

GHI-GSP Summer Fellows in 2017

When attending the brown bag seminars by our GHI-GSP fellows every summer, the members of the German Society have been exposed to a variety of topics, from research about eighteenth-century German-speaking immigrants to the plight of German Americans in the political hysteria of World War I and the situation during and after World War II. The list of topics has been growing every year, showing the wealth of materials that the Horner Library is able to offer to scholars from around the world.

In our next brown bag seminar on July 13, 2017, at 12 noon in the Ratskeller, we will hear about two very different topics by this year's GHI-GSP fellows. Rebecca Lott, a doctoral student of history at St. Andrews University in the UK, will speak about her research in the field of charity which, of course, was the central mission of the German Society since its founding in 1764. Under the title, "Charitable Ethnic Societies in Philadelphia and Charleston, 1740-1810s," Rebecca will illuminate this part of the history of the Society in comparison with similar activities in Charleston.

Adelheid Voskuhl, an associate professor in the Department of History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania, is using the holdings at Horner for her book-length study under the title, "Engineers' Philosophy: Industrialism, Theories of Technology, and Social Order in the Second Industrial Revolution (1890-1930)." Heidi will discuss the different roles of engineers in Germany and the United States at the turn of the 20th century, a fascinating topic as it brings up a comparison between the two leading industrial nations that has not received the attention of historians it deserves.

- Frank Trommler