

Governance and GSA Officers and Board Members



GSA Executive Board at 2014 Conference

The GSA is led by a Board of Directors and the officers listed below. With the exception of the Executive Director, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the GSR Editor, all Board members are elected by the membership and serve fixed terms. The Association is governed through its By Laws that are approved and amended by its members.



Gathering of GSA Presidents Past, Present, and Soon-to-Be at 2014 Conference

GSA OFFICERS 2015

President | Irene Kacandes (2015-16), Dartmouth College

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Secretary-Treasurer | Gerald A. Fetz, University of Montana

Executive Director | David E. Barclay, Kalamazoo College

Editor, German Studies Review | Sabine Hake, University of Texas

GSA BOARD 2015

Elizabeth Ametsbichler (2013-15) University of Montana

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Glenn Penny (2015-17) University of Iowa

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Janet A. Ward (2013-15) The University of Oklahoma



GSA Exec. Director David Barclay receiving the Bundesverdienstkreuz from Generalkonsul Christian Brecht, Chicago, 2014

Goals and Initiatives

In addition to the activities described in this brochure, the GSA is exploring other needs and opportunities as we approach our 40th anniversary in 2016. As scholarship and higher education are evolving, we are constantly looking for innovative ways to serve our members and others. The German Studies Association has embarked on a major fundraising campaign to seek the necessary support for sustaining our ongoing activities, developing new initiatives for an ever-growing and more diverse international membership, and advancing the cause of German, Austrian, and Swiss studies internationally. Those activities and initiatives include:

- **An expansion** of the very popular networks and seminars that have recently been introduced as important new features of the annual conference that increase the collaborations that take place year round;
- **An expansion** of our Travel Award program that assists conference participants from outside North American who have little or no access to financial support for travel;
- **New Travel Grants** that will allow North American scholars at the start of their careers to attend the GSA Conference.
- **New and more extensive forms** of collaboration with universities, colleges, related professional government, and non-profit organizations to support research, study, and educational opportunities in the fields of German Studies;
- **Innovative and essential technologies** to enhance the work of our members—scholars, teachers, professionals, and students—, of our staff, and at our conferences;
- **Implementation of the plan** to transition from an almost exclusively “volunteer” organization to one that, due to its growth in membership numbers and in activities and services, will soon require a permanent office, a full-time, paid Executive Director, and at least a part-time staff member.



Former GSA President Gerhard Weinberg, Austrian Ambassador Martin Eichinger, & Guest Writer Maxie Obexer at 2014 Conference

GSA Partners and Institutional Members

In addition to its 2,100 individual members currently, the GSA has numerous institutional members and an expanding group of partners with which it cooperates.

PARTNERS OF THE GSA INCLUDE:

American Association of Teachers of German (AATG)
 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)
 Austrian Cultural Forum New York and Washington D.C. (ACFNY)
 American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS)
 Austrian Embassy
 Berghahn Books
 Central European History Society
 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
 Documentation Archive of the Austrian Resistance (DÖW)
 Freie Universität Berlin/Berlin Program
 Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
 Friends of the German Historical Institute (GHI)
 Friends of the German Literature Archives, Marbach
 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
 German Embassy, Washington D.C.
 German Historical Institute (GHI), Washington D.C.
 Goethe Institut North America
 H-German
 International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP)
 Johns Hopkins University Press
 National Humanities Alliance (NHA)
 Swiss Embassy
 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM)
 Women in German (WIG)
 Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam
 And numerous universities, colleges, research centers, libraries, archives, and museums in North America, Europe, and elsewhere.



Berlin Program Students, Free University of Berlin

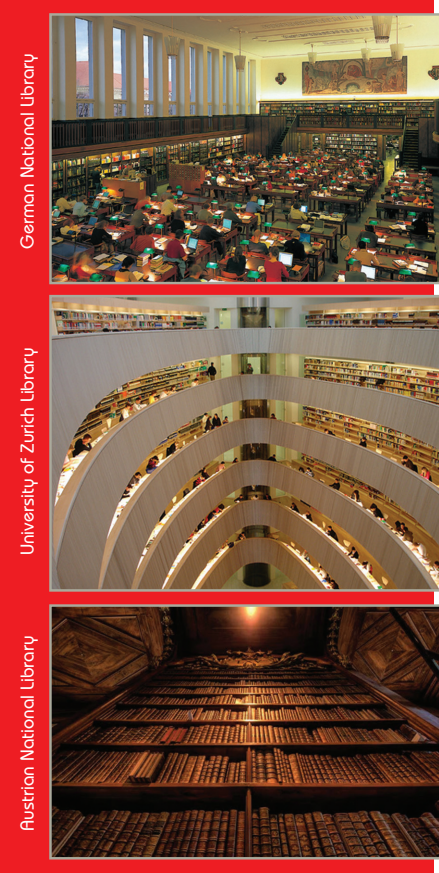
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German Studies Association

