

# Euro-Atlantic Conference

## The Legacy of 1848, Through Today

### Transplanted Ideas & Values in America's Past and Present

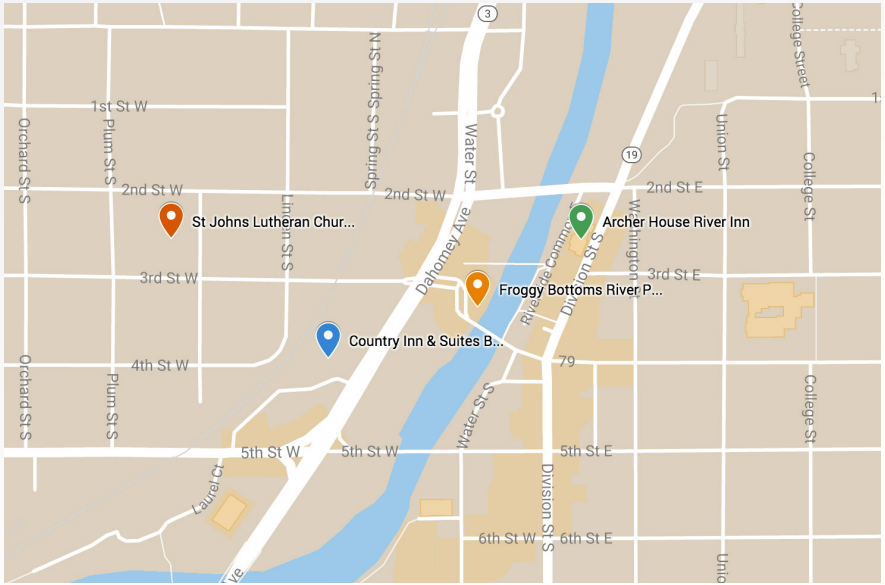
In addition to immigration history, the program in Northfield, MN will feature topics including Holocaust Education, and will have a Luther exhibit: Childhood and School in Mansfeld.

# March 30 - April 2, 2017



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## WELCOME

A dual invitation:

A Euro-Atlantic Conference will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN, from March 30 to April 2. We welcome you to be part of this international occasion, which will feature lectures by both German and American experts and lunches and dinners catered by the excellent local chef Maria Estrada.

Lecture topics will focus on Holocaust education (Friday, March 31) and German-American immigration (Saturday, April 1).

This being the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, there will also be a poster display of Luther's early years, beginning on March 30 at 4 p.m. at St. John's Church. See the conference website ([www.LegacyOf1848.com](http://www.LegacyOf1848.com)).

As it happens, my 60th birthday celebration will also take place on this same weekend, and all are invited to this event as well! The fun will begin around 8 p.m. and extend through midnight at Froggy Bottoms river pub at 305 Water St. S. in Northfield, just to the north of the Fourth Avenue bridge. Hope to see many of you there!

Alles Gute and moin-moin,  
Gitta and Yogi Reppmann



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## TRANSPLANTED IDEAS & VALUES IN AMERICA'S PAST AND PRESENT

The "Forty-Eighters" were a relatively small number of individuals who emigrated from Europe in the late 1840s and early 1850s after fighting unsuccessfully with both pen and sword for liberty, democracy, and national unity. Many of the German Forty-Eighters immigrated to the United States. After settling in America, these unique and talented individuals provided an intellectual transfusion affecting not only their fellow German immigrants, but also the political and social history of the United States during one of its most critical periods.

Many of the Forty-Eighters left lasting marks in the fields of politics, education, business, journalism, the arts, and the military. Carl Schurz, perhaps the most well-known of the German Forty-eighters who settled in America, achieved great success in no less than four of these areas. During his long and illustrious career, he was an ambassador to Spain for President Lincoln, a general during the Civil War, a United States senator, and the Secretary of the Interior under President Rutherford B. Hayes. He served as chief editor of the *Detroit Post*, editor and co-proprietor of the *Westliche Post* in St. Louis, editor-in-chief and one of the proprietors of the *New York Evening Post*, and as an editorial writer for *Harper's Weekly*. Noted for his high principles, moral conscience, and avoidance of political partisanship, Schurz, like many of his fellow Forty-Eighters, can still teach us much with regard to dealing with the problems that confront us all today.

The significance of the legacy of Carl Schurz has become more timely. With the steady increase of immigration to the United States, and Germany, it has become ever more important to establish the proper framework for the absorption of newcomers. Schurz's solution — assimilation with the retention of the newcomers' ethnic heritage — is as valid today as it was when he articulated it in the 19th century. The fusion of ethnic identities and American values is of the greatest importance, and Carl Schurz's life is a worthy paradigm for all immigrants to emulate.

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## CAROL KAHN STRAUSS, CARL SCHURZ AWARD RECIPIANT



At the end of December 2015 she left Leo Baeck Institute New York where she was Executive Director for 18 years, before becoming International Director in 2013 in order to open an office in Berlin and expand operations in Germany.

Mrs. Strauss holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Columbia University and a Master's degree in International Relations from Hunter College. Before her position with the Leo Baeck Institute, she worked as a Senior Editor at the 20th Century Fund in New York, a public policy organization, as well as Senior Editor at the Hudson Institute, a think tank headed by

Herman Kahn. For many years she was assistant book editor at the renowned Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

In addition to her professional career, Mrs. Strauss commits time to charity and volunteer work. She was Vice President of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe and past President of the Congregation Habonim in New York City, a former Trustee of Self-Help and a Trustee of Leo Baeck Institute.

In January 2015 she was honored to receive Germany's highest civilian honor, the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit, issued by Federal President Joachim Gauck. Ten years before she received the Order of Merit, First Class, of the Federal Republic of Germany from German President Horst Köhler. In 2009 she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Mrs. Strauss has been featured in a number of biographies such as the "Who's Who in American Women" and the "Who's Who in the East".

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## THURSDAY SCHEDULE - MARCH 30, 2017

- 4:00 PM WELCOME RECEPTION in Conference Center – St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN
- 5:00 PM MARTIN LUTHER'S CHILDHOOD AND EDUCATION IN MANSFELD  
(Opening of traveling exhibit)
  - Speaker: Dr. Klaus Lemke-Paetznick, Wilhelmshaven, Church Historian & Navy Pastor.

# HOLOCAUST EDUCATION - 2017

## FRIDAY SCHEDULE - MARCH 31, 2017

- 8:30 AM OPENING REMARKS by Steve Hunegs, Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Council for Minnesota and the Dakotas, Minneapolis, MN; Herbert Quelle, German Consul General, Chicago.
- 9:45 AM PANEL DISCUSSION: Carol Kahn-Strauss, Leo Baeck Institute, NYC; Charles Fodor, Hungarian Holocaust Survivor; Herbert Quelle, Chicago; Steve Hunegs; Dr. Gabrielle Robinson, Jewish Federation, South Bend, IN; Ken Engel, Minneapolis, MN. (Moderators: Klaus Lemke Paetznick & Yogi Reppmann)
- 11:30 AM LUNCH TALK by Dr. Peter Lubrecht, Newton, NJ: Growing up German-American with Holocaust Survivors in NYC
- 2:00 PM PANEL DISCUSSION, German-American Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota Chapter; Topic: The fusion of ethnic identities and German-American values in the context of today. Participants: Herbert Quelle, Chicago; Dr. R. Don Keysser, GACC, Bloomington, MN; Prof. Gerd-Winand Imeyer, Honorary Consul General of Bulgaria & Hamburg Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Esther Seha, Scholar, Minneapolis; Ken Engel, Minneapolis, MN. (Moderators: Dee Eicke & Yogi Reppmann)
- 3:30 PM COLLEGE CAMPUS TOURS.
- 5:30 PM DINNER KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY HERBERT QUELLE, GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL, CHICAGO.
- FOLLOWED BY: THE DAYS AFTER HITLER AND THE HOLOCAUST  
BOXCAR: A FLENSBURG PERSPECTIVE  
World Premiere documentary by Stephan Witthoef, SALVE ME DIA, Erfurt.

