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From the Editor

Our readers will readily note that this issue of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies* focuses our attention on one longer essay treating the era of the First World War. Joseph Neville explores the experiences and reports of German-American tourists who traveled to Germany following the outbreak of hostilities in the late summer of 1914 and how they became transmitters of a German perspective on that war after returning home. As Neville states for "German-Americans who stayed at home, these tourists were eyewitnesses to what was happening in the Old Fatherland, and their accounts would carry the authoritativeness of not having been filtered through the 'English press' in the United States" (p. 13 in this volume). At the same time these wartime visits to the Fatherland bolstered a heightened German consciousness among the German-Americans in Wilmington, Delaware. Following Neville's discussion of this critical period in German-American relations, Susan Schürer, our book review editor, presents reviews of over 70 recent book publications for your perusal. Topics range from immigration to linguistics, from German-American Jews to Anabaptists and religion, from Germans in the Soviet Union to Germans in Latin America.

This volume concludes, as is now our tradition, with those documents outlining the organization and purposes of the Society, especially our Bylaws, with the recent amendment adopted at the membership meeting in New Orleans last year to the procedures for the election of SGAS officers permitting mail and online balloting. 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.

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of two active members of our *Yearbook's* Editorial Board. The deaths of both Adolph Schroeder at the

end of March and Daniel Nützel in early April of last year dealt a major blow to our team of scholars providing critical advice to the editor of this Yearbook. Despite their nearly fifty-year difference in ages, both Dolf and Dan were still actively engaged in scholarship in our field. Given Dan's youth and the suddenness of his death, the Executive Committee of SGAS, of which Dan was a member, was truly devastated. Our two colleagues and friends are memorialized in this issue beginning on page 1.

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, back issues of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies* may be easily ordered (with payment via PayPal or credit card soon to be available). Older members may recall that the *Yearbook* was issued as a paperback until 2003. The older paperback issues will be available for a minimal charge of \$5.00 per volume; the hardback 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.

The editor looks forward to seeing many of you at our next Annual Symposium to be held April 10-13, 2014, in the heart of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Presenters are encouraged, as always, to submit their essays for consideration by the Editorial Board for possible publication in a forthcoming *Yearbook*. Submissions are welcome by mail or electronically.

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