



Letter from the President

Dear HAUS Member,

In this issue of our HAUS Blatt, you will find a number of updates from Heidelberg, including news of a few personnel changes at our beloved Ruperto Carola. And many things are getting back to “normal” there. For example, the International Summer School of German Language and Culture is taking place in person once again this August in Heidelberg. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and partners, we are able to award scholarships to send students and German teachers from the U.S to participate in this popular program. You’ll also read about some stellar achievements of our fellow alumni. Plus, you’ll see that we have continued the HAUS Virtual Kaffeeklatsch series, which started out of necessity in 2020, but has grown into a fun and easy way to meet with our members, regardless of their location. We have even had a few opportunities to gather in person, and we hope that this trend will continue as much as is safely possible.

Speaking of in-person gatherings, I am delighted to welcome you to join us in Denver in person this year for the HAUS 14th National Meeting! Mark your calendars for September 30 – October 2, and plan to spend the weekend with HAUS in the Mile High City.

In the meantime, be sure to enjoy the new Heidelberg University Association website, with its dedicated HAUS web pages, and, if you are so inclined, the new HAUS Instagram account.

I look forward to seeing you in Denver this fall!

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

Kathleen Lance
HAUS President

Amanda Daquila
Executive Director

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NEWS FROM HEIDELBERG

University Rankings: Heidelberg Among Top Three in Germany

Ruperto Carola has confirmed its excellent placement among the top three universities in Germany in the QS World University Ranking 2022-2023. Heidelberg University comes third in Germany after Technical University of Munich (49) and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (59). Heidelberg University ranks 65th internationally and 20th in Europe. Heidelberg and the two Munich universities are the only German universities represented in the QS Ranking's Top 100.

Pennington Award for Two Outstanding U.S. Historians

Two outstanding U.S. historians have received Heidelberg University's James W.C. Pennington Award. Dr. Manisha Sinha, a researcher at the University of Connecticut and the 2021 awardee, is a leading expert in the history of the anti-slavery movement. Dr. Carol Anderson is the winner of the 2022 award, and she engages with contemporary history, inequality, and the socio-political situation in the United States as a scholar at Emory University.

The Pennington Award is presented by the Heidelberg Center for American Studies and the Faculty of Theology in commemoration of American pastor and former slave James W.C. Pennington. He received an honorary doctorate from Ruperto Carola in 1849, making him the first African American to receive this academic honor from a European university.



Have been honoured: Manisha Sinha (left) and Carol Anderson (right). The Pennington Award was presented by Markus Lautenschläger, son of Manfred Lautenschläger, on behalf of the donors. | © Rothe



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Heidelberg University Rector Announces Early End to Third Term

Prof. Dr Bernhard Eitel will end his third term in office at the head of the university on September 30, 2023. “I take this step with the greatest awareness of responsibility for our academic community – an aspiration that has always guided me in past years, too,” says Prof. Eitel. “As of 2024 the Excellence Competition will enter into a new phase, and I am convinced that it will be advantageous for the university if I can hand over my responsibilities to my successor with a sufficient lead time.”

Head of International Division Retires

Dr. Joachim Gerke retired from his role as Head of the International Relations Division April 1, 2022. For 24 years, Dr. Gerke served this Division, which supports international students, study abroad programs, and international partnerships and cooperation, and originally housed Heidelberg Alumni International. We wish Dr. Gerke an enjoyable start to his well-earned retirement!

Stay up to date via the Heidelberg University [Newsroom](#)

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HAUS Scholarship

We are proud to offer scholarships to that allow as many individuals as possible to learn and grow in Heidelberg. The HAUS Scholarships are supported entirely by the HAUS community and demonstrates our continued commitment to providing opportunity to experience Ruperto Carola. Thank you to everyone who helps to make the HAUS Scholarship possible!

HAUS Scholarship – The HAUS Scholarship provides funding for a semester of study at the bachelor’s or master’s level at Heidelberg University. The deadline was June 15, and the selection committee will meet soon to make the final decisions on who the 2022 recipients will be.

HAUS Summer School Scholarship – The HAUS Summer School Scholarship subsidizes participation in the International Summer School for German Language and Culture at Heidelberg University. Students at the summer school enroll in four-week courses according to their skill level and participate in local excursions to learn more about the region.

Lehrerfortbildungskurs Scholarship – The International Summer School for German Language and Culture at Heidelberg University also offers a continuing education course for teachers of German who are not native speakers. We are proud to continue our cooperation with the Germanistic Society of America and the American Association of Teachers of German to support scholarships for these teachers.

Read more about all of our scholarship programs [here](#).



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Dr. Steven E. Sokol Receives Bundesverdienstkreuz



Photo: Beowulf Sheehan

On Monday, March 7, German Ambassador to the United States Emily M. Haber presented **Dr. Steven E. Sokol** with the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (*Bundesverdienstkreuz*) at the residence of German Consul General David Gill in New York. Steve is a HAUS member and serves on the Heidelberg University Association board in addition to his role as president of the American

Council on Germany. Congratulations, Steve, and thank you for all you do to support Ruperto Carola and the broader transatlantic relationship!

