



Dear HAUS Member,

As we approach the 2018 holiday season, we realize there is much to be thankful for within our HAUS. But most of all, we are thankful for YOU, our members, who continue to support HAUS, with your presence, your ideas and your generosity.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the HAUS 10th Anniversary National Meeting in September in New York City! For those of you unable to join us, read on for more details of the festivities, venues and honored guests.

Because of your generosity, we were able to fund a larger number and range of scholarships this year. Meet the HAUS scholarship recipients below and read in their own words how much they value their experiences in Heidelberg.

And, as always, we are happy to report on HAUS Regional Chapter events. Don't see your region represented? Contact us for information about organizing something in your neck of the woods.

After ten inspiring and eventful years, we want to THANK YOU once again for your contributions in building this HAUS! We are most grateful.

We hope you will enjoy this issue of HAUS Blatt.

Herzliche Grüße,

Kathleen Lance
HAUS President

Irmintraud »Jimmie« Jost
Executive Director



Impressions from the Anniversary

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HAUS 10TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN NEW YORK PROVED EXCITING AND MEMORABLE

The HAUS 10th Anniversary National Meeting was a great success! More than 60 Heidelberg alumni from four different countries (USA, Canada, Mexico and Germany) met in New York City to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Heidelberg University Association and HAUS. President Bernhard Eitel and Silke Rodenberg, the head of Heidelberg Alumni International, flew in from Heidelberg to participate in the festivities. As did Vice-President Dieter Heermann who was joined by his fellow Heidelberg University Association's Board Members from New York, Hans Decker and Michael Peachin.



Prof. Zipf chatting with alumni
Vice-President Dieter Heermann who was joined by his fellow Heidelberg University Association's Board Members from New York, Hans Decker and Michael Peachin.

Heidelberg professor Alexander Zipf flew in to start the weekend with a lecture at the German House. Alumni became students again and learned how geographic information, crowdsourcing and artificial intelligence can be combined to provide essential information in the aftermath of a natural disaster. Dr. Zipf's team is also working on applications to find the most pleasant streets while navigating a large city.

On Saturday the group set out on the Staten Island Ferry to visit alumnus and Staten Island District Attorney Michael McMahon. DA McMahon gave a talk on the serious Opioid Crisis that has gripped large parts of the U.S., including Staten Island, and the impressive initiatives his office developed to help victims and fight the cause.

Later that evening, Heidelberg alumnus Henry Jarecki hosted the alumni in his stunning Gramercy Park home. Steven Sokol, Heidelberg alumnus and President of the American Council on Germany, moderated an interview with Dr. Jarecki and Rektor Bernhard Eitel. The program was followed by a lovely dinner, lively conversations and a slideshow of Heidelberg memories. Rektor Eitel used the festive evening to honor alumni who have supported the ZUKUNFT STIFTEN campaign at the highest level and were present that evening. He surprised Richard Anderson, Hans Decker, Henry Jarecki and Clark McCombe with a specially designed and personalized brass university seal - and host Henry Jarecki with two chairs from the Alte Aula.



Clark McCombe and his award



Hans Decker greeting alumni at Henry Jarecki's home



Richard Anderson receiving award
from Rektor Eitel



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Heidelberg Lecture with Wolfgang
Ketterle



L to R: Fahiya Rashid, Rektor Bern-
hard Eitel, Malaya Sadler

On Sunday morning, alumni took
in the best views the city has
to offer from One World Trade
Center. Rektor Eitel, a geography
professor, explained the special
weather pattern in the area and
the importance of the New York
harbor below. Everyone left with
lots of pleasant memories – and
most with the anniversary T-Shirt
or Polo. (There are still some



Alumni atop One World Trade Center

T-Shirts and Polo-Shirts available! Please contact us at info@heidelberguniversity.org if
you are interested. We still have 1 extra-large and 4 small T-shirts, and 1 extra-large, 4
medium and 6 small polo shirts. T-shirts are \$20 and polo shirts are \$25.)

