism to liberal democracy, a project which was close to his heart and which he pursued with considerable critical energy. His life, full of intellectual pursuits and personal achievement, was sadly cut short by a terminal illness. Lammersdorf is survived by his wife Vera and his two children Miriam and Marcel.

Manfred Berg and Philipp Gassert
GHI FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

German Historical Institute Receives Volkswagen Foundation Grant for Its GHI West Branch Office in Berkeley

The German Historical Institute Washington DC (GHI) has received a generous research grant from the Volkswagen Foundation, one of Germany's largest non-profit foundations. The grant will finance three “Tandem Fellowships” in the history of knowledge and migration — each of which will pair a scholar from North America with a colleague from Europe. The GHI's new outpost in California, which officially opened in February, is building a “Knowledge in Transit Research Network” that will bring together scholars working at the intersection of migration history and the history of knowledge. The postdoctoral Tandem Fellows will spend one academic year in Berkeley and will support the GHI West staff in developing the Knowledge in Transit Research Network. In the first year of the program, the fellows will also assist in organizing an exploratory workshop for the network, which is also funded through the Volkswagen Foundation grant.

For further information about this program and current application deadlines, please check our website at www.ghi-dc.org/fellowships.

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, and the role of Germany and the USA in international relations. These fellowships are also available to European doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars in the field of American history. The proposed research projects should make use of historical methods and engage with the relevant historiography. 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 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 web site at www.ghi-dc.org/internships.

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**RECIPIENTS OF GHI FELLOWSHIPS**

**Fellowship in the History of Family and Kinship**

**Elizabeth Katz**, Harvard University  

**Fellowship in the History of Knowledge**

**Frederik Schulze**, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  
_Staudämme in Lateinamerika: Eine globale Wissengeschichte im Kalten Krieg_

**Fellowship in the History of Migration**

**Sarah Lemmen**, Universität Bremen  
_Im Exil: Politische Emigration aus Ostmitteleuropa im „Kalten Krieg“: Akteure — Netzwerke — Kommunikation_

**Fellowship in the History of the Americas**

**Jan Hansen**, Humboldt Universität Berlin  
_Urban Infrastructure and Everyday Life in Los Angeles, 1860–1930_

**Fellowship in the History of Religion and Religiosity**

**Robert Kramm**, Universität Konstanz  
_Radical Utopian Communities: A Global History from the Margins, c. 1890–1950_
Doctoral Fellowships

**Björn Blaß**  Freie Universität Berlin/ Max Planck Institute for Human Development  
*Environments of Disposal: Moralities, Practices and Localities of Waste (1880 — 1930)*

**Sarah Epping**  Freie Universität Berlin  
*‘There’s a Land Long Since Neglected’ — American Missionaries in Iraq, to 1932*

**Lisa Gerlach**  Technische Universität Braunschweig/ Georg-Eckert-Institut, Braunschweig  
*With a little help from my …kin? — Eine Kulturgeschichte der Empfehlung im Spiegel deutsch-jüdischer Netzwerke von der Moderne bis zum Nationalsozialismus*

**Sarah Hagmann**  Georg-Eckert-Institut Braunschweig  
*Shanghai als globaler Interaktions- und Kommunikationsraum: Die jüdische Hilfsorganisation HIAS-HICEM 1939–1949*

**Felix A. Jimenez Botta**  Boston College  
*West Germany and the Human Rights Revolution: Grassroots Activism and Foreign Policy in the Age of South America’s Military Juntas, 1973–1989*

**Rebekah McMillan**  University of Arkansas  
*“The Healing Hand Laid on a Great Wound”: The Elberfeld System and the Transformation of Poverty in Germany, Britain, and the United States*

**James McSpadden**  Harvard University  
*More than Ideology: Parliamentary Culture in Interwar Europe*

**Martin Meiske**  Deutsches Museum/Ludwig Maximilians Universität München  
*The Birth of Geoengineering: Large-scale Engineering Projects in the Early Stage of the Anthropocene (1850–1950)*

**Philipp Scherzer**  Universität Mannheim  

Postdoctoral Fellowships

**Jacob Eder**  Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena  
*Jewish Solidarity and the Transnational Politics of Humanitarian Aid: American Jewish Relief Organizations in the First Half of the 20th Century*

**Stephan Kieninger**  Berlin Center for Cold War Studies  
*The Pipeline for Europe’s Transformation: Natural Gas Trade with the Soviet Union and the End of the Cold War*
Swen Steinberg, Technische Universität Dresden
Wissen über Berg und Wald: Transnationale Diskurse und Transferpraktiken in den Montan- und Forstwissenschaften — Deutschland und die USA im Vergleich (1760-1960)

Alexa Stiller, Universität Bern

GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR AND COLLOQUIUM

September 8
Alexander Schwanebeck (Universität Köln)
The Museumization of Borders: Representations of Postcolonial Minorities in U.S. Borderlands in the Second Half of the 20th Century

Christa Wirth (Universität Zürich)
Understanding the Philippines: Chicago, Manila, and the Creation of Postcolonial Knowledge in the Cold War

