

REPORT ON GERMAN-AMERICAN LITERATURE
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The German-American Literature section of the South Central Modern Language Association convened on 12 October 1979 in New Orleans. Papers were presented by six distinguished scholars from three states:

1. *Hubert P. Heinen*, University of Texas: "Their Finest Hour: World War I and the Fatherland."
2. *Peter C. Merrill*, Florida Atlantic University: "Eugene Sue's German-American Imitators."
3. *Siegfried E. Heit*, Oral Roberts University: "The 'Awful' German Language and Mark Twain."
4. *Dona B. Reeves*, Southwest Texas State University: "Titled Heads on the Tuskawaras: Josef Ponten's American Frontier."
5. *Manfred Kremkus*, Southwest Texas State University: "Günter Kunert's *Der andere Planet*: An East German's Perceptions of America."
6. *Richard Tuerk*, East Texas State University: "Research Opportunities in American Ethnic Literature."

The chairman of this year's meeting was Glen E. Lich, Department of English, University of New Orleans. Hanna B. Lewis, Department of Foreign Languages, Sam Houston State University (Huntsville, Texas) will chair the section during the 1980 meeting in Memphis, Tennessee.

The German-American Literature section was established in 1977 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Papers may be considered from scholars outside the SCMLA region. Address inquiries to Professor Lewis.

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—*Glen Lich*