



Northern California HAUS members meet for wine (and food!)

Dear HAUS Member,

2019 is off to a great start for Heidelberg Alumni International and HAUS, thanks to your support and participation!

In this issue of our HAUS Newsletter, you will find reports of Deutschlandjahr lectures and networking events across the U.S., milestone charitable giving recognitions and alumni events from coast to coast, as well as in Heidelberg.

It's HAUS Scholarship season once again, and we bring you reports from our two current Scholarship recipients and their progress in Heidelberg.

The University is in the running for the highly competitive and coveted "Excellence" label and federal funding; read on for details.

And, lastly, be on the lookout for the HAUS member survey. We value your input!

Wishing you a glorious springtime, wherever this newsletter finds you.

Herzliche Grüße,

Kathleen Lance
HAUS President

Irmintraud »Jimmie« Jost
Executive Director

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#WUNDERBARTOGETHER 1: "DEUTSCHLAND AMBASSADORS INITIATIVE" LECTURES AND EVENTS

Deutschlandjahr/The Year of German-American Friendship entered its second year with the project "Deutschland Ambassadors Initiative". In collaboration with other German universities, Heidelberg University Association organized events in Austin, TX and Madison, WI. Former Visiting Professor to Heidelberg University Elizabeth Catlos helped arrange a lecture by Dr. Julia Clarke on Feb. 7 at the University of Texas, Austin, entitled "Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries". Then, in April, Executive Director Jimmie Jost flew to Madison, WI to help organize the insightful lecture by Dr. Nils Ringe entitled "The Twilight of Angela Merkel: Implications for Germany and Europe". Both events were followed by a lively Q&A round and a fun networking reception! A third event is planned for Columbus, OH in the fall.

#WUNDERBARTOGETHER 2: EMBARGO LIFTED ON HEIDELBERG LECTURE BY NOBEL LAUREATE PROF. DR. HARALD ZUR HAUSEN

Nobel Laureate Prof. Harald zur Hausen's Heidelberg Lecture was so groundbreaking that some of his findings were not even published at the time of his talks in San Diego and Seattle in December 2018. As part of a Deutschlandjahr project, he shared his most recent research on the correlation between the consumption of dairy and beef products in early childhood and cancer later in life. At that time, his talks were recorded but embargoed.

Good news for everyone who missed the talks: the embargo on his Heidelberg Lectures was lifted recently. Now, we are delighted to share the video. Watch the Heidelberg Lecture from San Diego [here](#).



Nobel Laureate Dr. Harald zur Hausen speaking in San Diego



Heidelberg Alumni and Consul General Herbert Quelle (center) enjoyed the event in Madison



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THANK YOU! HEIDELBERG ALUMNI MET FUNDRAISING GOAL

You did it! Thank you! Alumnus Dr. Henry Jarecki challenged HAUS members to take him up on his offer to match all donations made by the end of 2018 up to \$50,000. Heidelberg Alumni took the challenge seriously and delivered in time: their donations passed the \$50,000-mark by December 31. A HUGE thank you to all who participated in the fifth round of the ZUKUNFT STIFTEN Campaign and of course "herzlichen Dank" to Dr. Jarecki who wrote the promised check on the very same day.

HEIDELBERG SAGT DANKE IN LAS VEGAS AND SACRAMENTO

Three years ago, Dr. Mahomed T. Amirana and Dr. Annelene J. Amirana started a scholarship fund for Heidelberg medical students who have run into financial difficulties. Currently, seven students at Heidelberg University from Cameroon, Ecuador, Iran, Nepal, Ukraine, and Yemen benefit from Drs. Amirana's generosity. Now it was up to Heidelberg University to say thank you. The couple, who met studying medicine at Heidelberg University, were awarded a personalized seal of the university. Irmintraud 'Jimmie' Jost, presented the medal to the couple at their hometown Las Vegas, NV in December.



Uli Bueff and the Amiranas receiving their plaques

Another generous donor of the ZUKUNFT STIFTEN campaign was honored just last month in California. Dr. Hans Ulrich Bueff received his special personalized Heidelberg plaque in April at an alumni gathering in Sacramento. He was honored for his very generous support of Heidelberg University on the highest level of the ZUKUNFT STIFTEN campaign. Uli studied medicine in Heidelberg and has been a supporter of HAUS since its founding.

HAUS SCHOLARSHIPS: THREE DOWN, TWO MORE TO GO

Thanks to our generous donors, we are offering five scholarships this year! Applications are still being accepted (through June 15) for the HAUS 2019-2020 scholarships for Master and Bachelor students. Spread the word!

The application deadline has passed and the selection process is underway for the three HAUS International Summer School scholarships. This year's language course theme is "Germany: Myths – Realities – Perspectives".