The German Studies Association, founded in 1976, is the largest organization of scholars, professionals, and students who focus on the study of German-speaking Europe from all periods of history and all relevant disciplines. The GSA, an international association based in the U.S., counts over 2,100 active members from around the world.



German National Library

University of Zurich Library

Austrian National Library

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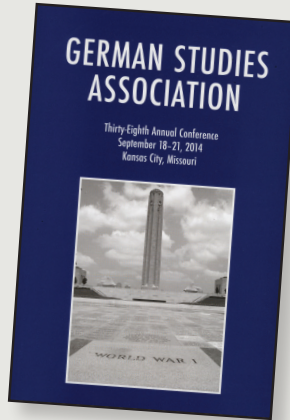
From the GSA Mission Statement

The German Studies Association (GSA) is a nonprofit scholarly organization dedicated to the promotion of scholarship, teaching, discussion, and publication of all matters relating to Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and other German-speaking regions in local, regional, comparative, and international contexts. The Association is inter- and multidisciplinary in its outlook and approach, fostering conversation and collaboration across numerous aspects of the humanities, social sciences, and arts. The GSA regards German and English as co-equal languages in all of its activities.



Annual Conference

The German Studies Association holds its annual conference in a different city each year, most recently in Denver (2013) and Kansas City (2014); the next two will take place in Washington DC (2015) and, for the GSA's 40th Anniversary, in San Diego (2016). In 2014 more than 1,300 members participated in the conference, and that number has been increasing each year. The conference features plenary talks by outstanding scholars and leaders from many disciplines and countries, as well as the annual meetings of the GSA Executive Board and numerous partner organizations; but the main conference activities involve a wide range of formats: individual sessions, roundtables, and seminars in which members present and discuss with colleagues from around the world new ideas and work on topics in their fields of study, often in ways that connect with other fields and disciplines. In some years, special topics become a focus for part of the conference, such as in 2014 when the centennial of the start of World War I and the 25th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall generated several sessions and two plenary talks. The Plenary speakers were Christopher Clark and



GSR Editor Emeritus Diet Prowe, Mayor Walter Momper, and GSA President Suzanne Marchand at conclusion of Momper's talk



Professor Christopher Clark, University of Cambridge, at 2014 Conference

Former Berlin Mayor Walter Momper. GSA President Suzanne Marchand also delivered her Presidential Address. The GSA conference also includes a number of informal occasions for members to interact, plan collaborative projects, and exchange ideas. The large exhibit of books and journals by leading publishers from both North America and Europe, as well as the opportunity to interact with representatives from our many North American and overseas partner organizations, are further highlights of each conference.



Book Browsing between Sessions



2014 PRIZE WINNERS. L-R: Amanda Randall, Graduate Student Essay Prize; Nina Lemmens, Exec. Director, DAAD; Marco Abel, DAAD/GSA Book Prize; Kira Thurman, DAAD/GSA Article Prize; Sue Marchand, President, GSA



GSA Conference Participants at DAAD Reception in 2014

Publications

Starting in 1976 the GSA has published a highly regarded journal, the *German Studies Review* (GSR) that, since 2011, has appeared in print and electronically, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University Press. The journal's articles, special features, and reviews reflect the wide range of interests of our many members and other scholars, including a growing interest in inter- and multidisciplinary scholarship. Founding GSA Executive Director Gerald Kleinfeld edited the journal from 1976 to 2000, Professor Diethelm Prowe from 2001 to 2010, and Professor Sabine Hake has been the editor since 2011.

The GSA also sponsors a book series, Spektrum, in collaboration with Berghahn Books, that publishes important scholarly works, many of which have grown out of the panels, seminars, or special sessions at the GSA conferences. This series started in 2009 under the editorship of Professor David Luebke. Among the several books published to date are the three whose cover images appear below:

