



Ulrich Bueff (left) and Siegfried Ruppert with their student pictures in San Francisco.

Dear HAUS member,

This year, we will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual HAUS Meeting. We invite you all to join us in New Orleans in fall. Please stay tuned for the exact date and more details.

Meanwhile, HAUS Scholarship recipient Fahiya Rashid reports on her first successful semester in Heidelberg. And six additional medical students benefitted from the Amirana Fund. Heidelberg University Association's Advisory Council member Dr. Henry Jarecki accepted the Bundesverdienstkeruz in Heidelberg University's Alte Aula. We sent out Heidelberg mementos to the raffle winners who participated in the Online Giving Day and are very touched by the generous donations to the »Zukunft Stiften« endowment campaign.

Thank you!

We hope you will enjoy this issue of HAUS Blatt.

Herzliche Grüße,

  
Kathleen Lance

  
Irmintraud »Jimmie« Jost

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**LET'S CELEBRATE THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL HAUS MEETING**

Get ready for Jazz, Zydeco, Craw Fish, Sazeracs, Jambalaya, and Beignets: We look forward to celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National HAUS Meeting in – drum roll please – NEW ORLEANS! Come and join us this fall in the Big Easy. After organizing meetings in the East, West, up North and last year in Heidelberg, the HAUS Leadership Committee decided on a location in the South for 2017. We are working on the details including finding the best weekend. We hope to be able to announce the date soon. Please stay tuned.

**AMIRANA FUND SUPPORTS SIX ADDITIONAL STUDENTS**

Six additional medical students received stipends from the Amirana Fund at the beginning of this year. The support enables them to continue their education at Heidelberg University during periods of financial hardship. The selected students originate from Albania, Burundi, Cameroon, Tajikistan, and Turkey. The fund for international medical students was created by the U.S. Heidelberg alumni Drs. Mahomed and Annelene Amirana.

**HAUS SCHOLAR: DISPATCHES FROM HEIDELBERG**

Fahiya Rashid, our 5<sup>th</sup> HAUS Scholarship recipient, recently finished her first semester at Heidelberg University. Here is her impression: »My time at Heidelberg University had been academically enriching. I am pursuing an M.A. in South Asian Studies with a concentration in Political Science and History at the South Asia Institute. My coursework is rigorous and forces me to think laterally. In my free time, I attend various lectures from visiting professors at the South Asia Institute and the Alfred Weber Institut, Department of Economics. I appreciate the interconnectivity amongst departments at Heidelberg University; subsequently, I am able to learn about various fields of study connected to my concentration. So far, my experience in Heidelberg has been an enlightening one. I mostly enjoy interacting with my peers and discussing politics or South Asian history over lunch or a cup of coffee. All in all, I am constantly growing as an individual in both an academic and social setting.«

**GERMAN TEACHERS BENEFIT FROM SCHOLARSHIPS**

In cooperation with the American Association for Teachers of German (AATG) and the Germanistic Society of America, Heidelberg University Association awarded three grants for non-native German teachers. Rektor Bernhard Eitel donated the scholarships to the Quadrille/Germanistic Society as the Quadrille's Guest of Honor in 2015. Heidelberg University covered the flights and accommodations. Three German teachers from high school and college level participated in Heidelberg University's »Fortbildungskursus« for non-native German teachers in August 2016. All three benefitted from the courses in Heidelberg and sent back enthusiastic testimonials.



Rektor Bernhard Eitel presents the fifth HAUS Scholarship to Fahiya Rashid. Photo: Rothe



German teachers from the U.S. enjoy the »Fortbildungskursus« in Heidelberg.



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»ZUKUNFT STIFTEN« BRIGHTENS THE FUTURE

Heidelberg University's future looks a little brighter thanks to the generous support from alumni in the U.S. We are grateful to you all who donated in the third round of the Zukunft Stiften Ruperto Carola Campaign. Two additional alumni joined the »\$10,000 Club« of supporters who donated or pledged \$10,000 over the course of the five-year campaign. Their generosity will be permanently acknowledged by Heidelberg University. Donors who gave \$1,000 or more receive their own special plaque in the Alte Universität for the duration of the campaign.

HEIDELBERG GIVING DAY: RAFFLE WINNERS PICKED

Thank you again to all who participated in the first online Heidelberg Giving Day on October 18. As promised, we raffled off five Heidelberg University mementos among all participants. The items from the university's gift shop went to alumni in Montgomery, Alabama; the Bronx, New York; Manhattan, New York; Boone, North Carolina, and Arlington, Virginia. Enjoy! Please mark your calendars for October 18, 2017, this year's annual online Heidelberg Giving Day! In the meantime, you may use this [link](#) to give anytime during the year. All donations are tax deductible according to the law.

EHRENDOKTORWÜRDE FOR PROF. DR. JOHN WITTE

Prof. Dr. John Witte, Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University in Atlanta, received an honorary doctorate from Heidelberg University in February. The Theological Department honored his outstanding academic contributions, especially his extensive research on the interface between religion and law, and recognized his longstanding collaboration with Heidelberg University.

BUNDESVERDIENSTKREUZ FOR DR. HENRY JARECKI

On November 17, Dr. Henry Jarecki, alumnus and member of Heidelberg University Association's Advisory Council, received the Order of Merit Officer's Cross in the Alte Aula in Heidelberg. Germany's president Joachim Gauck awarded the honor to Dr. Jarecki for his support of the sciences in Germany, specifically in Heidelberg, his commitment to the German-American-Jewish-relations, and his initiative to create and expand the Rescue Scholar Fund. While accepting the award, Dr. Jarecki spoke passionately about the support for refugees. An excerpt is published [here](#).