More pictures from the weekend events are posted [here](#)

HEIDELBERG LECTURES HAVE STARTED

The first official U.S. »Heidelberg Lecture« with Nobel Laureate Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ketterle attracted a large interested audience on November 13 to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. »Heidelberg Lecture« is a project within the Year of German-American Friendship, also known as the Deutschlandjahr. In 2018, Heidelberg University and its partner, the American Council on Germany (ACG), will host two additional Heidelberg Lectures with Nobel Laureate Prof. Dr. Harald zur Hausen in San Diego (December 10) and Seattle (December 12).

APPLAUSE FOR TWO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, PLEASE

For the first time, and thanks to generous donors, we were able to award two HAUS Scholarships! Our 2016 recipient Fahiya Rashid (Master's in South Asian Studies) was able to renew her scholarship. She was joined at the award ceremony with Rektor Bernhard Eitel by the second recipient Malaya Sadler (Master's in Anthropology). Congratulations Fahiya and Malaya!



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L to R: Susan Norland, Brittany
Logana, Mary Joan Brilla

AMAZING OPPORTUNITY! SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHERS REPORT

Heidelberg University and the Germanistic Society of America (GSA) awarded three stipends for non-native German teachers. The participants raved about the Fortbildungskursus at Heidelberg University:

Mary Joan Brilla

As a German high school teacher, the *Fortbildungskurs* was a fantastic opportunity to be able to work with other German teachers. Directly and indirectly, the students I teach will benefit greatly from this professional development opportunity as I am able to instruct better, am better informed on best practice, and simply have very interesting stories to share about people who live all over the world who teach German. The benefit of this experience is affecting the desire of my students to learn German, travel to Germany and become better informed global citizens. I cannot emphasize enough the value of this opportunity to read German literature, refresh my understanding of current German culture, understand the conflict of recent migration, improve my pedagogical practice within the classroom, and benefit from excellent teaching.

Brittany Logana

The opportunity to study at Heidelberg University this summer was amazing! I participated in a variety of courses including German media, syntax, German-English translation and even a class on fairy tales. The program helped me by allowing me to use my German and communicate with others about these advanced topics and so much more. I met participants from a wide variety of countries and I enjoyed learning about the different cultures as well as their language learning experiences. The program also provided us with opportunities to experience the wonderful and magical city of Heidelberg and all it has to offer, including a boat ride on the Neckar river. Thanks to the *Internationaler Ferienkurs* I was able to partake in multiple excursions and experience Germany even further, all while applying my German skills in real life scenarios and making lifelong connections I will not soon forget.

Susan Norland

The *Fortbildungskurs* brought thirty German teachers from across the globe to refresh German language skills, update impressions of Germany, and exchange ideas for teaching. The focus of my foundational course was film as a medium for teaching German. In addition, I attended an assortment of early morning and afternoon courses and workshops including »English-German Translation,« »Grammar for Experts,« »Germany in the political, economic, and cultural European network,« »German history from 1949-present,« »Romantic German poems,« and »The newest German literature after 1995.« Professionally, I came away from this month in Heidelberg recharged linguistically and culturally, and with new material and a new mindset to share with colleagues and students at my home university.



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GREAT EXPERIENCES FOR INAUGURAL SUMMER »STIPENDIATEN«

For the first time, HAUS was able to award three stipends for the International Summer School of German language and Culture. The three lucky winners in their own words:

Leo McMahon

The Ferienkurs helped reveal all of Heidelberg's qualities. Daily German language courses ensured that students had skills to immerse themselves in German culture. Afternoons were full of opportunities: history lectures, art seminars, and the chance to play sports. Cultural events – movies, concerts (classical and pop), dinner outings – occurred nearly every night. The mix of language and cultural education helped students feel like residents, instead of tourists, as they spent August *living*, not visiting, in Heidelberg. I will not forget my time in Heidelberg anytime soon. It has reinforced my interest in both improving my German and finding a way to live in Germany for an extended period of time. I have my experience with the *Ferienkurs* to thank for these things.

Varol Kahveci

The International Summer School at Heidelberg has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. Not only the classes I took, but also the friends I was lucky enough to encounter, made this experience all the more priceless. Living in the old town not only made it easy to get to classes, but more importantly, I got to experience Heidelberg by day and by night. My experience in Heidelberg feels like a dream from which I woke up too soon, and I cannot thank enough every single member of HAUS for making this dream become my reality.

