

**Friday, 12 April 2024** 2:00 – 4:30 pm **Zoom Seminar**

## **FAREWELL NCGS—The Last Event after 17 Years**

### **NCGS Challenging Conversations Series Roundtable:** **A Decline of German Studies & German History** **in the United States?**

The shrinking number of tenure-track jobs and the decline of undergraduate and graduate programs in German Studies and German History in recent years is alarming. Both developments threaten the future of the field. This development is part of two larger trends: on the one hand, changes in the field of history in the United States, mainly the move away from European/Western history towards global history; on the other hand, the increasing shift of resources at American colleges and universities away from the humanities and social sciences to the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) as well as professional schools (economics, law, medicine). This roundtable will address this development by discussing the following three questions with experts in the field: 1. What is the current situation in German Studies and German History? Is it the same for both fields? 2. How can we explain the developments? 3. Which consequences does it have for the future of the field and what can be done to change it?

#### **Moderation:**

- **KAREN HAGEMANN** (James G. Kenan Distinguished Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of History) and **TERESA WALCH** (Assistant Professor of Modern European History, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of History)

#### **Roundtable Participants:**

- **KONRAD H. JARAUSCH** (Lurcy Professor of European Civilization, UNC Chapel Hill, Dept. of History)
- **ADAM R. SEIPP** (Professor of History, Texas A&M, Department of History and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies of the College of Arts and Sciences)
- **JAMES CHAPPEL** (Gilhuly Family Associate Professor of History, Duke University, Dept. of History)
- **PHILIPP STELZEL** (Associate Professor of History and Graduate Director, DUCQUESNE UNIVERSITY, Dept. of History)
- **DAMANI J. PARTRIDGE** | Professor of Anthropology; Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Vice President of the German Studies Association
- **PRISCILLA LAYNE** (Professor of German and Adjunct Associate Professor of African and Afro-American Studies; Director of the Center for European Studies, UNC Chapel Hill)

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