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FROM THE EDITOR

The publication of volume 56 (2021) of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies* will be the last print edition of the Society's signature journal for scholarship in our multidisciplinary field. Beginning with volume 57 (2022), including any subsequent supplemental issues, our journal will be published only in a digital format and housed with *Journals@KU*, an initiative of the University of Kansas Libraries supporting the open access publishing of scholarly journals designed to increase the reach and impact of the research, as well as providing long-term stewardship of the material after publication.

In addition to hosting all future publications of the Society, *Journals@KU* maintains on its website an archive of all earlier volumes published by SGAS. Scholars and interested persons worldwide may view all of our publications by simply clicking on <https://journals.ku.edu/ygas/issue/archive> and selecting the volume and essay desired. At present every issue of the *Yearbook of German-American Studies* since we commenced publication of the *Yearbook* with volume 16 (1981) as well as the five supplemental issues are available online. Soon, this archive will include the earliest publications of the Society: *German-American Studies* and the *Journal of German-American Studies*.

As we embark into the digital era of our journal, we should also recall with gratitude the early pioneers of the Society who established our scholarly publications: Robert Ward who began the first journal in 1969; LaVern Rippley who as SGAS president decided to consolidate our quarterly journal into a yearbook in 1980; and J. Anthony "Toni" Burzle and Helmut Huelsbergen, my colleagues and coeditors, with whom we established the quality of our *Yearbook* with the financial support of the Max Kade Foundation.

The editor is extremely grateful for the generous work performed by members of the *Yearbook's* Editorial Board who continue to offer their critiques of new and revised essays. Their valued comments, suggested revisions and recommendations form the basis for the publication decision for each essay

and underpin our efforts to maintain the high quality of this publication. The editor cannot thank them enough. With the death of LaVern Rippley on January 6, 2022, we again lost one of the pillars of that group of scholars. Vern had served on the Editorial Board since the first volume of the *Yearbook* in 1981. We also mark the passing of our colleague Helmut Schmeller on November 10, 2021, who served on the Editorial Board for nearly thirty years.

The editor's special thanks again go to Marc Pierce of the University of Texas-Austin, who as our Book Review Editor continues to produce an excellent set of reviews of the latest book publications in German-American Studies. Eric Bader (KU Libraries Digital Publishing Services) deserves our heartfelt gratitude for his much-valued technical expertise in formatting our journal for publication. Eric is an incredible asset regarding the technical aspects of our publication. For all who work together as a team in the publication of the Society's scholarly journal, the editor is most grateful.

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. The current SGAS Bylaws are followed by a section entitled "Society for German-American Studies: Miscellaneous Items." Here you will find information on the Society's support for scholarly research and publication: The Albert Bernhardt Faust Fund for the support of research projects of our members and the Karl J. R. Arndt Fund for publication subsidies for book-length publications by our members. Members may avail themselves of the opportunities for scholarly support from SGAS by contacting the respective committee chair listed on the Society's website or the president of the Society.

Symposium Grants for Graduate Students provide a \$1,000 stipend for a graduate student to present a paper at the Annual Symposium and then submit the essay for consideration by the *Yearbook*. The SGAS Student Membership Fund provides new student members with a one-year free membership and is supported by our life members (who are listed at the end of this volume following a description of the fund). The final item in the *Yearbook* is a description of the SGAS Outstanding Achievement Award followed by a list of the recipients of this award. On the Society's website (sgas.org) you will also 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 for making a financial contribution to the Society.

The editor looks forward to seeing many of our members at our next Annual Symposium scheduled to be held at the end of April 2023 in Alexandria, Virginia. Presenters as well as all members are encouraged to submit their

essays for consideration by the Editorial Board for possible publication in a forthcoming *Yearbook*. We request electronic submission of your manuscript (wkeel@ku.edu). Please follow the guidelines in the *The Chicago Manual of Style* (17th edition) for all technical matters of your essay including citations, notes and bibliography (<https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>). Please contact Marc Pierce at the University of Texas for submitting book reviews (mpierce@austin.utexas.edu).

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