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## SATURDAY SCHEDULE - APRIL 1, 2017

- 8:30 AM INTRODUCTION, by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Cincinnati
  
- 9:00-10:30 AM SESSIONS
  - SESSION 1 — THIRTYERS AND FORTY-EIGHTERS
    - Moderator: Dr. Peter Lubrecht, Newton, NJ
    - "The Dual Aspect of the Forty Eighters - Revolutionaries in Germany and State Builders in America," presented by Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Müller-Michaelis, Hamburg.
    - "A Different Republicanism: August Willich and the Trade Unions in Antebellum Cincinnati," presented by Felix Zimmermann, Freiburg
  
  - SESSION 2 — RELIGIOUS ASPECTS
    - Moderator: Dr. Gabrielle Robinson, South Bend
    - "The Church in Revolutionary Times, 1789-1851," presented by Dr. Klaus Lemke-Paetznick, Wilhelmshaven
    - "Religious Aspects of the Emigration from Schleswig, 1848-1914," presented by Jan Jessen, Denmark
  
- 10:30-12:00 PM SESSIONS
  - SESSION 1 — CARL SCHURZ AND OTHER FORTY-EIGHTERS
    - Moderator: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Müller-Michaelis, Hamburg
    - "Carl Schurz: Radical Reformer, Abolitionist and Civil War General," presented by Dr. Peter Lubrecht, Newton, NJ
    - "Why were Forty-Eighters in the Civil War?" presented by Larry Grill, Schleswig, IA
  
  - SESSION 2 — FORTY-EIGHTERS IN THE MIDWEST
    - Moderator: Felix Zimmermann, Freiburg
    - "The Cincinnati Germans in the Civil War," presented by Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Cincinnati
    - "Epistolary Snapshot of a 48er: the physician Dr. Christian Sack in Bavaria and Indiana," presented by Dr. Gabrielle Robinson, South Bend
  
- 12:00 PM LUNCH PRESENTATION: "Holstein, IA - Virginia Degen Lecture Series," presented by Richard Crawford, Sioux City, IA



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## SATURDAY SCHEDULE - APRIL 1, 2017

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- 2:00-4:00 PM SESSIONS
  - SESSION 1 — NEW ULM, A GERMAN TOWN WITH A FORTY-EIGHTER HERITAGE
    - Moderator: Jan Jessen, Denmark
    - "New Ulm's German Heritage: A Forty-Eighter heritage," presented by Denny Warta and George Glotzbach, New Ulm, MN
    - "New Ulm's German Bohemian Heritage," presented by Wade Olsen, St. Paul
    - "He was asked to leave Luxembourg by the Grand Duke," presented by Terry Sveine, New Ulm, MN
  - SESSION 2 — FORTY-EIGHTER INFLUENCES AND RESEARCH
    - Moderator: Dr. Klaus Lemke-Paetznick, Wilhelmshaven
    - "The Founding of New Holstein, WI in 1848," presented by Dietrich Eicke, Lübeck
    - "Braunschweig-Toledo-Aspen: E.W. Edward Koch's Pedagogical, Agricultural, and Mining Pursuits," presented by Dr. Julie Klassen, Northfield, MN
    - "Theodore Bracklow: A German Revolutionary and the Republican Party," Marcus Bracklow, Bad Soden
- 5:30 PM DINNER — CARL SCHURZ AWARD CEREMONY - Diane Fagen, President, Fagen Fighters WWII Museum, Granite Falls, MN; Carol Kahn-Strauss, Leo Baeck Institute, NYC
- 6:00 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS - "Thoughts on Being German," presented by Eric Braeden

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE - APRIL 2, 2017

- Church Service

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## SPEAKERS

### MARCUS BRACKLO

Marcus Bracklo, Bad Soden, Germany, holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics from University College London and a Masters Degree in Economic History from the London School of Economics. At the beginning of his career he worked as an economist for the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. His subsequent career was in the private sector, as a Partner with Price Waterhouse and a Managing Director of Oppenheim, before setting up Baigo Capital, a private equity firm. Marcus became interested in the history of German Emigration to the Americas for personal reasons. He has researched his family's emigration history to the USA and Latin America and published a monograph on this subject in 2010. He is currently working on a biography of his ancestor Theodore Bracklow, a 48er from Schleswig Holstein who became an organizer for the Republican Party in New York and died as an officer of the New York 163rd at the battle of Fredericksburg.

