



Steamboat Cruise with Natchez



Dear HAUS member,

The countdown is on! Registration for the 10th Annual HAUS Meeting is in full swing. We invite you all to join us in New Orleans the weekend of September 22–24 for, among other activities, a Steamboat Cruise on the Mississippi and a unique treat specially tailored for Heidelberg alumni.

In other news, the selection committee choose Annika Flynn – a psychology student from Alaska – to receive the 2017/2018 HAUS Scholarship. Thank you for donating to the scholarship fund! Also, Dr. Elizabeth Catlos from the University of Texas at Austin will teach and conduct research as a visiting professor in Heidelberg. And as always, the newsletter keeps you up to date on alumni events around the country.

We hope you enjoy this issue of HAUS Blatt.

Bis bald in New Orleans!

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Annika Flynn, HAUS scholarship 2017/2018

**LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER!**

Don't miss the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National HAUS Meeting in NEW ORLEANS on the weekend of September 22–24! As a special treat, HAUS member Richard Buchholz will take Heidelberg alumni on a custom tour through the city. A »preview« from Richard: »New Orleans is perhaps best imagined as a set of distinctive neighborhoods. While the Vieux Carré or French Quarter is the best known of these, the city's other parts are often of equal historical and architectural interest. On this driving tour, we will venture outside the tourist zone and visit a range of neighborhoods, from the Uptown/Carrollton area to the Lower Ninth Ward.«

The weekend also includes a Steamboat Cruise on the mighty Mississippi and plenty of opportunities to network with fellow alumni from all over the country and our guests who will fly in from Heidelberg. From dinner on Friday evening in the French Quarter to brunch on Sunday morning, Heidelberg University's Vice-President Dieter Heermann and Silke Rodenberg, head of Heidelberg Alumni International (HAI), will spend the weekend with us. Please see the **program** for details and click **here** to register. You can also register by mail by sending a check and including the registration form you received by mail. Registration deadline is August 31.

**HAUS SCHOLARSHIP: 2017 RECIPIENT CHOSEN**

Congratulations! Annika Flynn, a student from University of Alaska Anchorage, was selected from a very competitive applicant pool to receive the 2017/2018 HAUS Scholarship: »I am honored and grateful to be awarded the Heidelberg Alumni U.S. (HAUS) Scholarship at Universität Heidelberg. Traveling from my small hometown in Alaska across the globe to Germany is an expensive undertaking, and while I have worked part-time throughout my college career, this generous HAUS scholarship will help ease my financial burden and allow me to focus on all the amazing learning opportunities offered at Universität Heidelberg! My study goals involve broadening my knowledge of psychology, as well as improving my German language competency, specifically my technical and scientific writing skills. I am especially excited about the biological psychology course, as I look forward to discovering unique cultural perspectives on this subject that may make my personal understanding more nuanced and globally relevant. Furthermore, this international exchange is an important stepping stone in my education and career plan of earning a Master's and Ph.D. in psychology, in Germany. Thank you again for this generous stipend, and I look forward to becoming a HAUS ambassador upon my return to Alaska!«



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Fahiya Rashid hiking in Heidelberg

### FAHIYA RASHID FINISHED HER FIRST YEAR IN HEIDELBERG

The HAUS Scholarship recipient 2016/2017 finished her second semester at the South Asian Institute. Her progress report: »*Thus far, my experience at Universität Heidelberg has been enlightening and academically enriching. I took several courses this semester that would help add to my knowledge base on South Asia. In addition, I was accepted to an exchange program with Delhi University in India where I plan to take courses on Political Science and History to understand India's rich heritage and culture better. I am now in the process of writing papers for my courses. In my free time, I discuss politics and world events with my peers over a cup of tea or I explore the forests surrounding Heidelberg with my friends.*«

### GERMAN TEACHERS PARTICIPATE IN FORTBILDUNGSKURSUS

The Germanistic Society of America (GSA) awarded two additional stipends for non-native German teachers in cooperation with the American Association for Teachers of German (AATG) and Heidelberg University Association. Adrienne Merritt from Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA and Mark Reierstad from West Forsyth High School in Clemmons, NC are currently attending the **Fortbildungskursus** for non-native German teachers at Heidelberg University. Rektor Bernhard Eitel donated the stipends covering flights and accommodation to the Quadrille/Germanistic Society as the Quadrille's Guest of Honor 2015 in New York.

