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FROM THE EDITORS

After having presented the readership a special volume focusing on Swiss-American topics last year, we are now offering a set of essays that deal with a wide variety of German-American themes. Included in this *Yearbook* are articles on politics, immigration, dialects, journalism, religion, historiography, and the World War I experience. The immigrants featured in these essays are of diverse origin: from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, from Switzerland, and from a number of German territories (Schleswig-Holstein, Hesse, Saxony, the Rhineland, Franconia, the Bavarian Palatinate, and Baden). The regions in the United States which felt the impact of these immigrants are similarly diverse, comprising all the states in the so-called German Belt from New York to Nebraska and from Wisconsin to Georgia.

This volume has a slightly different appearance from its predecessors because of modernization in the preparation of manuscripts for printing. As we rely more and more on word processing technology for the production of the *Yearbook*, we have secured the support of the Joyce and Elizabeth Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas whose assistance in this process we gratefully acknowledge. Another change that has occurred is the move of our editorial office to the remodeled Sudler House on the university campus, the new home of the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies.

With sadness we note the death of our respected colleague on the editorial board, Hans Galinsky, professor emeritus of English and long-time director of the Institute of American Studies at the University of Mainz. His suggestions for substantive improvements of manuscripts contributed significantly to the quality of the *Yearbook*.

This *Yearbook* would not be possible without the cooperation and efforts of so many of the Society's members. The editors would like to express their appreciation to all those who assisted in compiling the current volume.

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