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### ERIC BRAEDEN

Eric Braeden is from Bredenbek, in the German state of Schleswig-Holstein. Eric is a German-American Hollywood star whose original name is Hans-Jörg Gudogast; he lives in Pacific Palisades, CA (known as "Weimar am Pazifik" since 1933). Across from his house is the elegant villa where Thomas Mann, a German literature Nobel laureate from Schleswig-Holstein, had spent his years in exile during the Second World War. Braeden has appeared in over 120 TV productions and films, including "Titanic" (1997). Beginning in 1980, he has made daily appearances on US TV, as well as in 28 other countries world-wide with "The Young and the Restless," and in 1989 he founded the "German-American Cultural Society." In 2007, Eric became only the second German actor (after Marlene Dietrich) to receive a Star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He published his memoirs in February of 2017: *I'll Be Damned: How My Young and Restless Life Led Me to America's #1 Daytime Drama.*

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### RICHARD CRAWFORD

Richard P. Crawford Jr. was born and raised in Grinnell, Iowa, where he attended a school for the blind. Rich overcame many obstacles in his high school career. He graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, with majors in Business Administration and Business Education. Rich and his wife Sara have been married since November 20th, 1982 and have three children and two granddaughters. He enjoys fishing, reading, deer hunting, and other outdoor activities. Today, Rich is Senior Vice President of Private Wealth Management with R.W. Baird & Co. in Sioux City, Iowa, in his 38th year as a Financial Advisor.

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### DEE EICKE

Born in Lubeck, 1954, Dee Eicke graduated from University with Yogi Reppmann in 1984. His research for his M.A. Thesis was about New Hostein Wisconsin. He is an IT coach, professional funeral and marriage orator. He is married to Regina, and is a proud grandpa for eight weeks now.

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### KENNETH S. ENGEL

Ken Engel's parents survived the Holocaust. As a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas/Tolerance Minnesota, the JCRC Middle East Speakers Bureau, and other platforms, he's given hundreds of presentations to school, college, municipal, synagogue, church, educator, industry and private groups, clubs and organizations about the Holocaust, his parents' experiences during World War II, Israel, Judaism, and related subjects. He's trained thousands of survivors, 2Gs, 3Gs, community activists and lay members on how to effectively and comfortably share their individual stories with a wide range of audiences. He is a member of the governing Coordinating Council of Generations of the Shoah International (GSI), a U.S.-based group of Jewish leaders of Second Generation

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and other Holocaust-related organizations; GSI is the world's largest Holocaust family organization, and its website is [www.genshoah.org](http://www.genshoah.org). An attorney in private practice in downtown Minneapolis, MN, Ken and his sweet wife live in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood of Minneapolis.

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### CHARLES S. FODOR

I was born in Budapest, Hungary, on July 14, 1936. I survived the Holocaust in the Budapest Ghetto. Following World War II, I completed high school and also trained as a gas pipefitter at the Budapest Gas Company, where I held a journeyman license.

In 1956, after Hungary's unsuccessful uprising against the Russians, I escaped and came to the United States. I served four years in the United States Air Force and, upon completion of my tour of duty, I finished college with a BA in Political Science. In my career, I served 28 years as an internal management consultant for the American National Red Cross and another 12 years as a volunteer for the same organization. In 1997, I started to talk about my Holocaust experiences. I am married and have a grown son and two grandchildren. He lives in Roseville, MN.

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### GEORGE L. GLOTZBACH

George Linus Glotzbach, was born August 4, 1931, in New Ulm, Minnesota. His ancestry is German and Bohemian. He attended New Ulm High School thru 1948 and graduated from St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul in 1949. George earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Minnesota in 1953 and was commissioned in the U. S. Air Force. He and served in New Mexico and Alaska, was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain, and is a Korean War Veteran. He spent his civilian work life in the insurance business in St. Paul, Los Angeles, and Baltimore. George returned to New Ulm in 2003 and married Sharon Boesch of Goosetown, a German-

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Bohemian neighborhood in New Ulm. He has been active in numerous German-American activities ever since. Both are members of the Turnverein. In 2015 the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany presented George with the German-American Friendship Award.