Leonard McCombe – Images 1940-1946

After a two-year delay, Heidelberg alumni **Clark McCombe** and **Hannah Ortiz** were finally able to open their photo exhibit “Leonard McCombe – Images 1940-1946” on May 5, 2022. As a photojournalist for Life Magazine, Leonard McCombe traveled throughout Germany capturing the life on the ground during and after World War II. The exhibit showcases a selection of haunting black and white images unpacked and curated by Clark and Hannah.

Visitors can view the exhibit in the lobby of the German Consulate in New York through August 15, 2022.

If you will not be able to make the exhibit, you can have a look through the digital exhibition catalogue [here](#). Thank you, Clark and Hannah, for sharing these images with the public!





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Dr. Elisabeth Fondren Wins Covert Award

Heidelberg alum **Dr. Elisabeth Fondren** won the 38th annual Covert Award in May 2022. The Covert Award recognizes the best mass communication history published in the prior year by the History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Dr. Fondren is an Assistant Professor of Journalism at St. John's University in Queens, New York. Her submission, entitled "Fighting an Armed Doctrine: The Struggle to Modernize German Propaganda During World War I (1914–1918)," appeared in *Journalism & Communication Monographs*, 2021, Vol. 23(4) 256–317. Congratulations! Read more [here](#).

Have a hail? Something to share? Tell us!

We know that our alumni are doing a lot of interesting things in the world, but only because you tell us. Please let us know if you have had a recent achievement, visit to Heidelberg, or other event that could be of interest to the HAUS community, and we may choose to share your story on social media or in the next issue of HAUS Blatt. *Please note that we cannot publish all submissions.*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

HAUS Virtual Kaffeeklatsch with AJY



HAUS members were joined by students and alumni of the American Junior Year in Heidelberg program for a virtual Kaffeeklatsch. Attendees heard from three current students about life on the ground in Heidelberg right now, including an introduction to their internships. One student is currently interning at the new Mark Twain Center for Transatlantic Relations, housed in the former Campbell Barracks. After hearing from the students, attendees split into smaller groups for a cozy catch up.

The VKK has become a regular HAUS meeting since the beginning of the pandemic, and it was a delight to include AJY this time, hopefully not for the last time!



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HAUS NY Happy Hour with Prof. Dr. Marc-Philippe Weller

Heidelberg University alumni in the New York City metro area met for their first in-person gathering in 2022. Vice Rector for International Affairs, Prof. Dr. Marc-Philippe Weller was in New York for the Heidelberg University Association board meeting. He graciously made time to meet with this *klein aber fein* group for conversation over wine and appetizers at Wine:30 in Murray Hill.



DWIH San Francisco Gala and Alumni Happy Hour

The German Center for Research and Innovation (*Deutsche Wissenschafts- und Innovationshäuser DWIH*) has opened a second U.S. office in San Francisco in April. As a main supporter of the DWIH SF, Heidelberg University could participate in the opening gala and delegation visit, which included trips to local startups and UC Berkeley and Stanford University. We took advantage of our time in the Bay Area and organized a happy hour at Black Hammer Brewing with local alumni, not only of Heidelberg University, but also alumni of Campus OWL, Hasso Plattner Institute, TU Munich, University Alliance Ruhr, and the Universities of Cologne and Freiburg. Everyone was pleased to see surprise guest Jimmie Jost!



Heidelberg University has supported DWIH locations around the world through its international centers. With our offices in New York, Santiago de Chile, New Delhi, and Kyoto, the university supports the DWIH in New York, São Paulo, New Delhi, and Tokyo, respectively.



The Future of Climate Action – An Interactive Scenario Workshop

On June 17th, 21 students and professionals met at the SAP offices in New York to imagine what the world will look like in 2045, 15 years after the UN Sustainable Development Goals are due. The interactive scenario workshop, entitled “The Future of Climate Action,” was led by Dr. Max Jungmann. Dr. Jungmann is a Heidelberg alum, founder of Momentum Novum, and currently conducts research with the Climate Action Science project. Workshop participants learned the process of strategic forecasting and networked over drinks and döner kebabs at the end of the day.

Heidelberg University Association cohosted the event with the support of Hasso Plattner Institute New York and the German Center for Research and Innovation New York.

You can read an interview with Dr. Max Jungmann [here](#).

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Contact Information Updates

The New York office staff is always updating alumni contact information. If you move, change your email address, or your phone number, please contact us at info@heidelberguniversity.org.

We have been updating our regional mailing lists. If you used to receive regional emails, but have not received one recently, please contact us.

Invite your classmates

If you are in touch with any fellow alumni, make sure they know about HAUS by sharing the [registration link](#).

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HAUS 14TH NATIONAL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The HAUS National Meeting is back and in person! Join us for the 14th National Meeting in Denver, CO September 30 – October 2, 2022. More details to come.

We will need the support of our local alumni. Please contact us at info@heidelberguniversity.org to volunteer.



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

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