



The Regional Chairs posed with Denver's own version of the Heidelberger Schloss.

Dear HAUS member,

We hope you enjoyed your summer and had some time to recharge your batteries. Just in time for the busy fall and winter season, we would like to update you on the latest HAUS activities. We look forward to the 5<sup>th</sup> National Meeting in Boston at the end of September and also to catching up with our fellow alumni. We hope you will be able to join us.

The meeting in Boston will mark the official launch of our new HAUS Mentoring Program and we will also introduce the new HAUS Scholarship.

Please check this newsletter for details as well as an update on the HAUS activities around the country. Just click on the headlines below.

We hope to see you in Boston, you can still register till the end of this week!

Herzliche Grüße,

Kathleen Lance  
HAUS President

Irmintraud "Jimmie" Jost  
Executive Director

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### COMING UP: THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL HAUS MEETING IN BOSTON/CAMBRIDGE

The deadline for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual HAUS Meeting is looming. This year, we are gathering in Boston/Cambridge on the weekend of September 21-23, 2012. Join us there and seize the opportunity to engage in an insightful discussion with Heidelberg Nobel Laureate Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ketterle, MIT, and Bernhard Eitel, the Rektor of Universität Heidelberg.

From the introduction of the new HAUS Mentoring Program to the Boston Duck Tour – we have planned lots of unique events for you. You'll be able to network and catch up with old friends, as well as to meet new people. Registration deadline is September 7<sup>th</sup>. We would be delighted if you could join us and contribute to the success of the event.

Please click on the link below, for registration and the details of our program.

<http://www.haus.uni-hd.de/register-bo>

### EXPLORING TRANSATLANTIC OPPORTUNITIES AT THE ALUMNI RESEARCH MEETING

Prior to our HAUS Meeting, Rektor Eitel is hosting a special workshop for former Heidelberg visiting scholars and researchers on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Boston. The meeting will take place within the framework of the newly established Research Alumni Network at the Consulate General in Boston. Research alumni will be given the chance to explore research opportunities in Heidelberg, while profiting from their transatlantic bond with the University. Afterwards they are invited to join HAUS members for a reception and dinner at the MIT Faculty Club. We look forward to an exciting event that will certainly contribute to promoting personal, academic and professional exchange.

### INTRODUCING THE HAUS MENTORING PROGRAM

We are particularly excited to announce the introduction of our new HAUS Mentoring Program. We invite all Heidelberg Alumni to sign up as either a Mentor or Mentee to encourage, support and learn from each other. A newly created Mentoring website with online registration forms will be available on the HAI portal.

The goal of this program is to tap into the vast professional experience of Universität Heidelberg in the United States to help current students or younger graduates in their career paths and academic choices by sharing career advice, job-search strategies and other guidance. Mentors may benefit from engaging with younger Heidelberg Alumni and from strengthening their bond with the Universität Heidelberg, while Mentees may enjoy the guidance from their more experienced Mentors and ideally discuss their careers with them. The program will officially be launched at our National HAUS Meeting in Boston – yet another reason to sign up!



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**NEW! HAUS SCHOLARSHIP – THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

We are pleased to announce our newly established HAUS Scholarship. This has all been made possible through the generosity of our donors, whom we would like to thank most especially. Their kind donations enable us to further promote academic exchange on a transatlantic level and to strengthen the bond between Heidelberg and its alumni in the US.

The scholarship is designed for students residing in the US who are planning to spend at least one semester in Heidelberg. The amount awarded will be \$3,000 per semester for an undergraduate or \$5,000 per semester for a Master's candidate. Upon arrival, recipients will participate actively in the HAI network during their time in Heidelberg and they will act as HAUS and HAI ambassadors after they have completed their stay.

The selection committee includes Heidelberg based representatives, HAUS President Kathleen Lance and Prof. Dr. Mohamed Esa of McDaniel College.

**HAUS/HACA REGIONAL CHAIR SEMINAR IN DENVER**

Each year the HAUS Regional Chair Seminar is held to support and guide the Regional Chairs in their activities and contribution to the success of their Regional Chapters. This year, the seminar took place in Denver again where successes, challenges and the latest news were exchanged. As last year, HAUS Regional Chairs were joined by their counterparts from Heidelberg Alumni Canada (HACA). Providing the Regional Chairs with updates from Heidelberg was on the agenda as well as an in-depth discussion of the new HAUS Mentoring Program, which received very positive feedback and support. Reports on each Regional Chapter showcased the richness, diversity and inventiveness of programming.

The conference was underwritten by a generous grant from the DAAD.

**FIRST PAN AMERICAN ALUMNI MEETING IN PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO**

The Pan-American Alumni got together for their first-ever meeting in Mexico this past May. Five HAUS members joined their gracious HAMEX hosts in Playa del Carmen. They engaged in breath-taking excursions to tourist sides, while discussing the importance of interaction and cooperation between HAMEX and HAUS. HAMEX expressed a strong interest in the HAUS Mentoring Program in particular.

**HAUS EXPANDED ITS SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**

HAUS Communication Director Diane Ficke has expanded our HAUS social media presence with ongoing communication and outreach. "Like" HAUS on Facebook, start a discussion on LinkedIn or send a "Tweet" to the HAUS-Twitter site.

Our Facebook group is Heidelberg Alumni HAUS

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/159975210335/>

You will find HAUS as a subgroup to HAI on LinkedIn at

[http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2672853&trk=hb\\_side\\_g](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2672853&trk=hb_side_g)

Tweet away @HeidelbergHAUS

These sites are open groups meaning anyone can join and follow HAUS activity.



