



**29th Annual Symposium
of the
Society for German-American Studies**



**May 5-7, 2005
Grand Rapids, Michigan**





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Location

The Society for German-American Studies will hold its Twenty-ninth Annual Symposium on the Robert C. Pew Campus of Grand Valley State University located at 401 West Fulton Street in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Registration

Return your completed registration form by April 1, 2005 along with a **check made payable to Grand Valley State University**. (On-site registration will also be available.)

A confirmation statement will be sent upon receipt of registration materials. Symposium registration will take place during the following times:

Thursday, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	Days Inn-Downtown
Friday, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	DeVos Center, Building D/E
Saturday, 8:00-10:00 a.m.	DeVos Center, Building D/E

To obtain a refund, you must submit your request for cancellation by Monday, April 4, 2005. Contact us by email at seegerm@gvsu.edu, by fax at (616) 331-3440, or by phone at (616) 331-3588.

Lodging

Blocks of rooms have been reserved only at the Days Inn-Downtown, which is located at 310 Pearl NW in Grand Rapids. Please contact the Days Inn directly at (616) 235-7611 to make your hotel reservation. Identify yourself as a member of the Society for German-American Studies (SGAS). Double room price is \$68.00 plus applicable sales tax. **The blocked rooms will be held until April 8, 2005.**

For other lodging within walking distance:

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel	(616) 776-6450
Courtyard by Marriott	(616) 242-6000

For additional assistance, search the West Michigan Tourist Association Web site at www.wmta.org or contact them by phone at (800) 442-2084 or (616) 245-2217.

Meals

Advanced registration is required for all meals listed on the registration form. For other meals there are a variety of restaurants available in the downtown area of Grand Rapids. A listing of restaurants will be provided in your symposium folder.

Tour of Two Historic Homes with German Connections

Thomas H. Logan, author of Almost Lost: Building and Preserving Heritage Hill, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will present a short version of his work in the large historical district of Grand Rapids on Friday morning. In the afternoon you have the opportunity to visit Voigt House and Amberg House built by prominent German-Americans. For more information visit the Heritage Hill Web site at www.heritagehillweb.org. Advanced registration is required for this tour.

University Policy

Grand Valley State University has adopted a no smoking policy in its buildings, offices, classrooms, and conference facilities.

Parking

For the guests at the Days Inn, parking is free of charge. Other participants in the symposium may park free of charge at the Front Lot. Overnight parking is not allowed in this lot. (See map on back of this brochure for parking location.)

For More Information

(Please call between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., eastern time.)

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Allendale MI 49401-9403		
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Schedule Overview

Thursday, May 5, 2005 (Days Inn)

2:00-5:00 p.m. SGAS Executive Board Mtg.
5:00-7:00 p.m. Registration
7:00-9:00 p.m. Geselliges Beisammensein
(cash bar)

Friday, May 6, 2005 (DeVos Center)

7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. Welcome and Keynote Address
9:30-11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
12:00 p.m. Luncheon at Eberhard Center
1:30 p.m. Historic Homes with German
Connections Tour in Grand Rapids
5:30 p.m. Cocktail Welcome Reception
7:00 p.m. Awards Banquet at Eberhard
Center

Saturday, May 7, 2005 (DeVos Center)

8:00-10:00 a.m. Registration
9:00-11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
11:30 a.m. Luncheon at Schnitzelbank
2:00-3:00 p.m. Membership Business Mtg.
3:15-5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
5:15-6:45 p.m. Poetry and Prose Reading by
the Society of Contemporary American
Literature in German (SCALG)

Speakers and Topics by Category

Keynote

British Army Major Tony Clunn, retired
author of Varusschlacht

Arts and Literature

Frank Baron (Kansas State University)
From Alexander von Humboldt to Frederic
Edwin Church: Voyages of Scientific
Exploration and Creativity

Sara Anne Hook (Indiana University-Purdue
University Indianapolis)
The Role of Music in the Lives of German-
American Settlers in Southern Indiana in the
Mid-1800s

William Keel (University of Kansas)
Schnitzelbank Song

Martha Lockhart (San Antonio, Texas)
Modern artist Dorothy Dehner

Grady S. Parker (Northwestern University)
Politics and Popular Song: The Music of
Hanns Eisler and Kurt Weill

Alfred de Zayas (Geneva, Switzerland)
Perception of Rilke in America

Biographical Profile

Frances Allen (University of Cincinnati)
Friedrich Hassaurek: From Vienna to
Cincinnati to Ecuador and back

William Roba (Scott Community College)
Buffalo Bill, German-Americans, and the
Germans

Language/Community/Culture

Christa Garcia (Spurensuche Project)
This project involves a Web site featuring 20
topics related to post-1945 cultural and
economic activities of German speakers in
Chicago and the Midwest.

