OBITUARY: MARION DESHMUKH (1945-2019)

The German Historical Institute mourns the death of Marion Deshmukh, who passed away on April 13, 2019. Marion Deshmukh, who taught in the Department of History and Art History at George Mason University for forty-five years, was a great friend of the GHI, serving as vice president of the Friends of the GHI since the mid-1990s. In this capacity, she lent invaluable support to the many GHI activities funded by the Friends, including the annual award of the Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize, at which she often presented the award. Beyond this, Deshmukh was a valued friend, colleague, and advisor with whom the Institute often cooperated. Among her most notable cooperations with the GHI was an international conference on the impressionist painter Max Liebermann, which resulted in the edited volume *Max Liebermann and International Modernism: An Artist’s Career from Empire to Third Reich*, co-edited by Deshmukh and published in the GHI’s series with Berghahn Books in 2011. Most recently she had capped her scholarly work on Liebermann by publishing the highly acclaimed biography *Max Liebermann: Modern Art and Modern Germany* (Routledge, 2015). A warm and generous person, who was always ready to lend support, Marion Deshmukh will be deeply missed.

2018 FRITZ STERN DISSERTATION PRIZE

The 2018 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 Adam Bisno (Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University). The award ceremony took place at the 27th Annual Symposium of the Friends of the German Historical Institute on November 9, 2018. The selection committee was composed of: Annemarie Sammartino (Chair, Oberlin College), Brendan Karch (Louisiana State University), and Beth Plummer (University of Arizona). The prize winner has contributed an article presenting his dissertation research to this issue of the *Bulletin* (see “Features”).

The committee’s prize citation for Adam Bisno’s dissertation, “Hotel Berlin: The Politics of Commercial Hospitality in the German Metropolis, 1875-1945” (Ph.D. dissertation, John Hopkins University, 2018) read:

Adam Bisno’s dissertation “Hotel Berlin: The Politics of Commercial Hospitality in the German Metropolis, 1875-1945” is a deeply researched and elegantly written exploration of the institution of the grand hotel in Berlin during seventy tumultuous
years of German history. This is a compelling study, noteworthy both for its broad temporal scope and its tight focus on a largely forgotten story. Bisno examines all aspects of the grand hotels, from their architecture to their army of employees. In writing this dissertation, Bisno crosses the lines between urban history, social history, and political history in a unique and exemplary way. In particular, studying the grand hotel provides Bisno insight into the political evolution of the German elite, who made up both the group of hoteliers that he profiles and the majority of their clientele. He argues convincingly for the grand hotels as a main site where the aspirations, tensions, and failures of classical liberalism crystallized.

At once national and cosmopolitan institutions, grand hotels offer Bisno a unique perspective on the story of German nationalism. Bisno compellingly demonstrates how both cosmopolitan and national attitudes interacted in the advertisements and architecture of the hotels. This dissertation also offers a masterful exploration of how German class relations played out in a site where employees, managers, and guests lived side-by-side. Finally, Bisno charts how the liberalism of a group of self-made men in the Imperial period gave way to a more aggressive nationalism in the Weimar era. Bisno integrates all of these diverse themes to offer fresh perspectives to reinvigorate several longstanding debates in German history. Finally, beyond his historiographical contributions, the selection committee was impressed with Bisno’s creative and careful use of a wide body of sources, which he uses to masterful effect, drawing the reader into his rich tale. The committee looks forward to reading the excellent book that this dissertation will no doubt become. It is with great pleasure that we award “Hotel Berlin,” the 2018 Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize.
NEW STAFF PUBLICATIONS

Monographs


Edited Volumes and Special Issues


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**STAFF CHANGES**

**Anna-Carolin Augustin** joined the GHI as a Research Fellow in April 2019. Her main fields of interest are modern German-Jewish History and Culture with emphasis on Women’s and Gender History as well as Jewish Material Culture. From 2011-2014 she was a fellow at the Walther Rathenau Graduiertenkolleg at the Moses Mendelssohn Center for European Jewish Studies (MMZ). She received her Ph.D. in modern history from the Universität Potsdam in 2016. At the same time, she completed a two-year academic trainee (“Wissenschaftliches Volontariat”) at the Jewish Museum Berlin and worked on several exhibitions. Since 2017 she has devoted herself to provenance research in the field of Judaica. Her first monograph, *Berliner Kunstmatronage: Sammlerinnen und Förderinnen bildender Kunst um 1900* was published in 2018 (Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag). In her current research project, she examines the entangled object biographies and migration paths of Jewish ceremonial objects (Judaica) as well as their changing attributions of meaning and functions after 1945 in a transnational, cultural-historical study.

