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GTHS *Education Focused Speakers*

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Speakers will focus on: how to engage with Texas German history in educational settings

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Yvonne Franke, PhD, Midwestern State University
"Screening the Wild West – German Phantasies and the New World"

Dr. Yvonne Franke is Assistant Professor of German in the Department of Foreign Languages at Midwestern State University, a Liberal Arts College in Wichita Falls, North-Texas. She is developing a German program. Dr. Franke received her Ph.D. in German Studies from the University of Pittsburgh in 2013. Her research interests include contemporary German film and literature with a focus on Heimat, the German notion of home and belonging. She co-edited the anthology Heimat Goes Mobile – Hybrid Forms of Home in Literature and Film, which was published in 2013. Dr. Franke's own contribution to the volume deals with the meaning of home and identity in road films under the influence of American popular culture.

Ute Hoefel, MS, German Institute for the Southwest, Houston
"Auswandern: Damals und Heute"

Ute Hoefel taught at the Gymnasium Ernestinum in Celle/Germany and St. John's High School in Houston. In 2003, she started teaching at the University of St.

Thomas/Houston and Rice University/Houston, and is currently working at the German Institute for the Southwest in Houston.

Greg Garret, Education Specialist II, UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures
Deutsches Ballspiel im Texas Hill Country: *Baseball and the Texas German Community*

I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, raised in Texas and graduated from Lockhart High School in 1992. The next 20 years I spent in kitchens cooking. It was hard, stressful work but I would not have traded the people I met or the experiences and knowledge I gained for the world. I attended UTSA after my father passed and received both my B.A. and M.A. from this institute. I currently work as an educator and researcher at UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC), the university cultural museum. As a member of the Education and Interpretation team I work hands on with kids and adults of all ages, giving context to the mosaic of diversity that Texas offers. I am interested in all things Texas but specialize in researching the history of baseball in the Lone Star State and its use as a social tool of inclusion by the state's varied ethnic communities. Along with the Latino Baseball History Project and Richard Santillan, PhD, I have helped to organize and co-author a continuing collection of books by Arcadia Publishing Company that focuses on baseball in Mexican American Communities. Titles include: Mexican American Baseball in the Alamo Region and Mexican American Baseball in South Texas. There are six more books to follow. I have begun to use the platform provided by UTSA – ITC to recognize these ethnic communities with an annual baseball program. These have included: Los Peloteros (Tejano), Invisible Diamonds and Voices from the Invisible Diamonds (African American), Deutsches Ballspiel to the Texas Hill Country: Baseball and the Texas German Community (German).

Marc Pierce, Associate Professor of Germanic Studies
Alexander Lorenz, Ph.D. Candidate/ Assistant Instructor of German
University of Texas at Austin
Teaching Texas German

Marc Pierce is an associate professor of Germanic Studies at UT-Austin, where he works mostly on historical linguistics, the history of linguistics, and Texas German. He has worked extensively on Texas German, often in collaboration with others, since arriving at UT in 2007.

Alexander Lorenz is a Ph.D. candidate in the Germanic Studies Department at UT Austin. His research interests in second language acquisition and foreign language pedagogy include grammar & vocabulary learning, instructional technologies and teaching dialect in the second language classroom. Alexander was awarded the foreign language teaching excellence award in 2016. He teaches about the Texas German language in lower-level German courses at UT.

Gail Cope, MA, Texas State German Contest, Founding Member, Member of Steering Committee. *Field trips to do historical research on German Texas areas* or/and *How to include German Texan Heritage in the Classroom*

Born in Memphis, Tennessee.

- 2013 MFA at Texas Woman's University Denton, Texas
- 2013 MA in Art History Texas Woman's University Denton, Texas
- 2001-2005 Art Classes Brookhaven School of Arts, Dallas County Community Colleges Farmers Branch, Texas
- 1976 M.A. German, University of Texas at Arlington
- 1968 B.A. French and German, Peabody College of Vanderbilt University
- Nashville, Tennessee

Gail has been a German Teacher from 1968-200, Co-Founder of the Texas State German Contest, Co-Director and still active board member for the Regional German Contest since 1972. She is a participant in 14 German American Partnership Program Exchanges.

Honors

2000 German American Friendship Award from the Federal Republic of Germany

1999 Community Builder Award Masonic Lodge of Texas

1985 Texas Foreign Language Association German Teacher of the Year

Publications

- Merging Visions 2012-2016: poetry and paintings
- Gerhard Richter's Paintings of Terrorists: The Artist Confronts History, Thesis May 2013
- Graduate Lecturer at the Modern in Ft. Worth September-December, 2008

Dallas Morning News January 18, 2007 Courtney Flatt *From art Forms, a group forms*

Garner, April