Thursday, June 4, 2009

10:00
**Editorial Board Meeting** (not open to the public)
(UHG, Senatssaal, Fürstengraben 1)

12:30
**DGfA/GAAS Board Lunch** (not open to the public)
(Gaststätte Zur Noll, Oberlaunengasse 19)

13:30
**DGfA/GAAS Board Meeting** (not open to the public)
(UHG, Senatssaal, UHG, Fürstengraben 1)

15:00
**PGF: Young Scholars Forum**
(UHG, Senatssaal, Fürstengraben 1)

17:00
**Conference Opening and Welcoming Addresses**
(UHG, Aula der Universität, Fürstengraben 1)

Peter Schneck, President of the DGfA/GAAS
Rainer Thiel, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena
Kurt Dieter Koschmieder, Vice-Rector, Friedrich-Schiller-University of Jena
Albrecht Schröter, Mayor City of Jena

**Opening Keynote Lecture**
(Aula der Universität, UHG, Fürstengraben 1)

**Roger Geiger**
Distinguished Professor of Higher Education
Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA)

**Reception of the DGfA and the University**
(Reception Area / Innenhof UHG, Fürstengraben 1)
Friday, June 5, 2009

9:00
**Keynote Lecture**  
(Aula der Universität, UHG, Fürstengraben 1)  
**Paul Lauter**  
Allan K. and Gwendolyn Miles Smith Professor of English,  
Trinity College (Hartford, CT)

10:45
**Keynote Lecture**  
(Aula der Universität, UHG, Fürstengraben 1)  
**Paula M. L. Moya**  
Associate Professor of the Department of English at Stanford University,  
(Stanford, CA)

14:00
**Workshops**

**Workshop 1**  
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 124)

"Charm School," Talk Shows, Soap Operas and Other TV Sites of (Cultural) Education  
Chairs: Christina Meyer (Oldenburg) / Barbara Krah (Mannheim)

Participants:
Katja Kanzler (Leipzig):  
"To Sue and Make Noise": Civic Didacticism and Comic Spectacle in *Boston Legal*

Florian Groß (Hannover):  
"Quick quips and pop culture-laden bromides": Cultural Education in *The O.C.* and Veronica Mars

Daniel Stein (Göttingen):  
Serializing and Popularizing Cultural Conflict: Morgan Spurlock’s TV-Documentary Series *30 Days* as Educational Resource and Didactic Model

Birte Horn (Duisburg/Essen):  
Gender Roles in American Television Shows: From *I Love Lucy* to *The L-Word*

Thomas Klein (Mainz):  
'Lost' in Storytelling – Or Do New American Television Series Teach Us How to Tell a Story?
Workshop 2
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 125)

Faculty Towers – Academic Self-Reflection in Film, Fiction, and Theory
Chairs: Jeanne Cortiel (Paderborn) / Karin Höpker (Erlangen)
Respondent: Paul Lauter (Hartford, CT)

Participants:
Simone Knewitz (Bonn):
Literary Criticism 2.0? Academic Self-Reflection and Scholarly Identities in the Blogosphere
Rüdiger Heinze (Braunschweig):
Death on Campus: American Academia in US Horror Films
Stefanie Müller (Frankfurt):
The State Nobility? – The Power of the Academic Elite in Donna Tartt's The Secret History
Christian Klöckner (Bonn):
'Intellectual Diversity' and the Politics of Academic Freedom
Christian Schmidt (Bayreuth):
Percival Everett's Erasure: Treading the Academic Fault Lines of Black Writing

Workshop 3
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 222)

"Critique for what?" American Studies and Cultural Studies in a Changing Academic Landscape
Chairs: Alexandra Ganser (Erlangen) / Stefanie Schäfer (Heidelberg)

Participants:
Ulla Kriebernegg (Graz):
Unlocking Potential: American Cultural Studies and the Bologna Process
Charlie Wesley (Binghamton):
Bridging the Gap: Radicalism and Conformism
Martin Butler (Duisburg-Essen):
Towards a New Responsibility: (Urban) Cultural Studies, Ecocriticism, and the Need for Sustainable Development
Maryann Henck, Maria Moss, Sabrina Völz (Lüneburg):
Moving into the 21st Century: Developing American Studies, Cultural Studies, and Soft Skills at Leuphana University Lüneburg
Workshop 4
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 223)

American Education: Chances and Challenges from a German Didactic Perspective
Chairs: Martina Wolff (Köln) / Nancy Grimm (Jena)

Participants:
Marco Althaus (Wildau):
For-Profit Higher Education in America: Reform-Minded Teaching and Learning in a Commercial University Model

Anne-Marie Scholz (Bremen):
"Deine Arbeit soll Dein Pferd sein, nicht Dein Reiter": The "Business-Career" Film, American Studies and the Classroom

Gerhard Finster (Dillingen):
Teaching US Youth Culture as Represented in Recent Literature and Movies

Kerstin Knopf (Greifswald):
Native/American Education in German Classrooms: Teaching *Four Sheets to the Wind*

17:30
Information Session I
(Großer Rosensaal, Fürstengraben 27)

Potentiale und Realisationen neuer Publikationsformen in der deutschen Amerikanistik
Chairs: Ingrid Gessner (Regensburg), Juliane Schwarz-Bierschenk (Regensburg)