**Matthew Hiebert**, GHI Research Fellow since 2015, left the GHI at the end of March 2019, returning to Canada.

**Anne Schenderlein**, GHI Research Fellow since 2015, left the GHI at the end of January 2019, returning to Berlin, Germany, where she is now the Managing Director of the Dahlem Humanities Center at the Free University.
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 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 2018/19

Long-term Visiting Fellows

Ian Beacock, University of British Columbia
*Searching for Queer Ancestors: Historical Knowledge and Gay Activism in Europe and the United States, 1860–1940*

Levke Harders, Universität Bielefeld
*Narratives of Foreignness and Belonging: Migration as a Discursive Process in Western European Border Regions (1815–1871)*

Chelsea Shields, University of California, Irvine
*Atlantic Passages: Social Science, Decolonization and the Routes of Racial Knowledge*

Amir Theilhaber, Technische Universität Berlin
*Oriental Studies Integrated and Fragmented. German-American Intellectual Cross-fertilizations, 1875–1933*

Gerda Henkel Fellow in Digital History

Julius Wilm, University of Copenhagen
*Measuring the Homestead Act: Settlement Expansion and Private Land Acquisition in the American West, 1863–1934*

Short-term Doctoral Fellowships

Luise Fast, Universität Bielefeld
*Decentering Cultural Encounter. Indigenous Intermediaries as Transcultural Brokers in the 19th Century*

Esther Heyer, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Julie Keresztes, Boston University
*Cameras for the Volk: Photography, Community and Society in Nazi Germany, 1933–1945*

Maximilian Klose, Freie Universität Berlin
*Why They Gave: CARE, the American Public, and U.S.-German Relations in the Postwar Era*

Johannes Nagel, Universität Bielefeld
*The U.S. Military Transformation and the Observation of World Politics, 1865–1910*
Franziska Walter, Institut für Zeitgeschichte München-Berlin/
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Short-term Postdoctoral Fellowships

Kerstin Bischl, Universität Göttingen

Mariusz Kalczewiak, Universität Potsdam
Peretz Hirschbein, Global Yiddish Culture and Extending the Borders of Eastern Europe

Sielke Beata Kelner, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Bringing the Gospel to the East: U.S. Evangelical Missionary Activism in Communist and post-Communist Romania

Oliver Krause, Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde
Die Verwandlung der Raumsemantik: Das Heartland-Konzept von Halford J. Mackinder und seine internationale und interdisziplinäre Rezeption, 1900–1950

Katalin Teller, Eötvös-Loránd-Universität Budapest
Geschichtsschreibung im Zirkus

Timothy Wright, Max Planck Institute for Human Development
Rituals of the Reborn: Ascetic Protestantism and Alternative Christianities in the Atlantic World, 1680–1780
GHI RESEARCH SEMINAR AND COLLOQUIUM, FALL 2018

September 26  Prakash Kumar (Penn State University/GHI Washington)
The Contested Legacy of Modernity and Modernization in Developing India

October 4  Adam Knowles (Drexel University)
Categories of Complicity: Philosophy under National Socialism

Georg Wolff (Heidelberg Universität)
American Conservatism and the Struggle against Federal Authority: Grassroots Organizing, Activism, Discourse

Razak Khan (Universität Göttingen)
Entangled Translation: Psychology, Pedagogy, and Youth Reform in Germany and India

October 18  Yves Schmitz (Universität Marburg)
Arms Smuggling and State-Building in Imperial Borderlands: Southern Africa and Northern America in the Second Half of the 19th Century

Kerstin Schulte (Universität Bielefeld)
"Volksgemeinschaft" behind Barbed Wire: The Internment Camps of the British and American Occupation Zone and their Significance for German Postwar Society, 1945-1950

Daniel Eggstein (Universität Konstanz)
"Eine soziale Bewegung in der Wissenschaft": Ökologisch orientierte Forschung in Deutschland und den USA in den 1970er und 1980er Jahren

October 24  Jenna Gibbs (Florida International University/GHI Washington)
The Global Latrobe Family: Evangelicalism, Slavery, and Empire

November 14  Sünné Juterczenka (Universität Göttingen /GHI Washington)
Encounters in Eden? Missions, Philanthropy, and Protestant Dissent in Eighteenth Century North America

November 15  Kristoff Kerl (Universität zu Köln)
Politiken des Rausches. Eine transnationale Körpergeschichte westlicher Gegenkulturen von den 1960er bis in die 1980er Jahre
Emanuel Steinbacher (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
The “Crime of the Century”: High Society, Medien und Familie in den USA in der ersten Hälfte des 20. Jahrhunderts

December 6

Stephan Schmitt (Universität Erfurt)
Reporting Home: Repercussions of Colonial Rule upon American Race Relations

Ryan Heyden (McMaster University)
The German Red Cross and Humanitarianism in Divided Germany, 1945-1989

November 28

Stefan Tetzlaff (GHI Washington)
Selling Industry: Indian Public Opinion and German Industrial Public Relations Overseas, c. 1960-1972

December 12

Andrea Wiegeshoff (Universität Marburg/GHI Washington)
Of Pathogens and Humans. A Cultural History of the Policies for Epidemics in the Nineteenth Century
SPRING 2019 LECTURE SERIES

The Weimar Republic Reconsidered
Organized by David Lazar and Richard F. Wetzell

German voters went to the polls in January 1919 to elect a National Assembly to draft a new constitution to replace the imperial order that had collapsed two months earlier. The National Assembly’s meeting place soon became synonymous with the new constitution and a new era in German history: Weimar. The hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Weimar Republic affords an opportunity to take stock of new directions in research on this pivotal period of German history and to reflect on its bearing on the present.

February 21	Remembering and Forgetting Germany’s First Democracy: Reflections on Weimar Germany
Kathleen Canning (Rice University)

March 21	Founding Weimar: Violence and the Revolution of 1918/1919
Mark Jones (University College Dublin/FU Berlin)

March 28	Did Sex Bring Down the Weimar Republic?
Laurie Marhoefer (University of Washington)

April 11	City Streets and Civil Unrest: The Costs of Public Violence in the Weimar and Nazi Eras
Molly Loberg (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)

April 25	The Chances and Challenges of Democracy: Weimar and Beyond
Tim B. Müller (German Sinti and Roma Union)
GHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

**January 22**
**Of Pathogens and Humans. A Cultural History of the Policies on Epidemics in the Nineteenth Century**
Lecture at GHI West  
Speaker: Andrea Wiegeshoff (GHI Washington / Marburg University)

**February 21**
**The Longue Durée of 1989: Regime Change and Everyday Life in East Germany**  
Lecture at GHI West  
Speaker: Kerstin Brückweh (Centre for Contemporary History, Potsdam)

**February 21**
**Remembering and Forgetting Germany’s First Democracy: Reflections on Weimar Germany**  
Lecture at the GHI  
Speaker: Kathleen Canning (Rice University)

**February 25**
**Project Europe: A New History of the European Union**  
Gerda Henkel Lecture at the University of Colorado, Boulder  
Speaker: Kiran Klaus Patel (Maastricht University)

**February 27**
**The New Deal: A Global History**  
Gerda Henkel Lecture at the University of California, Santa Barbara  
Speaker: Kiran Klaus Patel, Maastricht University

**February 28**
**Project Europe: A New History of the European Union**  
Gerda Henkel Lecture at the University of California, Berkeley  
Speaker: Kiran Klaus Patel (Maastricht University)

