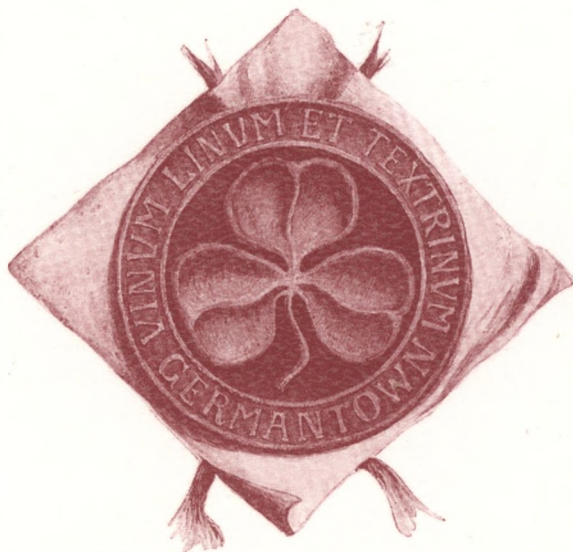


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From the Editor

This volume of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies* begins with three essays on topics ranging from the relationship of Thomas Jefferson to Germany and German culture by Sandra Rebok to an instance of rape suffered by German women in Missouri during the Civil War by Robert Frizzell and, finally, to the biography of German exile writer Max Mohr by Hans Peter Baum. In addition to returning to the regular publication of shorter essays in this issue, we have added a new regular feature to the *Yearbook*. Following the extensive Book Review section edited by Susan Schürer who richly deserves our thanks, we are including a list of recent doctoral dissertations and master's theses which have German-American Studies as a focus. In some cases the net was perhaps cast too broadly, with some titles only appearing to touch tangentially on our field. But we believed it was better to err on the side of caution. This first list includes those dissertations and theses which were completed from 2000 through 2013. In the next *Yearbook*, we will include supplements from those years as well as a listing for the year 2014.

We have also chosen to feature three essays by scholars with the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC, to highlight the ongoing online research project on *Immigrant Entrepreneurship: German-American Business Biographies, 1720 to the Present*. The essays by Uwe Spiekermann on German-American brewers, Benjamin Schwantes on the serial entrepreneurship of Jacob Schoellkopf, and Atiba Pertilla on German-American financiers will introduce our readers to the scope of this project. *Immigrant Entrepreneurship* contributes to multiple scholarly disciplines including business history, immigration history, economic history, and management studies by tracing the lives, careers, and business ventures of eminent German-American businesspeople of the last three centuries.

The 2013 volume of the *Yearbook* also presents a documentary feature translated from German by long-time Editorial Board member Leo Schelbert. The essay by Paul Hostettler, pastor emeritus of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Bern, Switzerland, traces the origins of Swiss *Täufer* "(Ana-)Baptists," particularly the Hostettler family members, who immigrated from Switzerland and eventually to the American Colonies. The title of the original German essay "Zwei schwarzenburgische Täuferlehrer, die Zwillinge Hostettler Jacob und Peter und die Täuferhöfe im schwarzenburgischen Winterkraut" gives a hint of the complexity of this attempt to unravel and document the family and immigration history that begins in Switzerland and ends in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

We are happy to report the addition of two members to our *Yearbook's* Editorial Board who will augment our expertise in German-American

linguistic studies. Michael T. Putnam of Pennsylvania State University and Hans C. Boas of the University of Texas-Austin have agreed to serve as reviewers for manuscripts dealing with topics in linguistics. We also want to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all members of the Editorial Board (see page iii) for their willingness to review and critique manuscripts and ensure the high quality of the Society's "flagship" publication.

Please take some time to review the documents at the end of this volume that outline the organization and purposes of the Society, especially our Bylaws, with the recent amendment adopted in August 2014 which supplements and expands the more general definition of the Society's purposes (Article I, Section 3). The SGAS Bylaws are followed by our policies for scholarly support—the Karl J. R. Arndt Fund for publication subsidies for monographs published by members and the Albert Bernhard Faust Fund for the support of members' research projects—as well as the Society's policy regarding its Outstanding Achievement Award. Members should avail themselves of the opportunities for scholarly support from SGAS by contacting the respective committee chair.

May the editor reiterate that at the Society's website, *sgas.org*, you will find with one or two clicks all of the information on forthcoming publications and symposia, membership renewals, opportunities for scholarly support, the dissemination of members' research as well as making a financial contribution to the Society. In particular, you will find information on ordering back issues of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies* as well as the Supplemental Issues published in 2003, 2006, 2010 and 2012. The *Yearbook* was published as a paperback until 2003. The older paperback issues are available for a minimal charge of \$5.00 per volume; the hardbound newer issues for \$10.00. A small charge for postage will also be added to the cost. We encourage those members who wish to supplement their set of issues with missing ones to take advantage of the offer. Please contact the editor at wkeel@ku.edu for further information or assistance.

As always, the editor looks forward to seeing many of you at our next Annual Symposium to be held April 9-11, 2015, in the "Gateway City" of St. Louis, Missouri. Presenters are encouraged to submit their essays for consideration by the Editorial Board for possible publication in a forthcoming *Yearbook*. We now encourage electronic submission of our manuscript (see the editor's e-mail address above).

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