Participants:
Carsten Hummel (Halle-Wittenberg / ZUSAS): *ASJ: American Studies Journal*
Sebastian M. Herrmann (Leipzig): *aspeers: emerging voices in american studies*

Birgit Bauridl (Regensburg) / Ingrid Gessner (Regensburg) / Susanne Leikam (Regensburg) / Juliane Schwarz-Bierschenk (Regensburg): *COPAS: Current Objectives of Postgraduate American Studies*

Fritz-Wilhelm Neumann (Erfurt): *EESE: Erfurt Electronic Studies in English*

Wilfried Raussert (Bielefeld) / Matthias Oppermann (Bielefeld): *FIAR: Forum for Inter-American Research*

Nassim W. Balestrini (Regensburg): *Nabokov Online Journal*

Respondents:
Hans-Jürgen Grabbe (Halle-Wittenberg)
Udo Hebel (Regensburg)
Peter Schneck (Osnabrück)

17:30
Women's Caucus Meeting
(UHG, Senatssaal, Fürstengraben 1)

19:00
Reception of the City of Jena
(Rathaus, Rathausplatz)

20:30
Public Reading: Kerry Shawn Keys
Introduction: Peter R. Claussen, American Embassy
(Großer Rosensaal, Fürstengraben 27)
Saturday, June 6, 2009

9:00
**Keynote Lecture**
(UHG, Aula der Universität, Fürstengraben 1)

Peter Freese
Professor Emeritus Dr. Dr. h.c. mult., Paderborn University

10:45
**GAAS Business Meeting / DGfA Mitgliederversammlung**
(UHG, Aula der Universität, Fürstengraben 1)

13:00
**PGF: Young Scholars Lunch**
(venue tba)

14:00
**Workshops**

**Workshop 5**
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 124)

**American and German Education in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries**
Chairs: Gregory R. Zieren (Clarksville, TN) / Martin Meyer (Halle)

Participants:

Axel Jansen (Tübingen):
Why the German Model Had to Wait: Alexander Dallas Bache and Scientific Education in Antebellum Philadelphia

Anja Becker (Nashville, TN):
German-trained Southern, Southwestern, and Western University Leaders in the Early 20th Century

Charles E. McClelland (Albuquerque, NM):
American Examples in the Debate about Admitting Women to German Universities, 1896-1909

Gregory R. Zieren (Clarksville, TN):
Cross-fertilizing Curriculum in Engineering and Technical Education: The Work of Robert Thurston and Alois Riedler in the Late 19th Century
Workshop 6
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 125)

"Tis education forms the common mind / Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined":
Moral Education in America
Chairs: Sabine Meyer (Münster) / Ann-Stephane Schäfer (Mainz)
Participants:
Sebastian Honert (Erlangen):
Ways of Knowing: Moral Education in the Academy
Thomas W. Clark (Kassel):
Saving the American Republic: The Concept of Moral Education as a Critique of Capitalist Liberal Democracy
Sabine N. Meyer (Mainz/Münster):
'Mak[ing] Noble, Law-Abiding Citizens': Scientific Temperance Instruction in American Public Schools
Beate Eisner (Potsdam):
Soka Education: Buddhist Interventions in U.S. Education

Workshop 7
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 222)

Education and the Multicultural Ideal: Literary and Cultural Perspectives
Chairs: Eva Gruber (Konstanz) / Caroline Rosenthal (Konstanz)
Participants:
Barbara Buchenau (Göttingen):
Toward Multiple Identities? The Education of Haudenosaunee Cultural Brokers
Carmen Fels (Marburg):
'The Ford English School Melting Pot': Education, Assimilation, and Fordism
Astrid Haas (Bielefeld):
The Calculus of Literacy: Jaime Escalante, Richard Rodríguez, and the Latina/o Education Debate between Assimilation and Multiculturalism
Bärbel Höttges (Mainz):
"Save the Man?" Education and Ethnicity in U.S. History and Culture
Nicole Waller (Mainz):
Oppositional Pedagogy: Lessons about Teaching in African American Literature

Workshop 8
(Carl-Zeiss-Str. 3, SR 223)

PGF: Dialogue and Exchange: Postgraduate Keynote Responses
Chairs: Christina Oppel / Anna Rapp / Anna Maria Thiemann (Münster)
Participants:
Carmen Dexl (Erlangen) / Response: Paula Moya
Corinna Lenhardt (Münster) / Response: Paul Lauter
Anna Rapp (Münster) / Response: Peter Freese
18:30
**Information Session 2**
„Building Bridges“
(UHG, Senatssaal, Fürstengraben 1)

Chair: Martina Kohl (Berlin)
Participants:
Prof. Dr. Udo Hebel, Universität Regensburg
Dr. Rolf Theis, Goethe Gymnasium Frankfurt; hessisches Mitglied der EPA-Kommission Englisch
Günther Sommerschuh, Institut für Qualitätssicherung und Schulentwicklung, Schleswig Holstein
Anke Hildebrandt-Mirtschink, Continuing Education Program Coordinator, ZUSAS
Manfred Strack, Amerikazentrum Hamburg

20:00
**Reception**
(Rosensäle, Fürstengraben 27)
(Buffet courtesy of Winter Verlag, Heidelberg)

**Conference Party**
**Cash Bar**

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**Sunday, June 7, 2009**

10:00
**Closing Panel (Open to the Public)**
(UHG, Aula, Fürstengraben 1)

12:30
**End of Conference**

14:00
**Trip to Weimar**