

The Baden-Württemberg Seminar of The Heidelberg Center for American Studies

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Flag of the 17th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment

When the American Civil War broke out in spring of 1861, the majority of German-Americans sided with the North, and many joined the Union Army. Our cover shows the flag of the 17th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment, formed by Friedrich Leser, an immigrant from the Black Forest, in August 1861. Of the regiment's 788 members, 94 originated from Baden, 88 from Württemberg, and five from Hohenzollern. The members of the 17th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment marched almost 3,000 kilometers from St. Louis to Atlanta and fought victoriously in the battles of Pea Ridge, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, and Atlanta. For many German-Americans, the fight against the South and against slavery under the Star-Spangled Banner stood in the tradition of their pursuit of freedom during the Revolution of 1848. Friedrich Leser's father had led the insurrection in Lahr; two other prominent 48ers, Franz Sigel from Sinsheim and Peter Osterhaus from Mannheim, were commanders of the 3rd and the 12th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiments, respectively. "I am going to fight with Sigel" became one of the most popular songs of the Civil War.

Cover image: Flag of the 17th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Missouri State Museum, Jefferson City, Missouri
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Spring 2018

April

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 8:00 P.M.

Black and White

Irene Dische, Author, Berlin & New York
In cooperation with the Katholische Akademie Freiburg and the Carl-Schurz-Haus/Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut e.V.

LOCATION: Katholische Akademie der Erzdiözese Freiburg, Wintererstr. 1, Freiburg

April

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 6:00 P.M.

The Past is Prologue: Transatlantic Partnership Seventy Years After the Marshall Plan

Karen Donfried, President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
HCA Commencement Speech 2018
In cooperation with the Office for Equal Opportunity, Heidelberg University

LOCATION: Alte Aula der Universität Heidelberg, Universitätsplatz, Heidelberg
Reception to follow
Registration required:
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May

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 6:15 P.M.

Looking for the State before the Age of Fracture: A Prehistory of Neoliberalism

Jason Scott Smith, Professor of History, University of New Mexico, and Mary Ball Washington Chair in American History at University College Dublin, Ireland
In cooperation with the Fulbright Commission

LOCATION: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

June

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 6:15 P.M.

The Trump Experience and American History

Charles Maier, Leverett Saltonstall Professor of History, Harvard University

LOCATION: Alte Aula der Universität Heidelberg, Universitätsplatz, Heidelberg
Reception to follow

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 6:15 P.M.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Prophetic Witness, Fifty Years Later

Eddie Glaude, William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies, Princeton University, and James W.C. Pennington Fellow, Heidelberg University
In cooperation with the Faculty of Theology, Heidelberg University

LOCATION: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg
Reception to follow

July

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 6:15 P.M.

Culture, Cognition, and Reliance

Omar Lizardo, Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
In cooperation with GKAT

LOCATION: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 6:15 P.M.

Reading, Not Reading, and the Tangible Humanities

Amy Hungerford, Bird White Housum Professor of English, and Professor of American Studies, Yale University
In cooperation with GKAT

LOCATION: HCA, Curt und Heidemarie Engelhorn Palais, Hauptstr. 120, Heidelberg

July

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 6:15 P.M.

The Sphinx at the Crossroads: Transcendentalism Meets the Anthropocene

Laura Dassow Walls, William P. and Hazel B. White Professor of English, University of Notre Dame
In cooperation with the Ralph Waldo Emerson Society and the Margaret Fuller Society

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