September 14
Sabina Brevaglieri (GHI Rome and Washington)
Between Atlantic and Pacific Worlds: Missionary Return-travels and the Making of Global Roman Catholicism, 1580-1680

October 5
Andrew Demshuk (American University)
Rebuilding after the Reich: Urban Reconstruction as Politics, Protest, and Memory in Frankfurt/Main, Leipzig, and Wrocław, 1945-2015

October 6
Tobias Schmitt (Universität Freiburg)
Das verdeckte U.S.-Engagement für eine westdeutsche Wiederbewaffnung, ca. 1948-55

October 12
Shana Klein (GHI/University of New Mexico)
The Fruits of Empire: Contextualizing Food in Post-Civil War American Art and Culture

October 19
Allison Schmidt (GHI/University of Kansas)
Crossing Germany: Eastern European Transmigrants and Saxon State Surveillance, 1900-1924

October 26
Leonard Schmieding (GHI/BMW Center, Georgetown University)
Culinary Labor and the Cultural Work of Food among San Francisco Germans
October 27  Andreas Fuchs (GHI Washington)
Music as Representation of Reform: The Role of Singing in the Jewish Reform Movement of the Nineteenth Century

Clare Kim (MIT)

Annette Karpp (Freie Universität Berlin)
Punk and/or Human Rights? From Antiestablishment Ideology to an Agenda of Political Participation in London’s and New York City’s Punk Scenes, 1970s-2000s

November 17  Philipp Ther (Universität Wien)
Refugees and Refugee Integration in Modern European History

December 1  Adrian Mitter (University of Toronto)
Localism and Transnationalism in the Free City of Danzig (1919/20-1933)

Kaete O’Connell (Temple University)
Feeding the Enemy: Humanitarian Aid and the Power of Hunger in Occupied Germany

December 7  Bernhard Dietz (GHI/Universität Mainz)
New Elites? Managers in the USA and West Germany 1970-1990

December 14  Gabor Toth (GHI/Universität Passau)
Agency and Worlds of Probabilities in the Memory of Holocaust Survivors: The Computer Assisted Analysis of Interviews and Witness Accounts
GHI SPRING LECTURE SERIES 2017

The Making of the Digital World
Organized by Anne Schenderlein and Elisabeth Engel

With their constant promise to make our life easier, computers have become an unquestioned part of our daily routines. Estimates have it that there are two billion devices in use around the world today, with expectations that this number will only increase. Despite their global spread and ever-new fields of application, computers and the extensive digital world they create are not simply a story of technological innovation. As this lecture series proposes, computer-related technologies have played a profound role in social transformations since they left the domains of “nerds” in the military and sciences in the 1960s. Computers have become increasingly perceived as indispensable tools in the office as much as in homes and for personal entertainment. As such, the centrality they claim in almost every dimension of social life deserves historical investigation. How did computers transition from an expert technology to objects of everyday use? How were computers commercially marketed and culturally represented? How did the use of computers change people’s perceptions, routines, and lifestyles? How did the increasing use of computers shape social structures related to international divisions of labor, sex, and age? How did they enable new forms of community? By addressing these questions, the series traces the poorly understood social and cultural history of the “digital” and offers a fresh look at narratives of technological progress in the twentieth century.

March 23  A Social History of the Computer Revolution
Nathan Ensmenger (Indiana University)

April 6  Inclusion, Exclusion, and Computer Technology
Elizabeth Petrick (New Jersey Institute of Technology)

April 20  Dial-up: A Grassroots History of Social Media
Kevin Driscoll (University of Virginia)

May 4  The Rise of the Digital Society: Computers in Socialist and Democratic Cold War Germany
Frank Bösch (Zentrum für Zeitgeschichtliche Forschung Potsdam)
GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

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

February 10 — 12  The United States and World War I: Perspectives and Legacies
39th Annual Conference of the Historians in the DGFA/GAAS in Heidelberg
Conveners: Manfred Berg (Heidelberg University) and Axel Jansen (GHI Washington)

February 10 — 11  Mapping Entanglements: Dynamics of Missionary Knowledge and “Materialities” Across Space and Time (16th — 20th centuries)
Workshop at the GHI Washington
Conveners: Sabina Brevagli, Elisabeth Engel in collaboration with the History of Knowledge Research Group at the GHI Washington and the GHI Rome

February 10  Mapping Entanglements: Missionary Knowledge in Colonial Times
Keynote Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: Rebekka Habermas (University of Göttingen)

February 15  The Reformation Past and Present
Luncheon Discussion at the GHI
Speaker: Margot Käßmann, Special Envoy for the Reformation Anniversary, Olaf Wassmuth, pastor of the German Lutheran Church, Washington, DC

February 23 — 25  German Past Futures in the 20th Century
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Arnd Bauerkämper (Free University of Berlin), Frank Biess (University of California, San Diego), Kai Evers (University of California, Irvine), Anne Schenderlein (GHI)