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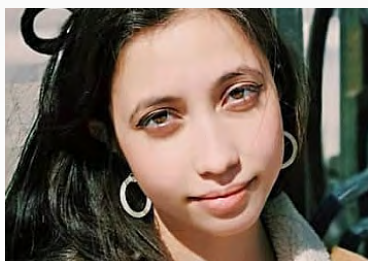
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HAUS Scholarship recipient
Fahiya Rashid



HAUS Scholarship recipient
Malaya Sadler

UPDATE FROM HAUS-SCHOLAR FAHIYA RASHID

Greetings! My name is Fahiya and I am a HAUS Scholarship recipient for 2016 and 2018. I am acquiring my M.A. in South Asian Studies with a focus on Political Science and History at Heidelberg University. I am nearing the final stretch of my Master’s Program; as a result, I am focused on preparing for my oral exam and writing my M.A. thesis under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Aurel Croissant from the Institute of Political Science. This past month I was in Bangladesh to conduct my final three interviews of members of the Bangladeshi Parliament, civil society, and academics to augment my M.A. thesis that I will start writing in June 2019. In my free time, I watch British television shows, dance salsa, and cook dinners with my friends. I want to sincerely thank the Heidelberg Alumni U.S. for investing in me; as a result, of your dedication and guidance I was able to bring my goals to fruition. The HAUS Scholarship has provided me with a unique opportunity to apply my research skills, zeal, and cultural knowledge of the South Asian region in a distinct and socially relevant way, equipping me to participate fully in positive change for the future.

UPDATE FROM HAUS-SCHOLAR MALAYA SADLER

I am finding Heidelberg to be incredibly peaceful and charming! I am excited about the new CATS (Centre for Asian and Transcultural Studies) center that has opened on the Bergheim campus—the Institute of Anthropology now has a wonderful new space in proximity to its related departments. With the help of the HAUS scholarship, I’m currently preparing to carry out fieldwork engaging the Filipino diaspora in Germany for my master’s thesis, while also enjoying the range of seminars on offer in both the Anthropology and Transcultural Studies departments. I am also enjoying the opportunity to travel—last semester, I visited Prague, Paris and Madrid.

TEACHERS SELECTED FOR CONTINUING ED IN HEIDELBERG

Every year, Heidelberg University and the Germanistic Society of America (GSA) award three scholarships to non-native teachers of German. The selection process is coordinated with the American Association of Teachers of German. This year, the three recipients are Emily Krauter from the University of Texas at Austin; Karen McGuinness from Salisbury Middle School in Allentown PA; and Anna Pajak from Purdue University Northwest in Hammond, IN. They will spend the month of August attending the “Fortbildungskurs” at Heidelberg University. Congrats teachers! We look forward to hearing about your experiences in Heidelberg.



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Lisa Vitale representing Heidelberg
University in New York

THIRD ANNUAL GRAD FAIR A SUCCESS IN NEW YORK

In March, Heidelberg University Association co-organized the third annual Grad Fair at the German House in New York. Alongside representatives of other German universities, Lisa Vitale and Irmintraud Jost discussed Heidelberg’s advantages and programs with prospective students and provided advice based on the visitor’s fields of study. In addition, speakers – including Heidelberg alumnus Jon Greenberg – gave testimonials on their time in Germany and offered tips for prospective applicants.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY COMPETES IN EXCELLENCE STRATEGY

In March, Heidelberg University hosted an international jury for the final round of the Excellence Strategy competition. 19 German universities successfully exited the earlier round of the **Excellence Strategy** competition with at least two “Excellence Clusters” approved and funded. Heidelberg succeeded with two interdisciplinary Excellence Clusters, one of them is in cooperation with the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. The Heidelberg Excellence Strategy focuses on Heidelberg as a Comprehensive University. According to the guidelines, eleven German universities will be awarded highly competitive, long-term federal funding and the highly desirable “Excellence” label. Those successful universities (chosen by international juries) will receive – for the first time – long-term federal funding. German universities are traditionally funded by the states, i.e., Baden-Württemberg in the case of Heidelberg. The Excellence Strategy results will be announced July 19, 2019.

WATCH YOUR (E)MAILBOXES!

The HAUS Leadership Committee and Regional Chairs are developing a survey to improve the services HAUS provides to Heidelberg alumni. The more answers we get, the better we can tailor our offerings, so please do participate! Please look out for the survey in your e-mailboxes sometime in May or June. Thank you for your support!

HAUS EVENTS COAST TO COAST (AND BEYOND)!

HAUS chapters across the U.S. and abroad haven’t slowed down since celebrating 10 years of HAUS in 2018. The new year looks like another busy one for Heidelberg Alumni in the U.S. In addition to our Deutschlandjahr events in Austin, TX and Madison, WI, our regional chapters have had various gatherings:

Heidelberg

HAUS Heidelberg gathered December 6 (Nikolaustag) to celebrate the Christmas holiday by opting for the “real thing”. Despite cold rain, they navigated the crowded Heidelberg Weihnachtsmarkt, stopped for Glühwein at the Universitätsplatz and later for Bratwurst on Karlsplatz. All marveled over the beautiful view of the illuminated Schloss while catching up with fellow HAUS members and making new friends.



