

2017 annual CONFERENCE

GTHS Program

Combined Sessions	Annual Conference Path	Teacher Conference Path
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FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 –

Time	Annual Conference	Teacher Workshop
9:00 AM	– Open for registration, information and coffee & pastries	– Open for registration, information and coffee & pastries
10:30 AM	– Conference opening with Welcome and Announcements (<i>Richard & Michael</i>)	– Conference opening with Welcome and Announcements (<i>Richard & Michael</i>)
11:00 AM	– German Texan sites – by <i>April Garner</i> , THC (Introduction by <i>Charles</i>)	– German Texan sites – by <i>April Garner</i> , THC (Introduction by <i>Charles</i>)
12 noon	– Lunch at Callaway House for all who are registered.	– Lunch at Callaway House for all who are registered.
12:40-1:35PM	– Optional tour (30 persons) to Ransom Center to view Gutenberg Bible (Very short walk across Guadalupe St to UT campus)	– Optional tour (30 persons) to Ransom Center to view Gutenberg Bible (Very short walk across Guadalupe St to UT campus)
1:40 PM	– Dr. Tom Adler Dirt Farmer Internationalists: The Meitzen Family	– April Garner & Team, Title TBD (mobile app; themes, e.g.: architecture, cultural identity,

		conflict; activities, ideas) (Small meeting room 30 capacity)
2:40-2:45 PM	– Break time	– Break time
2:45-3:45 PM 3:45-3:50 PM	– Dr. Walter Kamphoefner Reactions to WWI in W.A. Trenckmann’s Newspaper – Break	– Ute Hoefel, German Institute for the Southwestern Houston, „Auswandern: Damals und Heute“ – Break
3:50-4:50	– Chris Markley in depth operational update on GTHS strategic direction and growth opportunities.	– Greg Garret, UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures. „Deutsches Ballspiel im Texas Hill country: Baseball and the Texas German Community“
4:00 PM	– Announcements – information on evening event, etc	– Announcements – information on evening event, etc
4:30 PM	– Closing	– Closing

Evening Event – Historic 1858 German Free School

6:00-8:30 PM – German food buffet (Frank’s Catering) – Social time & music.



Shirley Johnson – Accordion player

Saturday, July 22, 2017 –

Time	Annual Conference	Teacher Workshop
8:30 AM	– Historical Austin Cemetery Tour (optional)	– Historical Austin Cemetery Tour (optional)
9:00 AM	– Open for registration, information and coffee & pastries	– Open for registration, information and coffee & pastries
10:30 AM	– Dr. Kyle Wilkison The Agrarian Socialist Movement, ties to German-American Anarchists and Development of the Socialist Party	– Yvonne Franke, Midwestern State University „Screening the Wild West – German Phantasies and the New World (small meeting room 30 capacity)
11:30 AM	– Announcements (other interesting sites in Austin)	– Announcements (other interesting sites in Austin)
12:00 Noon	– Lunch at Callaway House for all	– Lunch at Callaway House for all
12:40-1:30PM	Business Meeting of the GTHS	– Optional tour (30 persons) to Ransom Center to view Gutenberg Bible
1:30-2:30 PM	– Dr. Peter Buckingham “Red” Tom Hickey and the “Freidenker/Socialist” families of Stonewall County.	– Gail Cope, Founding member/Steering Committee Texas State German Contest „Field Trips to historical research on German Texas areas“ & „How to include German Texan Heritage into the Classroom“
2:30-2:35 PM	– Break	– Break
2:35-3:35 PM	– Dr. Matt Tippens Turning Germans into Texans & the effects of WWI on Germans	– Marc Pierce & Alexander Lorenz, University of Texas Austin „Teaching Texas German“
4:30 PM	– Closing	– Closing

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GTHS *Speakers*

Dr. Tom Alter – Currently a lecturer in history at Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne, Indiana, Dr. Tom Alter earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His presentation will be a summary of his dissertation, "Dirt Farmer Internationalists: The Meitzen Family, Three Generations of Farmer-Labor Radicals, 1848-1932." Awarded the Graduate College's Outstanding Dissertation Award in the Division of Arts & Humanities upon receipt of his Ph.D. in August 2016, it is an expanded version of his M.A. Thesis at Texas State University. Dr. Alter's dissertation examines the political activism of the family as succeeding generations fought for workers' rights against exploitation first in Germany in the 1848 Revolution, through their involvement in the Agrarian Socialist movement in TX in the WWI era. He is currently working on revising his dissertation for publication and has published several articles on labor history. Presentations include "Inheritors of the Revolution: The Legacy of 48ers within Texas Agrarian Radicalism," at the North American Labor History Conference, "Labor, Law, and Progressive Activism," Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Matt Tippens – Dr. Tippens will present from his book, Turning Germans Into Texans, which describes how President Wilson's implementation of policy designed to encourage support of U.S. entry into WWI not only resulted in suppression of civil liberties of those who opposed the war but unleashed popular resentment of German-Americans. With devastating consequences for those German-Americans who openly opposed the war and for those who chose to continue to speak their native language in public, Dr. Tippens's book is a timely study of how one ethnic group suffered due to the rhetoric and policies enacted by the Administration. Resonant today, this episode in American history speaks to how important it is that the citizenry be knowledgeable of core democratic values and that patriotism is not dependent upon language, ethnicity, or ancestry. Dr. Tippens received his Ph.D. in History from TX Tech University and studied German at the Freie Universitaet Berlin.

Dr. Walter Kamphoefner – Dr. Kamphoefner will present, "The 'Wochenblattmann' and the Great War: Reactions to World War I in W.A. Trenckmann's Memoirs and Newspaper." William A. Trenckmann's *Wochenblatt* was the nearest thing to a state German newspaper in Texas. A Texas A&M classmate of Postmaster General Albert Burluson, he received the first permit nationwide exempting him from the burdensome requirement to translate all war news into English. A loyal American with a daughter serving in the military, he was nevertheless critical of the demagoguery and hysteria toward German Americans that accompanied the war. Throughout, he was a sober voice of reason and an effective go-between, mediating relations of Anglo and German Texans. Of Missouri German heritage, Dr. Kamphoefner earned his Ph.D. at University of Missouri-Columbia in 1978 and has been professor of history at Texas A&M since 1988, where he teaches in the field of immigration history. He was recognized by his peers in the Organization of American Historians as a Distinguished Lecturer for 2012-17. Currently president of the Society for German-American Studies, he has published widely in the field of immigration and ethnicity, with articles in four languages and three books out in both German and English. One of the pioneers of transatlantic linkage studies with his monograph *The Westfalians: From Germany to Missouri* (Princeton, 1987), he has since worked intensively with immigrant letters, but also has research interests in bilingual education and the immigrant language transition. Since arriving at Texas A&M, he has taken Booker T. Washington's advice to "cast down your bucket where you are," so that he now knows almost as much about Texas Germans as about those in his native Missouri.

Dr. Peter Buckingham – Dr. Buckingham will present from his forthcoming book about "Red" Tom Hickey, prominent Agrarian Socialist activist in TX who married into a German-Texan Freidenker family also prominent socialist activists. His presentation will examine the political activism of Hickey and the Wolfe and Boer families of Stonewall County, focal point of a group of German-Texan socialists in Stonewall and Haskell Counties. He received his PhD. from Washington State University and is a professor of history at Linfield College, Oregon. Interested in the American radical tradition, his publications include *Expectations for the Millennium: American Socialist Visions of the Future*; *Rebel Against Injustice: The Life of Frank P. O'Hare*; *Woodrow Wilson: A Bibliography of His Times and Presidency*; *America Sees Red: Anti-Communism in America, 1870s to 1980s*. He is currently working on a book about the Irish radical James Connolly and his time in America.

Dr. Kyle Wilkison – Dr. Wilkison will provide the background of the "radical" Agrarian Socialist Movement and the ties German-Texans/Texans had with those in the worker rights' movement, nationally such as that of Texan Albert Parsons, affiliated with German-American Anarchists, hanged for his participation in the Chicago Haymarket Riot. Drawing from his book *Yeomen, Sharecroppers, and Socialist: Plain Folk Protest in TX, 1870-1914* and from his contribution to *The TX Left*, which Dr. Buckingham was also a contributor, he will trace the development of the Populist movement which German-Texans such as the Meitzen family of Hallettsville were active in, which morphed, in part, into the Socialist Party. His presentation will follow this transition through the Meitzen family, 48er refugees, who became colleagues of Eugene V. Debs, co-founder of the Socialist party and Socialist presidential candidate. A small sample of the recognition his professional work has received includes being named the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Piper Professor award in 2014, the Fehrenbach Award, the Calvert Book Prize, the Bates Award,

the Lock Award, with recognition from the American Library Association. He received his Ph.D. in History from Vanderbilt and has taught at Collin College in Plano for close to 20 years.

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GTHS *Education Focused Speakers*

— JULY 21-22, 2017 —

(Status: April 14, 2017)

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