Stefan Zeidler

Going to the International Summer Program at Heidelberg University was one of the best decisions I made. I am currently studying to be a translator, and to do so one must not only bridge languages but also cultures. The Summer Program helped me learn about German culture, but also Germany's position in a globalized context. I learned through class material and the fact that the students in my class came from 12 different countries. I feel more confident in my ability to effectively translate, but my instructors also helped point me in the direction where I can most improve. In summary, the International Summer Program was a fantastic experience, not only because of how much German language and culture I learned but also because of the great atmosphere and wonderful city.



L to R: Stefan Zeidler, Varol Kahveci,
Leo McMahon



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COAST TO COAST (AND BEYOND)!

Always very active, our Heidelberg chapter has a lot to report! First, they welcomed fall with an October Stammtisch in the autumn sun! New chapter members introduced themselves to the group, and everyone shared stories about their experiences in Heidelberg. They also discussed the next meetup...



Heidelberg HAUS Chapter in the autumn sun

...the **Sekt-Tasting** at the Heidelberger Sektkellerei

The **Heidelberg** HAUSler enjoyed the »sparkling« evening complete with delicious food and live music at Christian Hülsemann's Sektkellerei on 24 October. It was organized by Chapter Chair Heike Heinzelmänn Kranz, who had prepared Obatzda and other tasty spreads to go with the fresh pretzels.

The two HAUS scholarship recipients, Malaya Sadler and Fahiya Rashid were in attendance, along with Silke Rodenberg, head of Heidelberg Alumni International and Irmintraud »Jimmie« Jost, our Heidelberg University Representative in New York.

Christian Hülsemann started his guests off with a Schwarzriesling Sekt (Pinot Meunier) and moved on to two other varieties of his alcoholic and non-alcoholic treats.



Heidelberg HAUS Chapter at the Sekt-Tasting

Keyboarder Nikolai (of »Endless Second«) was joined for an impromptu session by Bethany Hucks, PhD Candidate, Institute of Archaeology/Institute of Egyptology. Their spontaneous rendition of »Stand by Me«, among other favorites, left the guests cheering and asking for more.

DC HAUS members were lucky to have a chance to meet alumni from other German universities at a joint networking event and reception at the German Research Foundation (DFG). Despite the torrential downpour, everyone showed up and had a wonderful time, enjoyed interesting conversations, food and wine. Guests were welcomed by Dr. Rainer Grulich, DFG Director, North America. He emphasized that the event was just in time to welcome in the Deutschlandjahr and demonstrate that we are »Wunderbar Together« as the Deutschlandjahr slogan promotes.



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

ONLINE GIVING DAY TWICE AS SUCCESSFUL

Thanks to Heidelberg alumni, Heidelberg Giving Day 2018 was worth it! And that's especially important this year. At the dinner he hosted for Heidelberg alumni in September, Dr. Henry Jarecki generously pledged to match all donations to Heidelberg University Association dollar for dollar up to a total of \$50,000. We annually celebrate Heidelberg giving day on October 18, since this is the day when Universität Heidelberg officially opened its doors to the very first students in 1386. Donors could choose to donate to the Zukunft Stiften Campaign, HAUS alumni activities and/or the HAUS Scholarship. A warm thank you to all generous donors!



DC HAUS members at the joint alumni meeting – featuring the Traveling T-Shirt!

ZUKUNFT STIFTEN CAMPAIGN STARTS THE FINAL ROUND

It's almost time for the fifth and final round of the ZUKUNFT STIFTEN campaign. Watch your mailboxes in early December for the latest brochure. The ZUKUNFT STIFTEN campaign was initiated to grow the University's endowment fund and ultimately securing the university greater flexibility in responding to future challenges. This season we will ask you again for your support to make this final round a success. Every cent will count twice. Dr. Henry Jarecki generously pledged to match all donations to Heidelberg University Association made by December 31, 2018 dollar for dollar, cent for cent, up to a total of \$50,000.

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