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Group photo at HPI with effects from
an app developed in partnership
with HPI!

In March, the HAUS Heidelberg
Chapter met up for an after-work
party to welcome in Spring. This event
attracted a great crowd of Heidelbergers
interested in learning more about
HAUS. The crowd of 20+ enjoyed the
gorgeous view of the city and its first
show of blossoms from the roof terrace
of the Schilling Roofbar. There was a
Prosecco toast with sushi appetizer,
courtesy of Heike (HAUS Heidelberg
Regional Chair), which helped break the
ice as some guests already knew each
other, but many more met for the first time. Everyone had a great time with engaging
conversations well into the evening and capped off the night by watching the full
moon rise over the Königstuhl.



Heidelberg HAUS welcomes spring!

New York

Lots of holiday cheer was on display at the 2018 Alumni Holiday Reception December 4 in NYC. HAUS joined forces with other German universities and alliances to meet and network with others who studied in Germany. All enjoyed homemade Gluehwein (courtesy of the Heidelberg University team), German Christmas cookies, Stollen and great conversation. 100+ guests celebrated the season while meeting old friends and making new ones. The former Heidelbergers also had a chance to sign the 'Traveling T-Shirt' (the T-Shirt from the very first HAUS National Meeting in 2008).

In February, HAUS NYC started the year with a special meet & greet at a place that has close ties to Heidelberg – the Hasso Plattner Institut (HPI) New York at 10 Hudson Yards. HPI was founded by Prof. Dr. h.c. Hasso Plattner, the co-founder of the largest European software company SAP SE, which is headquartered near Heidelberg. HPI New York presents research and innovation to New York's research institutes, universities and companies. HPI Director, Joann Halpern, a friend of Heidelberg Universität, offered a tour of the premises including the spectacular view from the 48th floor. As a special perk, she gave an introduction to "design thinking". Joann later joined the alumni group at a nearby restaurant to chat some more.

Northern California

HAUS members in NoCal joined alumni from other German research institutions and universities in San Francisco for the third annual New Year's Reception at the German Consul General's Residence. It proved to be an evening of pleasant conversation with delicious food and drinks. The program included time for networking before and after welcoming remarks by Consul General Hans-Ulrich Südbeck and the other main sponsors of the Event: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), German Research Foundation (DFG), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and Technical University of Munich.



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In April, Executive Director Jimmie Jost met with Heidelberg alumni in Sacramento. The Californian alumni had valuable input for the upcoming 2019 National Meeting planned in Southern California. Jimmie, who had just returned from Germany, had the chance to talk about the Excellence Strategy at Heidelberg University. It's worth noting that everyone was happy to speak German! See the group on the front page of the newsletter!

Southern California

HAUS SoCal hosted an evening event in Los Angeles in January to kick off the New Year. Attendees braved some heavy rains to meet at the Wirtshaus restaurant on LaBrea Avenue. Over lively discussion and fond memories, the group enjoyed a delicious and authentic Schnitzel dinner, noting a desire to return for another such event at that location.



Schuhplattler at the German Cultural Event at Fullerton College

They also attended an outing to Fullerton College in early April. The evening began with a buffet of tasty German cuisine from a local restaurant. HAUS attendees joined local high school and college students and friends of Germany from the area to watch Schuhplattler. Dancers in colorful Bavarian costumes demonstrated several folk dances including the traditional whip dance. The group then viewed the film, “Mein Blind Date mit dem Leben” (“My Blind Date with Life”), directed by Marc Rothemund. The humorous and touching movie featured Kostja Ullmann as a man who tries to hide his blindness while pursuing his dream of working at a posh hotel (the Bayerischer Hof in Munich). The German movie and cultural evening at Fullerton was well attended and has become a popular annual event in the area.

Washington, DC

HAUS DC got an early festive seasonal start and met for a Holiday Luncheon at Old Europe, Washington's premiere German restaurant in the heart of downtown in December. Alumni reminisced about the Heidelberg Weihnachtsmarkt while enjoying delicious German food and each other's company during the early afternoon event —both old and new faces alike.



DC HAUSlers welcoming the holiday season



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Those active on social media know that HAUS has a strong presence on Facebook, Twitter and within the HAI regional subgroup on LinkedIn. This has proven to be a great way to keep alumni current on the latest news from Heidelberg and HAUS. It is also a great tool to network and connect with alumni.

If you are hesitant to 'plug in', know you can still take advantage of what HAUS offers on social media by way of the HAUS twitter handle: @HeidelbergHAUS.

Regarding HAUS on Facebook and LinkedIn, an account is required though you can still access the LinkedIn group information page by searching Heidelberg Alumni U.S. (HAUS).

If, though, you decide to officially join the 100+ members and followers on Facebook and Twitter and 400+ on LinkedIn already connected, you could 'like', 'post' and 'reply' to chapter events, job opportunities and Uni, HAI or HAUS updates. It is simply the best way to connect with fellow alumni — at least in real time.