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### LARRY GRILL

Larry Grill has been a teacher, author, tax preparer, and a variety of other positions. Now retired he has the time to pursue interests in history, genealogy, and a number of related subjects. He is currently working on a major exhibit on the German influence on Iowa Culture at the Schleswig, Iowa Public Library. Having long been interested in Germanic contributions to the American experience, he considers it good to be able to express some of its significant features.

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### GERD-WINAND IMEYER

Honorary Consul General of Bulgaria, and Professor, Dr. Gerd-Winand Imeyer has worked 20 years as a volunteer in Hamburg for Bulgaria. For nine of those years, he was the CEO and President of the large HanseMercur Insurance Group in Hamburg, Germany. His Consulat office is next to Hamburg's City Hall, and the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce. Born in 1934, he has said "Bulgaria became the center of my life!"

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### JAN P. JESSEN

Jan Jessen holds a Master's Degree in history which he obtained from the universities of Odense (Denmark) and Salzburg (Austria). Mr. Jessen is an independent historian, working at Danish archives and museums with the presentation and communication of various historical subjects within the broad

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fields of Danish and European history and the history of Schleswig. As the head of the Schleswig Collection at the Danish Central Library in Flensburg, he focused on preservation, digitizing and dissemination of the written cultural heritage of the former duchy of Schleswig. In this context, Mr. Jessen became aware of the large numbers of emigrants leaving Schleswig for the US in the 1800's. This interest resulted in the lecture "Those left behind - the effects of the emigration on the Duchy of Schleswig", held at the conference The Legacy of 1848: Transplanted Ideas & Values in America's Past and Present at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa in 2013. The subject of US-emigration from Schleswig has been developed with further research, producing the presentation to be heard in this conference.

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### R. DON KEYSER

Don was born in Hannover, Germany (then West Germany), and emigrated to the U.S. with his mother at the age of 5, sponsored by a Lutheran Church in Dayton, Ohio, as post-war refugees. He was raised in the U.S., and became a citizen at 19 in order to enlist in the military service. He moved to Minneapolis in 1975. Don has over 35 years of experience as an investment banker and business finance consultant. Since 2001, he has been the owner and Managing Principal of the consulting firm of Hannover Ltd., providing business finance consulting services. He is also the co-founder of Moto-I, the only sake brewpub in North America. Don has an MA in Urban Planning and an MBA in Finance, and a doctorate degree in International Business. He is an Associate Professor of Finance in the MBA programs at the University of Minnesota and Saint Mary's University. Don serves on the Board of Directors of the German American Chamber of Commerce (Minnesota). He travels frequently to Germany, and is the proud father of two exceptionally handsome young sons.

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### JULIE KLASSEN

Julie Klassen is Professor Emerita of German at Carleton College, where she also taught in the environmental studies program, including a course on the forest in German literature and culture. Her research has included topics in GDR literature, environmental writings, minority literature, and twentieth century drama. With Richard Cruter, Professor Emeritus of Religion at Carleton College, she coedited and translated a volume of 18th century essays on the debate surrounding Jewish emancipation in Berlin, including essays by David Friedländer and Friedrich Schleiermacher. Julie's father's family on both sides goes back to the founding prospectors of Aspen, where her father grew up and worked in the family mine. Julie knew her great-grandmother, Bertha Koch Feist, one of E.W.E. Koch's daughters and long-time Aspen resident, and has enjoyed collaborating on family history research with her brother, Phil Grover.  
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### KLAUS LEMKE-PAETZNICH

Klaus Lemke-Paetzlich is a Lutheran minister, who has been a frequent speaker at the Legacy of 1848 conferences. He studied at the universities of Kiel and Hamburg. He served as a pastor in the German navy, before become pastor of a congregation in Fetterwarden/Wilhelmshaven. He has spoken about a well-known Forty-Eighter, Theodor Olshausen, at conferences in Germany and the U.S., and has researched the history of the state church before the 1848 Revolution.  
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### PETER LUBRECHT

