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Virtual Lecture: “Text Mining America’s German-Language Newspapers, 1830-1914”

During the era of transatlantic mass migration in the 19th century, texts spread extensively through the emerging German American press network, made possible by innovations such as the rotary press, linotype and stereotype machines, and advancements in telegraphic, ship, and railroad systems. Which texts traveled across states and decades? This virtual presentation through the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies on **Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00pm Eastern (6:00pm Central)** will focus on the intricate system of textual exchange, offering both distant and close readings of the German immigrant press. Presenter Jana Keck will demonstrate how newspapers, when treated as data, in conjunction with advanced computational methods, offer novel avenues for exploring digitized archives. [Click here to register.](#)

Jana Keck is a research fellow at the German Historical Institute Washington (GHI) and a member of the German Society’s Library Committee. She coordinates the GHI’s Digital History research area and the Institute’s “Migrant Connections” project.

November 2023 Events

- 4 259th Stiftungsfest, 6:00pm
- 6 Book Talk by Lynne Breen: “Freedom at Niagara: German-American Activism in the Abolition of Slavery”. 7:00pm
- 8 Konversationsabend, 6:00pm
- 9 Book Talk by Antje Ulrike Mattheus: “Cresheim Farm: An American History of Conquest, Privilege and Struggles for Freedom and Equality”, 6:00pm
- 11 Buchclub: *Tod eines Kritikers* by Martin Walser, 1:30pm
- 12 Gentle Yoga, 11:00am
- 12 PhillyKinder Familiennachmittag mit Laternenumzug, 3:30pm
- 14 Library Zoom Lecture by Julius Wilm: “A German-American Revolutionary Takes Office: Carl Schurz and the Waning of African American and Indigenous Rights in 1870s America”, 6:00pm
- 18 Wandern at the Willows, 11:00am
- 19 “Wister and More!” presents the Wister Quartet, 3:00pm

GACC Philadelphia Annual Gala

Join the German American Chamber of Commerce Philadelphia for their Annual Gala on **Friday, November 17, 2023 at 6:30pm** at the Kimmel Cultural Campus in Philadelphia! [Click here to reserve your spot.](#)

This year’s celebration will highlight the GACC’s apprenticeship program and the progress their industry consortium for training & education in the Lehigh Valley has made over the last year. Guests can expect an evening of networking with the German-American business community during the cocktail reception, three-course seated dinner, and special entertainment.

Armstice Day at the All Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers

Designed by Swiss-born sculptor and German Society member J. Otto Schweizer, the All Wars Memorial for Colored Soldiers was proposed by the Honorable Samuel Beecher Hart, a Pennsylvania legislator and captain of the Gray Invincibles (the last “colored” unit in the Pennsylvania Militia), in the 1920s. The monument was first installed in a remote area of West Fairmount Park in 1934 and was relocated in 1994 to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway as originally proposed. The storied past of the memorial itself parallels the lived experiences of many veterans and their families across the nation.

Each year the remaining members of the Committee to Restore and Relocate the All Wars Memorial gather for a **wreath-laying ceremony for Armistice Day on November 11 at 11:11am**. Join us this year as we gather in honor of veterans, veteran families, and the principals that these men and women stood for in service to the Commonwealth and the nation! *Photo below © Ashley Lippolis for the Association for Public Art.*



We had a lot of fun at **Global Quizzo** with the World Affairs Council on October 2, hosted by Johnny Goodtimes. Congrats to “The Wurst Team” on their win!

Deutscher Familiennachmittag und Laternenumzug mit PhillyKinder

Wie im letzten Jahr findet am **12. November** ein deutscher Spielernachmittag mit anschließendem Martinsumzug statt!



Wir treffen uns um **15:30 Uhr** in der German Society zum Basteln, Singen, Spielen, und Vorlesen. Anschliessend findet um 17 Uhr ein Martinszug durch die Nachbarschaft mit abschliessendem Martinsfeuer im Garten der GSP statt. [Click here or scan the QR code above to register.](#)

Wir werden gemeinsam Laternen für den Umzug basteln, ihr könnt aber auch gerne eure eigene Laterne mitbringen. Wir werden Kaffee und Kuchen und ein paar Spielsachen mitbringen. Es wäre aber schön, wenn jeder noch einen Snack und/oder etwas zum Spielen für die Kinder mitbringen könnte. Wir werden Laternenstäbe (und einige Laternen) zum Verkauf mitbringen.

Staatskapelle Berlin Comes to Philadelphia

On **Sunday, December 3 at 7:30pm**, come and hear one of Europe’s most historic orchestras, **Staatskapelle Berlin**, at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia! Our audience can use promo code **PROST15** at checkout for a 15% discount. [Click here to get your tickets.](#)

Founded in 1570, this ensemble, led by “titan of conducting” (*The New York Times*) **Daniel Barenboim**, is bringing centuries of excellence to Philadelphia. Witness as they perform Brahms’s passionate Symphony No. 3 and his tragic Symphony No. 4. Staatskapelle Berlin’s performances of these symphonies “embody deeper memories and seek out larger horizons, as Brahms himself did when he created these astonishing works” (*Deutsche Grammophon*).

