

Conference Group for Central European History

Newsletter

Fall 2003

Dear Colleagues,

The Conference Group's **business meeting** and *Bierabend* will take place **Saturday, January 10, 2004** at the American Historical Association convention in Washington, D.C. (Thursday, January 8 to Sunday, January 11, 2004). The business meeting will convene at **5:00 p.m. in the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Directors's Room**. Business to be conducted includes the election of new officers (current officers and nominees are listed below) and the announcement of the winner of the biennial article prize. In his annual report to the membership, departing *CEH* editor Ken Barkin will give a brief review of the journal's progress during the past thirteen years. **The *Bierabend* will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the adjacent Executive Room**. I am pleased to announce that the Conference Group is the sponsor or co-sponsor of seventeen sessions on Central Europe at this year's AHA meeting. You will find links to these sessions below.

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**Conference Group for Central European History at the Annual Meeting of
the American Historical Association**

Friday, January 9

9:30–11:30 a.m. Omni Shoreham, Governor's Conference Room.

[Session 1, joint with the AHA. Race, Colonialism, and Global Conflict in Germany, 1884–1918](#)

9:30–11:30 a.m. Marriott, Harding Room.

[Session 2, joint with the AHA. Still Fighting: A Comparative View of National Cultures and the Public Memory of the Second World War](#)

9:30–11:30 a.m. Omni Shoreham, Embassy Room.

[Session 3. Radicalizing the Nation: The Impact of the First World War on German Nationalism and Political Culture](#)

2:30–4:30 p.m. Omni Shoreham Hampton Room.

[Session 4, joint with the AHA. The Role of Art and Music in the Construction of National and Regional Identity, 1870–1914](#)

2:30–4:30 p.m. Omni Shoreham, Palladian Ballroom.

[Session 5, joint with the AHA. War Crimes Trials as Sources for Writing History](#)

2:30–4:30 p.m. Omni Shoreham, Embassy Room.

[Session 6. Violence and Peace: Postwar Reconstructions in Twentieth-Century Germany](#)

Saturday, January 10

9:30–10:30 a.m. Omni Shoreham, Calvert Room.

[Session 7, joint with the AHA. "Babel before Bhabha": Language and German Cultural Studies since 1800](#)

9:30–11:30 a.m. Marriott, Wardman Towers, Nathan Hale Room.

[Session 8, joint with the AHA and the Society for Austrian and Habsburg History. Nature and Magic in Early Modern Central Europe](#)

9:30–11:30 a.m. Marriott, Delaware Suite A.

[Session 9, joint with the AHA. Patrolling Borders, Ascribing Identities: Population Reclassification in World War II Era Europe](#)

9:30–11:30 a.m. Omni Shoreham, Embassy Room.

[Session 10. From Enemy to Ally: Reconciliation Made Real in Postwar Germany](#)

2:30–4:30 p.m. Marriott, Wardman Towers, Nathan Hale Room.
[Session 11, joint with the AHA. Defeating the Capitalist West! Questions of East German Political Economy, 1952–89](#)

2:30–4:30 p.m. Omni Shoreham, Embassy Room.
[Session 12. War and Society in East Central Europe, 1740–1806](#)

5:00–6:00 p.m. Omni Shoreham, Director’s Room.
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6:00–8:00 p.m. Omni Shoreham, Executive Room.
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Sunday, January 11

8:30–10:30 a.m. Omni Shoreham, Council Room.
[Session 13, joint with the AHA. A Bitter Ambiguity: Restitution and Reconciliation in Post-Defeat Germany, Italy, and Japan](#)

8:30–10:30 a.m. Hilton, Monroe Ballroom West.
[Session 14, joint with the AHA. Jewish-Christian Germans \(“Mischlinge”\) and Jews Married to Aryans in World War II and the Holocaust—Roundtable](#)

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Omni Shoreham, Suite 373.
[Session 15, joint with the AHA. Icons of Victory and Defeat: Returning Veterans in Japan, Germany, and the United States after World War II](#)

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Marriott, Marriott Ballroom Balcony D.
[Session 16, joint with the AHA. Survival in an Age of Rubble: Black Market Activities in the Postwar Germanies](#)

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Marriott, Hoover Room.
[Session 17, joint with the AHA and the Society for Austrian and Habsburg History. The Generation of 1914 East-Central Europe: War, Politics, Modernism](#)

The full 2003 AHA program can be found on line, at the following address:
<http://www.theaha.org/ANNUAL/2004/2004Program/index.htm>

Conference Group for Central European History

Current Officers (January 2003-January 2004)

President: David Blackburn, Harvard University

Vice-President: Jonathan Sperber, University of Missouri, Columbia

Vice-President Elect: Roger Chickering, Georgetown University

Immediate Past President: David Crew, University of Texas at Austin

At-Large Member (exp. January 2004): Peter Black, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

At-Large Member (exp. January 2005): Dagmar Herzog, Michigan State University

At-Large Member (exp. January 2006): Kevin Repp, Yale University

Editor of *Central European History*, Kenneth Barkin, University of California, Riverside

Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Kees Gispens, University of Mississippi

Archives Committee

David Barclay (Kalamazoo College), Chair (contact David at: barclay@kzoo.edu)

John Connelly, University of California at Berkeley

Carole Fink, Ohio State University

Geoffrey Giles, University of Florida (*ex officio*)

Alan Steinweis, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Gerhard Weinberg, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Nominations Committee

The Conference Group's 2003 nominating committee is made up of the executive committee. The committee has nominated Ron Smelser, University of Utah, for the position of Vice-President Elect and Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University, for a three-year term on the executive committee. Members are invited to submit additional nominations to the Executive Secretary. Nominations will be voted on at the January 2004 business meeting in Washington. .

The Executive Committee is soliciting recommendations for a CGCEH member to fill a slot on the board of Friends of the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC. Preferably, the nominee will reside in the Washington, DC area, to facilitate attendance of board meetings. This issue will be discussed and voted on at the January business meeting.

Editorship of *Central European History*

The editor of *Central European History*, Ken Barkin, will complete his term of office in the summer of 2004. His successor is Kenneth D. Ledford, Case Western Reserve University.

Tax Exempt Status for CGCEH

The executive secretary has undertaken steps to obtain tax-exempt status for the Conference Group. The application is currently under review by the IRS. A favorable ruling is expected before year's end. A federal income tax exemption will enable the association to invest its small endowment (which used to be managed by the AHA) in interest-bearing or other income-producing instruments. It will also give members who wish to make donations or contributions to the Conference Group a federal income-tax deduction.

Announcements

Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize Winners

The Friends of the German Historical Institute are pleased to announce that the winners of this year's Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize are:

Chad Carl Bryant, University of California at Berkeley,

"Making the Czechs German: Nationality and Nazi Rule in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, 1939-1945"

and

Jeffrey T. Zalar, Georgetown University,

Knowledge and Nationalism in Imperial Germany: A Cultural History of the Association of Saint Charles Borromeo, 1890-1914"

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