Achim Kopp (Mercer University)
Francis Lieber's "A Brief and Practical
German Grammar..."

Gabriele M. Lunte (Washburn University)
Unique characteristics of the Catholic
Bohemian German Dialect of Ellis, Kansas,
and its dialect geographical origin in the
Bohemian Forest

William E. Petig (Stanford University)
The Moravian "Economy"

George F. Wieland (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
Assimilated, Yet Distinctive: A Survey
Portrait of German-Americans

Bradley G. Weiss, Michael T. Putnam, and
William Keel (University of Kansas)
uff vs. *uch*: Neutralization of a Voiceless
Fricative in Word-Final, Post-Back Vowel
Position in a Kansas Volga German Dialect

Manfred Zimmermann
(University of Cincinnati)
Protection Against Blades, Bullets, and
Bombs: The Himmelsbrief/Letter from
Heaven Tradition in Pennsylvania German
and Ohio Valley German Folklore and
Superstition

Midwest

John Leonard Berg
(University of Wisconsin-Platteville)
Early German Immigration into the
Minnesota River Valley

Linda A. Fisher (Annandale, Virginia)
German-American Man About Town: The
Life of An Urban Bachelor in 1848
Cincinnati

Robert W. Frizzell (Northwest Missouri
State University)
From Esperke to Concordia: Not Quite a
Transplanted Village

William Keel (University of Kansas)
"Hurrah—Frei Kansas!": German-American
Settlements in Territorial Kansas, 1854-61

Thomas H. Logan (Grand Rapids, Michigan)
author of Almost Lost: Building and
Preserving Heritage Hill, Grand Rapids

Wilhelm W. Seeger
(Grand Valley State University)
The German-Americans in Grand Rapids,
Michigan

Politics/War

Ann Davis (Hampton, Virginia)
War News 1942

Kevin Grace (University of Cincinnati)
German-American Caricature in Cincinnati
Before the Great War

Mary A. Seeger
(Grand Valley State University)
The Civil War letters of Grand Rapids
German Joseph Herkner

Robert A. Selig (Holland, Michigan)
Involuntary Soldiers for America: Count
Ludwig Friedrich von Wertheim-
Loewenstein's Creative Recruitment
Practices, 1780-1782

Don Heinrich Tolzmann
(University of Cincinnati)
The Hun Image of Germans during WWI