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### HAUS REGIONAL CHAPTER EVENTS FROM COAST TO COAST

The regional Chapter in Boston said Good-Bye to the German Consul General and Heidelberg Alumnus Friedrich Löhr this past April. Boston's Deputy Consul General Claudia Schütt and her husband Felix Lutz, also an alumnus, generously invited fellow Boston HAUS members to their home to bid farewell to Friedrich Löhr. It was an evening filled with interesting conversations, great company and homemade Swabian specialties.

The regional chapter in Houston launched their first meeting in downtown Houston at the end of May. Elisabeth Trnka from Universität Heidelberg's international office spoke about the latest activities and developments at the university and its ongoing efforts with the US. Houston's newly appointed German Consul General, Klaus-Jochen Guhlcke, also participated and pledged his support. Kristin Kruse and Nicholas Wittich are the new Chapter leaders in Houston.

Richard Buchholz organized a very pleasant lunch meeting in the beginning of May in New Orleans, allowing participants to reminisce about Heidelberg memories and experiences. Four HAUS members, including one new participant attended the meeting.

This past February, the Regional Chapter in New York invited their fellow HAUS alumni and the public to an event at the German House in New York, themed "Universities and their Impact on Society." Dr. Peter Meusburger, author of the Wissenschaftsatlas and distinguished Senior Professor at Universität Heidelberg, as well as Euan Robertson, Managing Director of the Center for Economic Transformation and Executive Vice President of the New York City Economic Development Corporation were the featured speakers in this discussion. The panel focused on the symbiotic relationship between universities and their surrounding areas. The two speakers addressed the role of academia as a driver of regional progress, highlighted through the University's impact as a catalyst for innovation, highlighted by the examples of Universität Heidelberg and New York City's highly visible Tech Campus competition. The program was co-sponsored by the German Center of Research & Innovation and Heidelberg University Association.

In January, about 15 guests from the New York Chapter attended a talk in the "World Bar". Former Congressman Michael McMahon, a Heidelberg Alumnus, who was once named the most centrist member of the U.S. House of Representatives, spoke about his experiences in the very polarized political world in Washington. His remarks were followed by a lively discussion.

Nine participants got together for Ohio's fourth annual meeting, which took place in Cleveland at the Great Lakes Brewing Company – whom some may consider to have "the best beers West of Deutschland". Mark Peeples and Bill Landess



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invited their fellow alumni, residing in the Ohio region, to attend the Chapter Meeting at the end of April. The laid-back atmosphere of the restaurant and informal discussions contributed to a successful meeting, which ended with a private tour of the Brewery. Some of the participants may even remember the meeting “as one of the best they have ever attended”.

John Barber, Co-Chair for the Pacific Northwest Region, hosted the first meeting of HAUS in Portland at the German restaurant Prost!Portland at the end of July. Tara Christian agreed to Co-Chair the newly established chapter. Both are eagerly working to expand its outreach, aiming to form an active chapter in this region.

Philadelphia Chair Hanna Augustynowicz invited fellow alumni to get out of the house and enjoy the spring at Longwood Gardens at the end of April. She was eager to share her favorite destination with her favorite former Heidelbergers.

At the end of March, Martina Ebert invited the Southern California Chapter to attend the Ute Lemper Show at UCLA. The show also featured the Vogler Quartet and Stefan Malzew. Before the actual beginning of the event, participants met at the Royce Hall near the UCLA campus for a pre-event get together.

Alumni and friends enjoyed a three-part event in Washington D.C. this May, starting with a private tour of German collections of the Library of Congress with German Area Specialist Dr. David Morris. Afterwards, Dr. Wilfried Mausbach, who is the Executive Director of the Heidelberg Center for American Studies, lead a discussion themed “Die spinnen, die Amis: How Germans perceive the U.S. Presidential Elections”. He provided deep and astonishing insights on how the German media report back on the presidential elections in the US. Interesting discussions on the subject were ongoing as the evening progressed in a relaxed restaurant setting, accompanied by fine wines and delicious food.

### HAILS AND FARWELLS

Congratulations to the newest HAUS leaders:

Boston Co-Chair Karl Donfried

Houston Regional Chapter Chairs Nick Wittich and Kristin Kruse

Pacific Northwest / Portland Regional Co-Chair Tara Christian. She is replacing Greg Zarelli, who resigned from his post as Co-Chair in April.

Paul Heimer of the DC chapter joined the Leadership Committee this summer

HAUS bids farewell to Uli Bueff who resigned his Leadership Committee position due to professional commitments. He provided insight and guidance as a key member since 2009.



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**ALUMNI NEWS**

A special recognition goes to Martha Friedenthal-Haase who has co-edited a special edition of the journal “Bildung und Erziehung” with the title: “Universitätskulturen in Deutschland und den USA/University Cultures in Germany and the United States” (Vol.65, No.2, 2012)

We are pleased to announce that Julianne McCall, an American PhD Student at Universität Heidelberg, was awarded the 2011 DAAD Preis! The award was designed to honor international students at German universities who stand out because of their academic achievement and consistent intercultural efforts. Julianne graduated from the University of California with a Master’s degree in Biomedical Science and is currently writing her dissertation thesis in Heidelberg. She acts as an editor-in-chief for the annual journal “FRANKly”, issued by the Fulbright commission and organized the “National Brain Bee Contest” in Germany to engage a younger generation in the field of Neuroscience. Moreover, she is actively involved in the “Hartmut Hoffmann-Berling International Graduate School of Molecular and Cellular Biology.” We congratulate Julianne warmly and wish her all the best for her future!