Heidelberg University Association supported and assisted the New York Consul General when she initiated the process of honoring Dr. Jarecki in May 2015.



Dr. Henry Jarecki (center) celebrates his Bundesverdienstkreuz with Theresia Bauer, Baden-Württemberg's Minister of Science, Research and the Arts, and Lord Mayor Eckard Würzner. Photo: Rothe



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**MAX WEBER HAUS PLEDGE INCREASED**

Following his generous pledge of \$200,000 over the course of four years for the renovation of the Max Weber Haus, Dr. Henry Jarecki recently pledged an additional \$50,000 for the Max Weber Haus, increasing the total amount to \$250,000.

The estate on the Neckar owes its name to Max Weber, Heidelberg professor for economics and one of the most influential social scientists at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Currently, the building houses the »Internationales Studienzentrum«, which prepares international high school graduates for their studies at German universities. The estate is in dire need of renovation, which will cost around 3.5 to 4 million euros.

**MAX KADE VISITING PROFESSORSHIP SUCCESSFUL**

Heidelberg University Association secured another scholarship for a U.S. guest professor to teach at Heidelberg University. Supported by a grant from the Max Kade Foundation, Prof. Dr. Ulrike Gerhard invited renowned urban geographer Professor David Wilson from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He taught at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies in November and December of 2016.

**FIRST GERMANY GRADFAIR NYC**

Heidelberg University Association is co-organizing the first »German GradFair« in New York City on April 28. Germany is a popular destination for American students seeking a graduate degree abroad: with many tuition-free, English-taught graduate programs, Heidelberg and other German universities equip students with a top-notch international education and unique edge to adapt to the global marketplace. The Germany Grad Fair 2017 at the German Consulate will introduce a wide range of graduate opportunities in all subject fields.



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HAUS members enjoy a potluck and  
Glühwein in New York City.



Heidelberg University's Vice-President  
Dieter Heermann (third from right)  
and Heidelberg University Associa-  
tion's Board member Michael  
Peachin (left) meet with alumni in  
New York.



Kathleen Lance (second from left)  
meets HAUS members at the  
Christkindlmarket in Chicago.

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**Northern California**

San Francisco-area alumni met at HAUS Regional Co-Chair Siegfried Ruppert's house for a captivating presentation by special guest Sabrina Zinke, Assistant Director, Universität Heidelberg Archives. In addition to the wonderful spread prepared by the host, which included local wine, Sabrina had surprises for each attendee. She presented copies of their Heidelberg University matriculation documents and student photo from the university's archives. Photos from the event are available in the HAI portal. [More](#)

**Boston**

On December 8, Heidelberg Alumni joined the traditional Glühwein Christmas Party at the Goethe Institut, co-hosted by GAIN and the German Scholars Organization (GSO). Sponsored by the Boston German Consulate, the young violin talent Fei Yang-Sady performed a short recital of works by Mozart and Mendelssohn.

**New York City**

Chapter Chair Nina Brandt hosted a potluck holiday party in her apartment on December 1. Right in time to open the first »Türchen«, each guest was presented with an Adventskalender. The chocolate treats were bought on the Hauptstrasse and imported specially for this event. Alumni and friends enjoyed a high-spirited evening of great conversations against a beautiful view of Midtown Manhattan.

Heidelberg University Association also coordinated a reception by the German Consulate General to start the holiday season. New York Consul General, Brita Wagener, hosted alumni from several German universities at her residence on December 14:

HAUS NYC kicked off the new year with a Happy Hour on January 26 featuring special guest Dieter Heermann, Universität Heidelberg Vice-President for International Affairs. Conveniently held at Bookmarks at the Library Hotel, a favorite gathering spot of the chapter, Prof. Dr. Heermann chatted with the alumni and provided an update on the latest University news at their first event of 2017.

**Chicago**

Heidelberg alumni and friends met up for holiday fun at the Christkindlmarket Chicago on December 7, 2016. Inspired by the Christkindlmarkt in Nuremberg, Germany, Chicago's version has become the largest Christmas market in the United States, hosting well over a million visitors annually. HAUS members came from far and wide; one alumna traveled from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and HAUS President Kathleen Lance flew in from Denver to attend the event. Everyone braved the cold weather to enjoy the Glühwein and holiday fare.



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HAUS members in Washington,  
D.C., celebrate the holidays at Café  
Mozart.



Martina Ebert (left) and Diane Guido  
walk the red carpet at the German  
Film Festival in Hollywood.

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

**Washington D.C.**

Members of HAUS Chapter DC gathered at the famed Café Mozart German Restaurant and Bar in the heart of Washington D.C. for a festive holiday evening on December 17. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to enjoy the company of old friends, make new ones, and reminisce about time spent in Heidelberg.

**Southern California**

HAUS SoCal hosted an outing in Hollywood on October 20. The evening began with dinner at the historic Musso & Frank Grill, a Hollywood tradition since 1919. HAUS members enjoyed an exquisite meal in a booth once frequented by Marilyn Monroe. The group then walked the red carpet to join the opening night of the tenth annual Festival of German Films at the Egyptian Theater. Alumni enjoyed the Los Angeles premiere of the movie, »Kaminski und Ich,« based on Daniel Kehlmann's book and starring Daniel Bruehl.

HAUS invited members to attend a discussion on cross-cultural perspectives on Germany and the U.S. on February 22 at the University of California at Irvine (UCI). Co-sponsored by the Consulate General of Germany, UCI, and the German American Business Association, the event featured Consul General Hans Joerg Neumann as the keynote speaker who shared his perspectives on fostering strong German-American relationships even in a changing political climate. The event was well attended and those present enjoyed a wonderful German buffet.