**March 04**
**The Securitization of Migration and Racial Sorting in Fortress Europe**  
Lecture at GHI West  
Speaker: Maartje van der Woude, Leiden Law School (Netherlands)

**March 08-09**
**The Transmission of Financial Knowledge in Historical Perspective, 1840-1940**  
Conference at GHI Washington  
Conveners: Nicholas Osborne (New-York Historical Society) and Atiba Pertilla (GHI Washington)
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| March 22  | Lies about Migrants: Comparing U.S. and German Migration Politics in a Post-Truth Environment | Lecture at GHI West  
Speaker: Beverly Crawford Ames (Center for German and European Studies, UC Berkeley) |
| March 22-23 | The Politics of Sovereignty and Globalism in Modern Germany         | Conference at GHI Washington  
Conveners: Rüdiger Graf, Quinn Slobodian, Heidi Tworek, Anne Schenderlein (GHI Washington) |
| March 25-27 | Entangling Pacific and Atlantic Worlds: Past and Present         | Symposium at GHI West  
Conveners: Sarah Beringer (GHI Washington), Wencke Meteling (Marburg University), Sören Urbansky (GHI Washington). Co-organized with the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius |
| March 28  | Did Sex Bring Down the Weimar Republic?                           | Lecture at GHI Washington  
Speaker: Laurie Marhoefer (University of Washington) |
| April 02  | Indian Economic Policy 1945: The Bombay Plan, Multinationals and Indian Big Business | Seminar at GHI Washington  
Speakers: Gurcharan Das (public intellectual), Medha Kudaisya (National University of Singapore), Promodh Malhotra (former Citibank and IFC official), Mircea Raianu (University of Maryland), Stefan Tetzlaff (GHI Washington) |
| April 02  | Fascism’s Global Moments: New Perspectives on Entanglements and Tensions between Fascist Regimes in the 1930s and 1940s | Lecture at GHI West  
Speaker: Sven Reichardt (Universität Konstanz) |
<p>| April 05  | Angst essen Seele auf (Fear Eats the Soul)                        | Film Screening at Goethe-Institut San Francisco                       |</p>
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| April 06-07 | German History in a Fractious World                                    | Second Annual West Coast Germanists' Workshop at University of Southern California  
|           | Organizing Committee: Elizabeth Drummond (LMU), Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann (UC Berkeley), Paul Lerner (USC), Andrea Westermann (GHI West), Heike Friedman (GHI West) |                                                                  |
| April 11  | Over Sixty in the Sixties: The Older Generation and Youth Protest in West Germany | Lecture at GHI West  
|           | Speaker: Christina von Hodenberg (German Historical Institute, London) |                                                                  |
| April 11  | City Streets and Civil Unrest: The Costs of Public Violence in the Weimar and Nazi Eras | Lecture at the GHI Washington  
|           | Speaker: Molly Loberg (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo) |                                                                  |
| April 12  | Hippie Masala (Forever in India)                                      | Film Screening at Goethe-Institut San Francisco | |
| April 17  | Competing Narratives of Failed Regimes: An International Comparison of National Memory Cultures | Panel Discussion at GHI Washington  
|           | Speakers: Soeren Brinkmann (Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla), Karen Cox (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), Donna Harsch (Carnegie Mellon University), Xolela Mangcu (George Washington University) | |
| April 25  | The Chances and Challenges of Democracy: Weimar and Beyond            | Lecture at GHI Washington  
|           | Speaker: Tim B. Müller (German Sinti and Roma Union) | |
| May 07    | Bébé Tigre [Young Tiger]                                               | Film Screening at Alliance Française, San Francisco | |
| May 09    | Getting the American Model Right: State Constitutional Revision and the Achievement of General Laws in the Mid-Nineteenth Century U.S. | 10th Gerald Feldman Memorial Lecture, at GHI Washington  
|           | Speaker: Naomi R. Lamoreaux (Yale University and National Bureau of Economic Research) | |
May 17