Peter Lubrecht has a Ph.D. in Educational Theatre from New York University, and a Master's Degree in English and Drama Theory from NYU's Graduate School of Arts and Science. He is the author of New Jersey Butterfly Boys – The Third New Jersey Cavalry in the Civil War, Germans in New Jersey, Liebe Kück A German

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Soldier's Story of the Great War, and newly released New Jersey Hessians in the American Revolution, Truth and Lore. Peter is originally from New York City where he appeared in, and was a part of, an experimental theater program conducted by the New York Public Schools, under whose aegis he studied acting with Harold Jackson of the Harlem Renaissance, Peter is an adjunct professor of English at Berkeley College, New Jersey  
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## WOLFGANG MUELLER-MICHAELIS

Born May 5th 1937 in Stettin/Pomerania, married with Eva MM, 4 children Maren, Antje, Jan and Malte. Studied Economic Sciences at Hamburg University, 1963 Master of Economics, 1967 Dr.rer.pol; 1963 till 1991 Manager BP Germany, since 1981 General Manager;  
Hamburg Representative International Chamber of Commerce, Paris; 1980/90 Editor "Pommersche Zeitung", Lübeck; since 1987 as a sideline Honorary Professor Advanced Cultural Sciences, Leuphana University Lüneburg (till 2012); after fall of Berlin Wall Energy Policy Advisor Saxonian State Government Dresden (till 1994), Director Foundation Rebuilding Frauenkirche Dresden (1994-1996); Fundraiser National Foundation of Germany (founded by Helmut Schmidt), Weimar and Hamburg, Past District Governor Rotary International D.1890 (2011/12). Current: Writer, Editor/Blogger Muemis Bloghouse, Board Member Hamburg Author's Association, Board Member St. Michaelis Foundation Hamburg.  
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## HERBERT QUELLE

Herbert Quelle, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chicago, was born on December 27, 1953 in Herford, Germany. He is married and has two grown daughters. After school, military service and university, he joined the Federal Foreign Office, then still in Bonn, in 1980. His postings abroad include Los Angeles, Pretoria, Havana, Warsaw, London, Baku and Boston



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in various functions. In Baku he served as Ambassador. His attachment to the Consulate General in Boston was combined with a fellowship at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs of Harvard University. Herbert Quelle has been in Chicago since July, 2014.

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### YOGI REPPMANN

Joachim (Yogi) Reppmann, Ph.D., was born in Flensburg, Schleswig-Holstein, in 1957. He attended Altes Gymnasium, a school founded by Danish King Frederick II in 1566. In 1984, he completed his masters thesis entitled Transplanted Ideas: The Concept of Freedom and Democracy of the Schleswig-Holstein Forty-Eighters — Origins and Effects 1846-1856. He has written several books on notable Schleswig-Holstein emigrants and the mass migration to the United States; served as a professor of German at St. Olaf and Carleton Colleges in Northfield, Minnesota; and chaired several conferences on topics ranging from the Low German language to Forty-Eighter Hans Reimer Clausen. 1995: marriage to Gitta in Las Vegas.

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### GABRIELLE ROBINSON

Gabrielle Robinson was born in Berlin in 1942. After her baccalaureate, she earned her BA from the University of Illinois in 1964, her M.A. from Columbia University in 1965, and her PhD from the University of London in Modern Drama in 1968. Until her retirement she has worked at universities in Europe and mostly in the U.S. Gabrielle has published many articles and seven books, among them German Settlers of South Bend, and The Reluctant Nazi, a memoir/biography based on her grandfather's diary in Berlin 1945. She also writes a monthly entry for the newsletter of the Jewish Federation of the St. Joseph Valley. Gabrielle has been awarded an Ehren und Dankmedallie from

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Arzberg, Germany, when she helped establish a sister city relationship with South Bend, as well as a Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana's highest honor. Last fall she was inducted into the South Bend Community Hall of Fame.

