

Conference Group for Central European History

# Newsletter

Fall 2004

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Dear Colleagues,

The Conference Group's **business meeting** and *Bierabend* will take place **Saturday, January 8, 2005** at the American Historical Association convention in Seattle, Washington. The business meeting will convene at **5:00 p.m. in the Westin Hotel, Whidbey 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 Hans Rosenberg book prize. **The Bierabend will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Westin's Fifth Avenue Room**. The Conference Group is the co-sponsor of six sessions on Central Europe at this year's AHA meeting. You will find links to the sessions below.

Kees Gispen

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

**Friday, January 7**

9:30–11:30 a.m. *Convention Center, Room 617*

[Session 19. Joint with the AHA. Going to the Source: New Understandings of East German History](#)

**Saturday, January 8**

9:30–10:30 a.m. *Convention Center, Room 212*

[Session 80. Joint with the AHA. Medicine, Law, and Rhetorical Strategy in Seventeenth-Century Germany: The Healer Margarete Ammann](#)

9:30–11:30 a.m. *Sheraton, Aspen Room*

[Session 84. Joint with the AHA. Bodies Politic: “Körperbildung,” Politics, and Nation in Modern Germany](#)

2:30–4:30 p.m. *Sheraton, Metropolitan Ballroom*

[Session 112. Sponsored by the National History Center, the Conference Group for Central European History, and the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C. Modern German Historiography: James J. Sheehan and the Evolution of the Field](#)

5:00–6:00 p.m. *Westin, Whidbey Room*

Business meeting

6:00–8:00 p.m. *Westin, Fifth Avenue Room*

Bierabend

**Sunday, January 9**

8:30–10:30 a.m. *Convention Center, Room 614*

[Session 137. Joint with the AHA. Community, Plurality, and Exclusion: Negotiating Religious Differences in Germany, 1890–1933](#)

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. *Convention Center, Room 620*

[Session 160. Joint with the AHA. Policing and Crime in Germany, 1885–1955: Perceptions, Definitions, Patterns](#)

The full 2005 AHA program can be found online, at the following address:

<http://www.historians.org/annual/program.cfm>.

A summary listing of the Conference Group's activities at the AHA meeting is at <http://www.historians.org/annual/2005/Program/05CGCEH.cfm>

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## **Conference Group for Central European History**

### **Current Officers (January 2004-January 2005)**

President: Jonathan Sperber, University of Missouri, Columbia

Vice-President: Roger Chickering, Georgetown University

Vice-President Elect: Ron Smelser, University of Utah

Immediate Past President: David Blackbourn, Harvard University

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

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

At-Large Member (exp. January 2007): Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University

Editor of *Central European History*: Kenneth Barkin, University of California, Riverside (to July 2004)

Editor of *Central European History*: Kenneth D. Ledford, Case Western Reserve University (from July 2004)

Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Kees Gispén, University of Mississippi

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### **Archives Committee**

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

John Connelly, University of California at Berkeley

Carole Fink, Ohio State University

Geoffrey Giles, University of Florida

Alan Steinweis, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Gerhard Weinberg, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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### **Nominations Committee**

The Conference Group's 2004 nominating committee is made up of the executive committee. The committee has nominated **Isabel Hull**, Cornell

University, for the position of Vice-President Elect, and **Richard Wetzell**, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., for a three-year term on the executive committee. In addition, the committee has nominated **Jennifer Jenkins**, University of Toronto, to succeed **Kees Gispen** as Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Members are invited to submit additional nominations to the Executive Secretary. Nominations will be voted on at the January 2005 business meeting in Seattle.

The Executive Committee is soliciting recommendations for an additional member of the Conference Group to fill a slot on the board of Friends of the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C. (FGHI). Our only current delegate is David Blackburn. The Conference Group's original delegates, Gerald Feldman and Roger Chickering, are currently serving as officers of FGHI and could not continue to serve in both capacities simultaneously. Preferably, the nominee will reside in the Washington, D.C. area, to facilitate attendance of board meetings. This issue will be discussed at the January executive committee and business meetings. Interested members please contact the Executive Secretary.

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### **IRS approves CGCEH's application for Tax Exempt Status**

In August, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer received the following welcome news from the Internal Revenue Service:

*July 30, 2004*

*Dear Applicant:*

*We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.*

Tax exempt status is retroactive to August 26, 2003.

Members who would like to make a tax-exempt donation to the Conference Group's endowment fund are urged to contact the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for details.

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# Announcements

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## Fritz Stern Dissertation Prize Winners

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

Erik N. Jensen  
University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Images of the Ideal: Sports, Gender, and the Emergence of the Modern Body  
in Weimar Germany"

and

Christopher J. Fischer  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

"Alsace to the Alsatians? Visions and Divisions of Alsatian Regionalism,  
1890-1930"

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## ***Central European History* Subscription Renewal Information**

The publisher of *CEH*, Brill Academic Publishers, has adopted a new subscription renewal system for 2005. Brill's new subscription and distribution center is operated by Extenza-Turpin in the United Kingdom. Subscribers should have received a renewal notice/invoice along with their most recent issue of *CEH*. The notice advised subscribers to send their payment (payable by check or credit card) to the following address:

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Subscribers can also renew online with Extenza-Turpin by clicking on the following link: [Renew CEH online](#)

Subscribers will need to provide their renewal number (i.e., product number for *CEH*, which is 00089389) and customer number (starting with the letters CU), both of which are printed on the renewal notification that was mailed out earlier. *CEH*'s ISSN number is: 0008-9389. The cost of an individual subscription is \$55.00. The renewal form asks for "Issue Number" directly below the box for the credit card number; leave this box blank. Also, the form asks for the start date of the credit card; leave this blank as well.

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### **Opportunity to make a tax exempt donation to the Conference Group's Endowment Fund**

With the acquisition of tax exempt status, the Conference Group is in a position to start building up its small endowment. As regular readers of the *Newsletter* already know, the Conference Group's capital fund at the beginning of the year was about \$25,000. There were some one-time expenses this past year, which resulted in a reduction to around \$20,000. While the new tax exemption has made it possible to invest this capital in a Certificate of Deposit, the interest income will help the fund grow only slowly. Our aim is to fund the Hans Rosenberg book and article prizes in perpetuity from the return on capital. The executive board therefore welcomes any and all donations that would help increase our endowment fund. Interested members and well-wishers please

contact the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for details. You may also send your check directly to the address below.

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*German Studies Association  
Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference*

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The German Studies Association (GSA) will hold its Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
29 September – 2 October 2005

The Program Committee cordially invites proposals on any aspect of German, Austrian, or Swiss Studies, including (but not limited to) history, Germanistik, film, political science, and cultural studies. Proposals for entire sessions and for interdisciplinary presentations are strongly encouraged. Individual paper proposals are also welcome. The programs from past GSA Conferences may be viewed at the GSA web site <http://www.g-s-a.org>

Please note that, beginning with this conference, ALL proposals will be submitted online. Paper forms will no longer be used. Please see the GSA web site for online submission materials.

The deadline for proposals is 15 February 2005. Early submissions are welcome and encouraged.

For more information and application materials, visit the GSA web site <http://www.g-s-a.org>

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