

2009 marks the 300th anniversary of the first large-scale German migration to British North America.

Frustrated with an oppressive social system, driven by chronic poverty and the recent devastation caused by the War of Spanish Succession, about 13,000 people left the Palatinate in 1709. Up until the turn of the century they were followed by roughly another 100,000, the vast majority of whom headed for the mid-Atlantic colonies and southern backcountry

The goal of the interdisciplinary conference is to investigate new facets in the socio-political, religious, cultural, and literary history of this very heterogeneous group of immigrants between the late seventeenth and the late eighteenth century.

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German-Speaking People in the Greater Mid-Atlantic Region:

**Cross-Cultural
Contacts and
Conflicts,
1700-1800**

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Wednesday, October 7 ▶ Alte Mensa	
17:00-17:30	Welcoming Address <i>Ulrich Förstermann</i> , Vice-President for Research
17:30-18:00	Introduction <i>Oliver Scheiding</i>
18:00-19:30	Opening Lecture <i>Stephen L. Longenecker</i> , "Conflict and Cooperation in a Community of Outsiders"
19:30	Reception
20:15	Multimedia Presentation: "Real-Ideal: German-American Footprints" <i>Jens Barnieck</i> , piano; <i>Frank Mehring</i> , guitar and documentation; <i>Wheeler Sparks</i> , photography

Thursday, October 8 ▶ Fakultätssaal, Philosophicum	
9:00-10:30	Keynote Address I <i>Philip Otterness</i> , "The Palatines of New York: First Arrivals as Exemplars and Exceptions"
10:45-12:30	Panel 1: Migration, Colonization, and Settlement: Atlantic and Imperial Perspectives Chair: <i>Frank Obenland</i> <i>Hans-Jürgen Grabbe</i> , "The German Society of Pennsylvania as a Cross-Cultural Agent, 1770-1820" <i>Rosalind J. Beiler</i> , "Information Brokers and Mediators: The Role of Diplomats in the Migrations of German-Speaking People, 1670-1720"
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:30	Panel 2: Transculturation and Cross-Cultural Conflicts Chair: <i>Warren Hofstra</i> <i>Aaron Fogleman</i> , "Germans and the Contested Origins of Evangelical Protestantism among Carolina Low Country Slaves" <i>Jan Stievermann</i> , "Pennsylvania's German Peace Churches During the Revolutionary War" <i>Marie Basile McDaniel</i> , "Philadelphia's German-Speakers in Revival and War"
16:00-17:30	Panel 3: Identity, Literature, and the Transatlantic Book Market Chair: <i>Hans-Jürgen Schrader</i>

	<i>Patrick Erben</i> , "Defining Pennsylvania-German Literature: Canonicity, Genre, Literary History, Methodology, and Research Opportunities"
	<i>Claudia Kroke</i> , "German Language Narratives of Indian Captivity"
	<i>Laura Feil</i> , "A 1747 Printers' Struggle Concerning the 'Present State' of Philadelphia: 'Plain Truth' vs. 'Klare und Gewisse Wahrheit' "
▶ City Hall Mainz – Valencia Zimmer	
18:30-20:00	Keynote Address II <i>Hermann Wellenreuther</i> , "Talking about Text and Image in Pennsylvania-German Broadsides and the Meaning of Sources: Or why Adams and Eves are Fun"
▶ City Hall Mainz – Empfangsraum	
20:00	Reception: <i>Peter Krawietz</i>

Friday, October 9 ▶ Fakultätssaal, Philosophicum	
9:00-10:30	Keynote Address III <i>A. Gregg Roeber</i> , "Towards a Theology of Early Modern German-Speakers and their Animals"
10:45-12:30	Panel 4: Material Culture and German Religious Folk Art. Chair: <i>John Delaney</i> <i>Cynthia Falk</i> , "Material Cultures of the Frontier: German Settlers in New York and Pennsylvania" <i>Robert Webster Reynolds</i> , "Contextualizing and Deciphering Georgian Pennsylvania German Farmhouses in the Dutch Country"
	<i>Elisabeth Fillmann / Frank Wittmer</i> , "The German Hymnbooks by Benjamin Franklin"
12:30-13:00	Lunch
13:00-15:00	Panel 5: Religion and Cross-Cultural Contacts Chair: <i>Manfred Siebald</i> <i>Helen Altenpohl Heinz</i> , "German Catholics, the Invisible Life: Aufklärung-Catholicism in Enlightenment Pennsylvania, 1741-1800" <i>Helmut Schmahl</i> , "Radical Pietists in the Atlantic World: The Emigration of the Gimbshiem 'Awakened' to Ephrata, Pennsylvania in the Mid-18th Century" <i>Liam Riordan</i> , "Taufschein, the 'Union Church,' and Popular Religion: The Transformation of Pennsylvania German Identity in Revolutionary America"

▶ Alzey	
15:30-16:00	Bus Service to Alzey
16:15-17:15	Visit of the Exhibition „Aufbruch nach Amerika: 300 Jahre Massenauswanderung aus Rheinland-Pfalz, 1709-2009"
17:15-19:00	German-Pennsylvanian Day
19:30	Guest Lecture <i>Don Yoder</i> , "Discovering Pennsylvanisch: America's Special German Mudderschprooch"
21:00-23.15	Dinner
23:30	Bus Service to Mainz

Saturday, October 10 ▶ Fakultätssaal, Philosophicum	
9:00-10:30	Keynote Address IV <i>Marianne Wokeck</i> , "The 1709 Palatine Exodus through the Lenses of Public and Private Promise, Risk, and Philanthropy"
10:45-12:30	Panel 6: Identity Formation and Ethnicization Chair: <i>Nicole Waller</i> <i>Margo M. Lambert</i> , "Pastorius and the Changing Face of Early Pennsylvanian Education" <i>Stephanie Schnorbus</i> , "German Children, Identity, and the English Language in 18th-Century Pennsylvania" <i>Charlotte Lerg</i> , "Identity and Integration: Attitudes of German-Americans during the American Revolution"
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:30	Panel 7: The Mid-Atlantic Regions and Transatlantic Networks Chair: <i>Oliver Scheiding</i> <i>Wolfgang Splitter</i> , "Some Remarks on the Chances of 18th-Century Communication between Germany and Pennsylvania" <i>Mark Häberlein / Matthias Schönhofer</i> , "Gotthilf Heinrich Mühlenberg: The Transatlantic Network of a German-American Clergyman and Botanist"
15:45-17:15	Final Discussion and Responses to Papers: German-Speaking People in the Greater Mid-Atlantic Region: New Directions? Chairs: <i>Oliver Scheiding</i> , <i>Jan Stievermann</i>
19:00	Conference Dinner