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### DON HEINRICH TOLZMANN

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann is the author and editor of numerous books on German-American history and culture. He has received many awards, including the Bundesverdienstkreuz of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ohioana Book Award, the German-American of the Year Award, and Outstanding Achievement Award of the Society for German-American Studies. He served as Curator of the German-Americana Collection and Director of German-American Studies at the University of Cincinnati and is well known as "Mr. German-Americana." He has served on the board of many national and international organizations and institutions, including the Deutsches Auswandererhaus in Bremerhaven; the Friends of the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C.; the Steuben Society of America; the German-American Hall of Fame; and the Roebling Suspension Bridge Committee. A frequent contributor to the German-American press, he also is Book Review Editor for German Life Magazine. He also is president of the German-American Citizens League of Greater Cincinnati and Curator of its German Heritage Museum.

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### DENIS JOSEPH WARTA

Denny Warta, was born in New Ulm in 1927, spent two years in the U.S. Navy, attended St. John's University and the University of Minnesota before purchasing a small business in New Ulm. This business was The Lindsay Soft Water Company, which he owned for 41 years. Warta was a pioneer in the development of various water treatment processes including the removal of sulfates in drinking water, especially for livestock, and also sold the very first home Reverse Osmosis systems in Minnesota. Warta served on the

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national water conditioning organization as well as serving as a Brown County Commissioner for eight years and as a New Ulm City Councilor for four years. He was the New Ulm Economic Development Corporation's executive for over twenty years. All the while he had great interest in history, especially as it pertained to Arminius/Hermann whose monument overlooks New Ulm. That interest in history also includes early New Ulm development and the Civil War era. He is currently researching details on five New Ulm World War II veterans whose exploits and sacrifices truly need to be more widely shared.

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## SUSANNE WAGNER

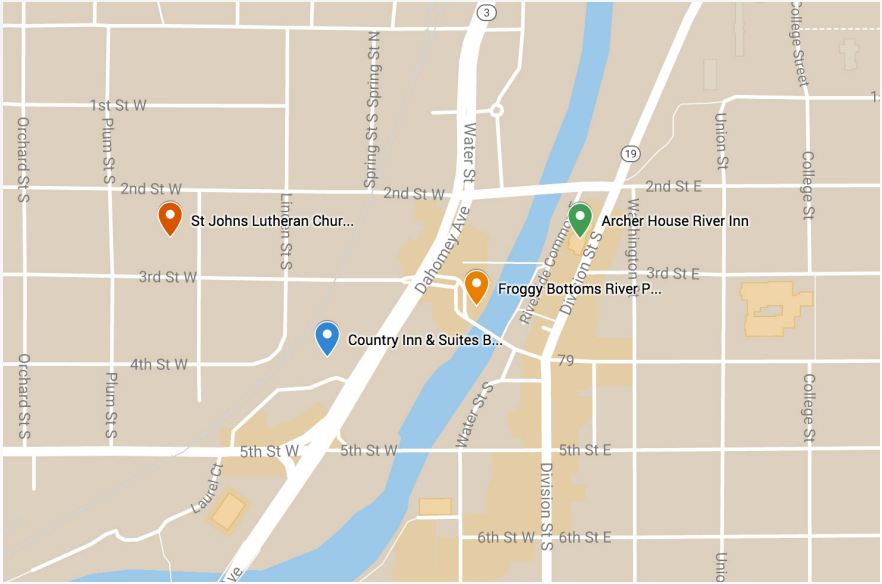
She is Assistant Professor of German and German Program Director at the University of St. Thomas. Susanne has re-designed the January Abroad Term in Germany with Berlin Yesterday & Today: Coming to terms with the Past, which focuses on the memorialization of historic events such as the Holocaust. Her students have won honors, stipends, and prestigious grants. Susanne has published on resistance literature, the Holocaust, and drama pedagogy. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, she held teaching positions at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA, and the University of Arkansas Little Rock.

## FELIX ZIMMERMANN

Felix Zimmermann studied History and Computer Science at the University of Kiel, Germany. He has a master's degree in History and is currently working on his Ph.D. about the German Forty-Eighter August Willich. Felix's research interests include the philosophy of the Enlightenment and the history of socialism and anarchism. He initially became interested in the Forty-Eighters via his interest in the political tradition of republicanism and its relations to the emerging U.S. labor movement.

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