### DRS. AMIRANA ADDED TO THEIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Heidelberg alumni Drs. Mahomed and Annelene Amirana generously donated additional assets to their scholarship fund for international medical students. The support enables students from developing countries to continue their education at Heidelberg University during periods of financial hardship. Beneficiaries of the Amirana Fund include medical and dentistry students from Albania, Burundi, Cameroon, Mongolia, Syria, Tajikistan and Turkey. **Amirana Fund**

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HEIDELBERG GIVING DAY – OCTOBER 18

After last year's success with the first ever Online Heidelberg Giving Day, we again look forward to commemorating the first day students began their education at Heidelberg University on October 18, 1386. In addition to the opportunity to support the university within that 24-hour period, HAUS is planning alumni meetings in different regions of the country to celebrate this special occasion. As always, all donations are tax deductible according to the law.



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**MAX KADE VISITING PROFESSOR TRAVELS TO HEIDELBERG**

The Max Kade Foundation awarded Heidelberg University Association another visiting professorship. Dr. Elizabeth Catlos, Associate Professor at the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Texas at Austin, will travel to Heidelberg at the end of the year. During her 2.5-months stay in Germany, Prof. Catlos will conduct collaborative research and teach at the Institute of Earth Sciences at Heidelberg University.

**SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT**

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**EVENTS FROM COAST TO COAST**

**New York**

Heidelberg alumnus Patrick Wolf-Farré invited fellow alumni and friends to attend a book reading and discussion event at Yale University on April 5. The event in New Haven was hosted by Yale's German Department and featured Swiss author Christian Kracht, one of the most renowned contemporary germanophone authors. Kracht read from and discussed his latest books »Die Toten« and »Imperium«.

New York City alumni explored »A World of Emotions« on April 10 at the Onassis Foundation. The exhibition was curated by two Heidelberg alumni Angelos Chaniotis, Professor of Ancient History and Classics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, and Professor Ioannis Mylonopoulos from Columbia University. Professor Chaniotis created a special tour for alumni and friends of Heidelberg, providing unique insight into Ancient Greek representations of human emotion. The German Consul General Brita Wagener was among the alumni and friends who enjoyed the passionately presented tour.

**New Orleans**

New Orleans-area alumni had dinner in the French Quarter with Heidelberg's Vice-President of International Affairs Dieter Heermann on March 15. Alumni representing both Tulane University and Louisiana State University attended the event. The group discussed the differing financial models of American and German universities. The Americans were interested to hear from Dieter Heermann about the physical expansion of the university and the growing importance of international students both in Heidelberg and at other German universities.



Tour through Onassis Foundation



Dinner in the French Quarter with Heidelberg's Vice-President of International Affairs Dieter Heermann



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**Boston**

The Boston Chapter has been active in regularly holding dinner meetups. Alumni are able to spend time together in a relaxed setting, build friendships, reminisce about favorite Heidelberg experiences, and share stories about each others' jobs and families. They enjoy talking about how studying at Heidelberg shaped their current professional path, the fun nights at the Kneipen on Untere Strasse, favorite German foods, folklore and festival traditions from our countries of origins. People attending come from Bulgaria, China, Germany, Poland, Russia, Turkey and the USA. The group aims to meeting monthly during the academic year in a restaurant with international cuisine: Indian, Turkish, and, of course, German have been on the menu already, and next up is Ecuadorian. Guten Appetit!

On May 4, alumni were invited to attend a talk by Nobel Laureate and HAUS member Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ketterle. Hosted by Consul General Dr. Ralf Horlemann at the German Consulate General Boston, the event was part of the series »Germany in the New England States« (GeNES). Prof. Ketterle discussed his work, »Research near absolute zero temperature« and personal perspectives on basic research in Germany and the U.S.

**Northern California**

Heidelberg alumni met for brunch in Los Gatos on April 2, the first ever event in Silicon Valley. Some participants traveled from as far as Sacramento and Central California. They were joined by Irmintraud »Jimmie« Jost, Heidelberg University Association's Executive Director. Lively conversations, good food and fond Heidelberg memories made for a very pleasant late morning.

**A Royal Visit to Heidelberg**

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge made a stop in Heidelberg on July 20. With Britain and Germany as leaders in stem cell research, it was only fitting for the royals to begin the day at Germany's largest biomedical research institute, the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) in Neuenheimer Feld. They met with Nobel Prize winner and former long-time chairman of the DKFZ, Prof. Dr. Harald zur Hausen, also a member of Heidelberg University's Faculty of Medicine. Though they started their day with a serious tone, the Duke and Duchess found time for a little fun. Thousands cheered the royal couple on as they raced each other (with the help from rowers from Heidelberg and Cambridge) in a royal rowing race on the Neckar. Prince William's boat won the fiercely contested race, though we're sure our rowing alumni would have given him a run for his money!

*Please let us know if you have information to include in the next HAUS-Blatt.*