

News

Visiting scholar Sylvia Newman teaches 2 courses open for student registration March 12, 2019

Sylvia Newman, instructor of English at our partner institution Weber State University in Ogden (Utah, USA), is a visiting scholar in American Studies during the Summer Term 2019. She teaches the following two block courses:

Literary and Cultural History I: American Women Writers after 1900

- 26.04. - 16.06.2019
- Fri. 10-2 pm
- Room O17-105

- An introduction to the fiction of North American women through their short stories and novels, selected mostly from the last century. This class is designed to introduce students to various ways of reading, thinking and writing about literature, specifically the genres of the short story and novel. We will learn how to read literary texts closely, and respond personally and critically. This class aims to teach students how to demonstrate knowledge of literary traditions, as well as of key themes, concepts, issues and terminology of literary studies; analyze literature from different time periods and cultures; and demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate understanding of literature in written and graphic forms.

- Student registration on KU Campus: [direct link](#)

Composition Workshop / Academic Writing

- 25.04. - 16.06.2019
- Thu. 12-4 pm
- Room KGA-105 (erste Sitzung abweichend INS-101)
- The course provides instruction and practice in exposition, argument/persuasion, and documented research. It emphasizes critical thinking, the reciprocity of reading and writing, and the production of well-developed analytical arguments.
- Student registration on KU Campus: [direct link](#)

Both courses are **open for student registration starting March 12, 2019.**

New Exchange Agreement with Weber State University, Ogden, UT, USA





Website Weber State University: <https://www.weber.edu>

Department of English Language and Literature: <https://www.weber.edu/English>

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Academic Distinctions for American Studies Scholars

Our American Studies scholars were recently each honored for their work:

At the 2017 Conference of the Bavarian America Academy, Nathalie Aghoro was awarded the Dissertation Award in recognition of her dissertation “Sounding the American Novel.” Her work traces how contemporary American novels create literary soundscapes through the representation of the human voice and, thus, reflect the significance of the sounding voice in social, cultural, and political contexts. The prize is endowed with 1000 Euro.

Dr. Julia Faisst was invited to join the American and German Studies Departments at the University of Notre Dame (Indiana) for the „Max Kade Distinguished Visiting Professorship.“ In the spring semester of 2018, she held a seminar on the „Comparative Commemoration of Genocide“ and presented her habilitation project on „Precarious Belongings: The Unmaking of the American Home, 1980-Now“ in Indiana. The Visiting Professorship, which has promoted academic and cultural exchange between America and the German-speaking countries at Notre Dame since 1999, is named after the German American Entrepreneur Max Kade.

For her work on contemporary protest photography, Nicole Schneider has received the “Yale University Post-Graduate Research Fellowship 2017,” of the Bavarian America Academy, which will enable her to do research at the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition in April 2018. Her dissertation project „Visual Protest, Viral Images, and Virtual Participation: Protest Photography in Contemporary U.S. Media“ examines photographs connected to the activist movement Black Lives Matter and their relation to street protest, visual activism, and historical as well as virtual mediation of the protests.