February 28  Germany as an Immigration Country: Labor Migration and the Refugee Influx
Lecture at GHI West (201 Moses Hall, UC Berkeley)
Speaker: Cornelia Schu, Managing Director of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration (SVR) and Director of the Expert Council’s Research Unit
March 3 — 4  Observing the Everyday: Journalistic Practices and Knowledge Production in the Modern Era
Workshop at the GHI
Conveners: Kerstin von der Krone (GHI Washington) and Hansjakob Ziemer (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)

March 30 — April 1  Creating and Challenging the Transatlantic Intelligence Community
Joint Conference at the Woodrow Wilson Center and at the GHI Washington, D.C.
Conveners: International Intelligence History Association, GHI, and the History & Public Policy Program of the Woodrow Wilson Center

March 30 — 31  Fifth Junior Scholars Conference in Jewish History: Rich and Poor, Jews and Gentiles: Wealth, Poverty and Class in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
Conference in Bloomington, IN
Conveners: Co-organized by Miriam Rürup (Institute for the History of the German Jews, Hamburg), Anne Schenderlein (GHI Washington), and Mirjam Zadoff (Indiana University, Bloomington), with additional support by the Wissenschaftliche Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Leo Baeck Instituts

April 7 — 8  Refugee Crises, 1945-2000: Political and Societal Responses in International Comparison
Workshop at the GHI
Convener: Jan C. Jansen (GHI Washington), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington)

April 27  Democracy and Its Discontents: The Weimar Republic Revisited
Panel Discussion at the GHI
Speakers: Kathleen Canning (University of Michigan), Rüdiger Graf (Center for Contemporary History Potsdam), Donna Harsch (Carnegie Mellon University), and Dirk Schumann (University of Göttingen), and moderated by David Clay Large (University of San Francisco/University of California, Berkeley)

May 05  Workshop on Medieval Germany
Conference at the GHI London
Organized by the GHI London in co-operation with the GHI Washington and the German History Society
May 11 — 13  Forever Young: Rejuvenation in Transnational and Transcolonial Perspective, 1900-2000
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Kristine Alexander (University of Lethbridge), Mischa Honeck (GHI), Isabel Richter (University of Bremen)

May 18  Colonial Germans and Slavery on the Eve of the American Revolution: The Case of Ebenezer
Eighth Gerald Feldman Memorial Lecture at the GHI
Speaker: James Van Horn Melton (Emory University)

June 1 — 3  Beyond Data: Knowledge Production in Bureaucracies across Science, Commerce, and the State
Workshop at the GHI
Conveners: Sebastian Felten (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin), Philipp Lehmann (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin), Christine von Oertzen (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington)

June 7 — 10  23rd Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: German History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
Seminar at Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg
Conveners: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University), Miriam Rürup (IGdJ, Hamburg), Richard F. Wetzell (GHI Washington)

July 24 — August 2  GHI Archival Summer School in the United States for Junior Historians
Seminar in the United States
Convener: Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)

September 7 — 9  Learning at the Margins: The Creation and Dissemination of Knowledge among African Americans and Jews since the 1880s
Conference at the GHI Washington
Conveners: Elisabeth Engel (GHI Washington) and Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (University of Augsburg), Kierra Crago-Schneider (USHMM), Yvonne Poser (Howard University)

September 14 — 16  Inheritance Practices in the 20th Century
Workshop at the GHI
Conveners: Jürgen Dinkel (University of Gießen), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), Vanessa Ogle (University of Pennsylvania)
September 15 — 16  Empires of Knowledge
Conference at University of British Columbia, Vancouver/Canada
Conveners: Axel Jansen (GHI Washington), John Krige (Georgia Institute of Technology), and Jessica Wang (UBC)

September 28 — 30  Reeducation Revisited: Strategies, Actors, Institutions in Transnational and Comparative Perspective
Conference at the GHI
Conveners: Katharina Gerund (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg), Heike Paul (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg), Tomoyuki Sasaki (College of William & Mary, Williamsburg), and Anne Schenderlein (GHI Washington)

October 5 — 8  Kinship, Knowledge, and Migration
GHI Panel Series at the GSA in Atlanta, GA
Organizers: Simone Lässig (GHI Washington) and Swen Steinberg (TU Dresden)

October 12  German Unification Symposium 2017
German Unification Symposium Lecture at the GHI

October 26 — 28  Creating Historical Knowledge Socially: New Approaches, Opportunities and Epistemological Implications of Undertaking Research with Citizen Scholars
International Workshop and Conference at the GHI Washington
Conveners: Sheila Brennan (George Mason University), Matthew Hiebert (GHI Washington), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), and Trevor Muñoz (MITH)

November 1  Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at GHI WEST at UC Berkeley: “Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and Global Perspectives”
Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at GHI West at UC Berkeley
Convener: Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)

December 5 — 8  Knowledge in Flight: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Scholar Rescue in North America
Workshop at The New School for Social Research, New York City
Conveners: Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), William Milberg (The New School for Social Research), William Weitzer (Leo Baeck Institute, New York)
**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.