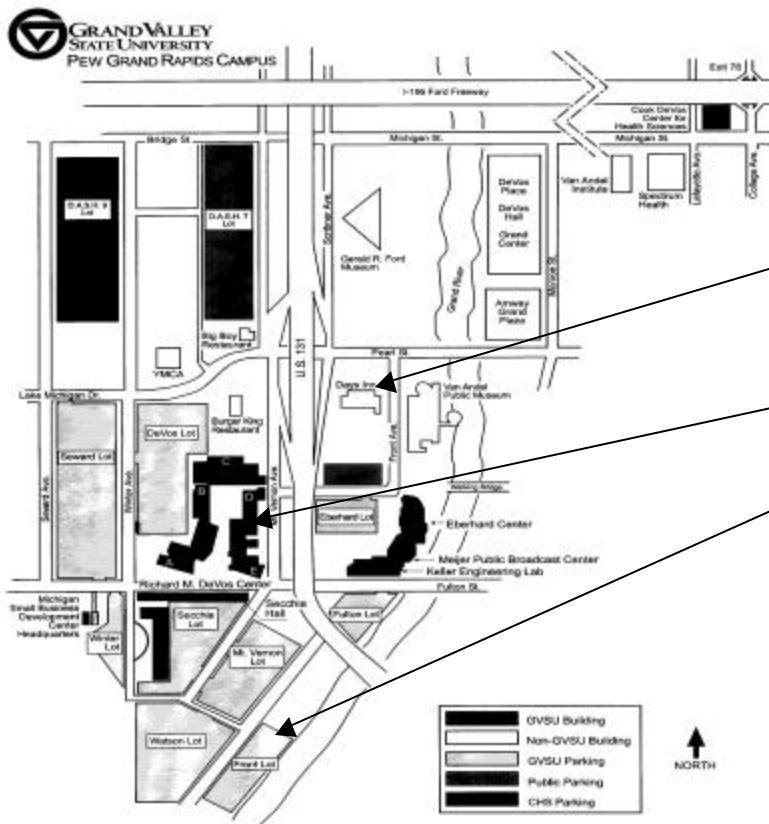
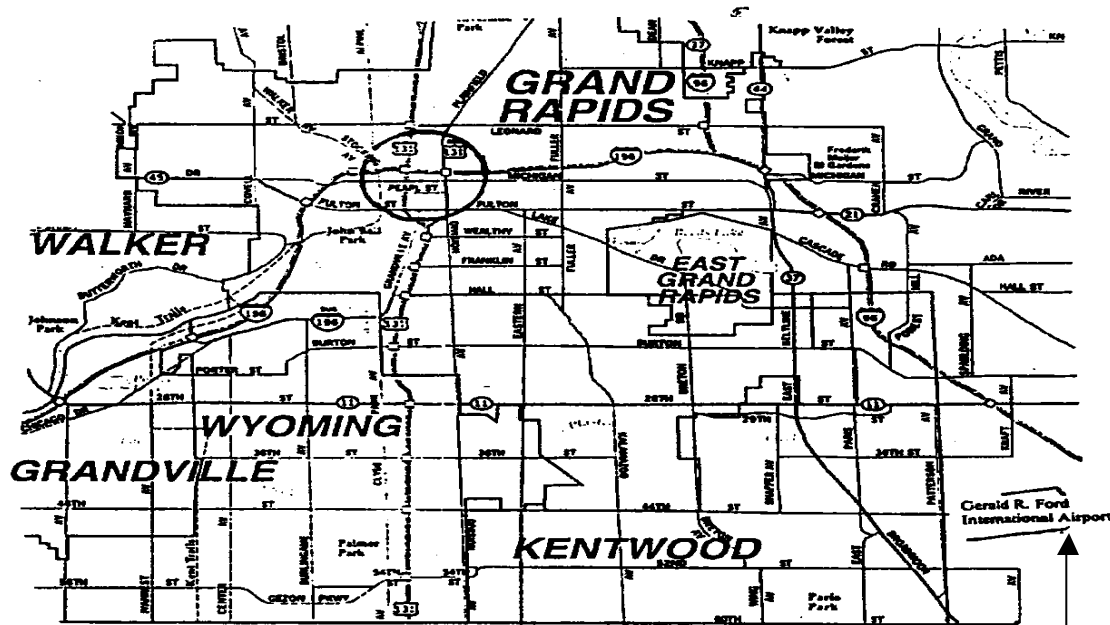
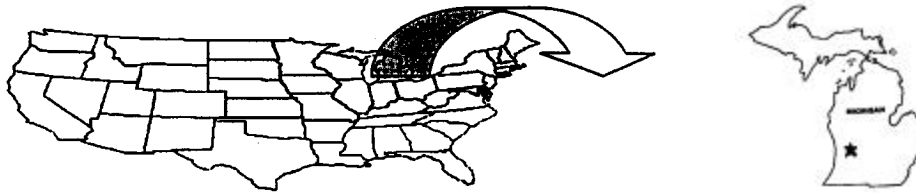
Religion

Randall P. Donaldson
(Loyola College in Maryland)
German Reformed Churches and the Law of
Supply and Demand: The problem of
supplying churches with appropriately
trained pastors in nineteenth-century
German-America

Sarah Emery (Grand Valley State
University)
Faith and Loyalty Under Fire: The Michigan
Congregations of the Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod, 1914-1920

Richard Trost (Iowa State University)
Johann Michael Reu 1869-1943

Symposium Location in Grand Rapids, Michigan



Gerald R. Ford International Airport
5500 44th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Days Inn-Downtown
310 Pearl NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Grand Valley State University
Pew Grand Rapids Campus
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For parking on Pew Grand Rapids Campus use the Front Lot

Registration Check-in Locations
Days Inn-Downtown
DeVos Center, Building D/E



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Registration Form

First/M.I./Last Name	
Name Badge	
Title	
Institution	
Street Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Country	
Business Phone	()
Home Phone	()
Email Address	

- ☐ Check this box if you agree that the information above may be included in the symposium participant list. List any items to be excluded: _____


Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all appropriate boxes below	
Early Registration Fee (received by April 1, 2005)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00
Late Registration Fee (received after April 1, 2005)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00
On-site Registration Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00
Friday Luncheon Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Historic Homes Tour and Transportation Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8.00
Friday Cocktail Welcome Reception (reservations required)	<input type="checkbox"/> No charge
Friday Awards Banquet Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$28.00
Saturday Luncheon Fee (cash bar) select <u>one</u> : <input type="checkbox"/> chicken breast (plus rice medley and vegetable) <input type="checkbox"/> mettwurst and bratwurst (plus potato salad and sauerkraut) <input type="checkbox"/> whitefish (plus mashed potatoes and cole slaw) [also included in price are a beverage: coffee/tea/pop, tossed salad, strudel, taxes and gratuity]	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Enter total amount enclosed	
	\$

Make check payable to Grand Valley State University, Memo: SGAS 2005

- ☐ Please check box if you have special dietary needs or require additional accommodations.
A Grand Valley State University representative will contact you.

Mail completed registration form and check to:

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Grand Valley State University
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Allendale MI 49401-9403


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Date received: _____
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