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The Yearbook is published annually. The editor welcomes contributions in English, preferably, or German on all aspects of German-Americana from members of the Society. The manuscript should be prepared so that it can be read anonymously by the members of the Editorial Board, with the author's name appearing on a separate sheet only. For submission, four copies of the manuscript prepared in accordance with the University of Chicago Press *Manual of Style* are requested. All manuscripts and correspondence concerning the *Yearbook* should be addressed to William D. Keel, Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, 1445 Jayhawk Blvd., University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-7594. Inquiries regarding book reviews for the *Yearbook* should be addressed to Lorie A. Vanchena at the same address. The *Newsletter* appears four times a year. Items for the *Newsletter* should be submitted to La Vern J. Rippley, Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN 55057.

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## From the Editor

We are pleased to resume in this issue the regular publication of our "Annual Bibliography of German-Americana" compiled by Dolores and Giles Hoyt with the assistance of the Society's bibliographic committee. There can be no question that our members missed this important research tool in volume 42 published last year. This issue of the annual bibliography includes supplements for the years 2004 and 2005 and also brings our compilation of entries into the year 2006. Our sincere thanks go to Dolores and Giles and their team of bibliographers for their contribution to our SGAS *Yearbook*. Other members who wish to be a part of this effort to maintain a record of the research publications in German-American Studies should contact the editor or the Hoyts in Indianapolis.

After nearly twenty years of collaboration with the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas in the preparation of the print version of the *Yearbook*, the director of the Hall Center made the determination early in 2009 that the center could no longer provide publication support for scholarly journals. While we regret that decision, we fully understand the fiscal necessity for that step and are most appreciative of the support SGAS and our *Yearbook* has enjoyed for the past two decades.

However, as we soon learned, assistance was close at hand on Mount Oread, the modest hill upon which the Max Kade Center stands. Joseph Steinmetz, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas, readily agreed to provide the logistical support required through its office of Digital Media Services. We have now worked quite smoothly with Gwendolyn Claassen of that office to produce this issue of the *Yearbook*. She has made a number of suggestions for improvement in the look of the volume and the overall format of text and notes. Our readers will quickly note an enhanced font size for the normal text as well as headers at the top of each page. A number of other small changes also were made to the physical appearance of the text. We would also like to welcome Lorie A. Vanchena, associate professor of German at the University of Kansas, as our new book review editor. Lorie's contributions to this issue of the *Yearbook* are very much appreciated. We would also like to thank again Timothy Holian, our former book review editor, who assisted with Lorie's transition into her new role.

Our regular contributions in this volume range from German-American poets in the Colonial era to Pennsylvania German radio plays of the twentieth century. They touch on radical politics in Territorial Kansas, gymnastic societies in the Midwest, German academics in nineteenth-century Virginia, exiles from Nazi Germany and even German-Americans promoting temperance. Hungarian Germans as well as Germans in Canada are not neglected. Once again, we see the multidisciplinary focus of our Society on display in its many varieties.

Our Editorial Board members again deserve our heartfelt thanks. Each essay was evaluated anonymously by three members—in many instances more than once due to the revisions required. The attention to detail and to scholarly form by these colleagues ensures the continuing quality of the contributions published in our *Yearbook* and their criticism of submissions reflects a genuine interest in working with authors to improve their essays.

We look forward to our next Symposium in New Harmony, Indiana, 22–25 April 2009, and the results of our ongoing research in German-American Studies. We encourage our members not only to participate in our symposia but also to contribute their essays for consideration in our journal as well as to review recent books in our field. As we approach the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, we hope that we can publish a number of studies on the contributions and impact of German-Americans during that period of American history

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