Raving Iran
Film Screening at the Goethe-Institut San Francisco

May 19-22

In Global Transit: Forced Migration of Jews and other Refugees (1940s-1960s)
Conference at GHI West and The MAGNES Collection of Jewish Art and Life at the University of California, Berkeley
Conveners: Wolf Gruner (USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, Los Angeles), Simone Lässig (German Historical Institute Washington/GHI West, UC Berkeley), Francesco Spagnolo (The Magnes, UC Berkeley), Swen Steinberg (University of Dresden)

May 24-25

Maritime Missions: Religion, Ethnography and Empires in the Long Eighteenth Century
Workshop at GHI Washington
Conveners: Jenna M. Gibbs (GHI Washington/Florida International University) and Sünne Juterczenka (GHI Washington/Göttingen University)

May 28 - June 04

Histories of Migrant Knowledges in and across the Transpacific: Agencies, Scales, Translations
Conference at GHI West
Organized by The Forum Transregionale Studien, the Max Weber Stiftung, GHI West, The Maria Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Latin American Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (CALAS), and the Institute of European Studies, UC Berkeley

May 29 - June 01

25th Transatlantic Doctoral Seminar: German History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
Seminar at GHI Washington
Conveners: Anna von der Goltz (Georgetown University) and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI Washington)

May 31

Bezness as Usual
Film Screening at Goethe-Institut San Francisco

June 06-08

Political Culture and the History of Knowledge: Actors, Institutions, Practices
Conference at GHI Washington
Conveners: Shadi Bartsch-Zimmer (Institute of the Formation of Knowledge at the University of Chicago), Kijan Espahangizi (Center “History of Knowledge” at the University Zurich and the ETH Zurich), Nils Güttler (Center “History of Knowledge” at the University Zurich and the ETH Zurich), Kerstin von der Krone (GHI Washington), Simone Lässig (GHI Washington), Monika Wulz (Center “History of Knowledge” at the University Zurich and the ETH Zurich)
June 06  Knowledge / Power / Political Culture - A Transatlantic Conversation  
Panel Discussion at GHI Washington  
Speakers: Suzanne Marchand (Louisiana State University), Jakob Tanner (Zurich University), and moderated by Anna von der Golz (Georgetown University)

September 06-07  Global Knowledge, Global Legitimacy? Transatlantic Biomedicine since 1970  
Conference at GHI Washington  
Conveners: Axel Jansen (GHI Washington) and Claudia Roesch (GHI Washington)

September 24-25  Sixth Junior Scholars Conference in Jewish History: Radicalism and Resistance in Modern Jewish History  
Conference in Hamburg  
Conveners: Miriam Rürup (Institute for the History of the German Jews, Hamburg), Anne Schenderlein (German Historical Institute Washington DC), and Mirjam Zadoff (NS-Dokumentationszentrum München), with additional support from the Wissenschaftliche Arbeitsgemeinschaft des Leo Baeck Instituts

October 03-06  Work, Migration, Environment: The German and Central European Experience  
Panel at the 43rd Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Portland, Oregon  
Conveners: Andrea Westermann (GHI West, Berkeley) and Eagle Glassheim (University of British Columbia, Vancouver)

October 03-06  GSA Seminar: Beyond the Racial State: New Perspectives on Race in Nazi Germany  
Seminar at 43rd Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Portland, Oregon  
Conveners: Mark Roseman (Indiana University) and Richard F. Wetzell (GHI Washington)

October 10-12  Medieval History Seminar  
Seminar at GHI London  
Organized by the German Historical Institute London in co-operation with the German Historical Institute Washington and the German History Society
October 10-12  Digital Hermeneutics: From Research to Dissemination  
Conference and Workshop at GHI Washington  
Conveners: Andreas Fickers (C²DH), Gerben Zaagsma (C²DH), Sean Takats (RRCHNM), Simone Lässig (GHI), Jens Pohlmann (GHI), Daniel Burckhardt (GHI)

October 21-23  Histories of Migration: Transatlantic and Global Perspectives  
Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at GHI West  
Convener: Andrea Westermann (GHI West)
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.