Friendship. Flowers. The Fourth of July. There was certainly much to celebrate this past summer when Lawrence's sister city hosted the Summer Language Institute in Eutin for the 51st consecutive year. For six weeks, a group of ten students lived with host families and earned two semesters' worth of KU language credit as they studied the German language and culture. Not confining our learning to the classrooms of Eutin's Voss-Schule, we toured the major attractions of northern Germany with trips to Hamburg, Lübeck, and Kiel, while also discovering the charms of Eutin and its surrounding areas. The success of the program would not have been possible if not for the efforts of the "Freunde von Lawrence," especially Martin Vollertsen, Stephan Klein, and Torben Mothes. We owe special thanks to city representatives Annette Rudolph and Nicole Ausborn, who found ten wonderful host families to welcome us into their homes and lives.

This summer proved particularly momentous, as the city of Eutin was transformed into a floral paradise for the 2016 Landesgartenschau, or state garden show. The SLI Eutin not only had the opportunity to tour the lavishly landscaped grounds of the parks, but also received front-row seats as special guests to attend the inaugural opening of the Lawrence—Eutin Friendship Garden. A living celebration of the long-standing relationship between the sister cities, the Friendship Garden constitutes a little patch of Kansas on German soil. A life-sized tin bison and family of prairie dogs graze amongst sunflowers, wildflowers, prairie grass, hedge apple trees and other flora native to the state. Several students even participated in the dedication ceremony by “baptizing” the bison with water from the Kaw River and Lake Eutin.

Yet the Landesgartenschau was only one event which we celebrated with our friends in Eutin. After attending receptions at city hall and the annual Deutsch-Amerikanischer Abend, we were treated to tours of Lübeck's museums and the canals of Hamburg. We traveled to Kiel for a truly international experience that including visiting the Institute for the World Economy and sampling the diversity of world cuisines at the Kieler Woche. To express our gratitude (and patriotism), we hosted a Fourth of July picnic with the best German-bought American-
style foods that Aldi’s had to offer. Before leaving Eutin, the group journeyed to Berlin for a weekend, where we learned about street art, wandered through remnants of the Wall, and ate many a Döner Kebab.

As it always does, our stay in Eutin flew by all too quickly. We said goodbye to our friends and host families in Eutin, and embarked on a two-week tour of Germany. We headed east once again, this time to the beautiful Baroque city of Dresden. Here we climbed to the top of the cupola crowning the Frauenkirche and took a day trip to Prague in the Czech Republic. Continuing down south to Bavaria, we stopped first in Nuremberg for a hands-on experience of the German First Reich (the medieval castle and dungeons) and the Third (Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds and Nuremberg trials courtroom). Last on the itinerary was Munich, where we made a meaningful pilgrimage to Dachau. Besides this sobering encounter, we sought out Munich’s typical tourist fare like eating giant pretzels and pig knuckles at the Hofbräuhaus and watching glockenspiel theatrics on Marienplatz, while also engaging in the atypical, such as a roof climb on top of Olympic Stadium. The ultimate highlight was a day trip into the Bavarian countryside to tour the castles of Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. Along the way, we took a detour through Austria and enjoyed an impromptu swim in the Plansee. Although these amazing events and the wonderful students of this past summer are still fresh in my mind, plans for the 2017 SLI in Eutin are already underway as we look forward to introducing a group of new faces to meet old friends in our sister city.

Undergraduate Studies

Emerging Scholar Ashley Yoder
by Lorie Vanchena

Ashley Yoder, a first-year student from Topeka, was selected in fall 2016 to participate in the new Center for Undergraduate Research (CUR) Emerging Scholars Program for the 2016-2017 academic year. As an Emerging Scholar, Ashley applies her federal work-study funds to her position as an undergraduate research assistant for Professor Lorie Vanchena’s Digital Humanities project on World War I immigrant poetry. Ashley, who plans to complete her undergraduate degree in the School of Education, was drawn to the Emerging Scholars Program: “I thought it would be cool to work closely with a professor with whom I may or may not take a class someday, to learn from her, and to gain a mentor.” The Digital Humanities project was Ash-
ley's first choice: "I love history and poetry, so I knew I would enjoy the project." Ashley thinks she has indeed found a good fit: "I love working on the project and I am learning a lot of new interesting information."

Ashley brings valuable experience to the project. She served as Editor-in-Chief of her school's student newspaper, the Topeka High School Tower. Ashley contributes to the project in part by employing her impressive research skills to uncover the significance of often obscure historical and cultural references in the poems. While finding the right information can be challenging, Ashley admits, "I'm too determined to find it to give up. It feels great when I finally find a word and learn about it."

The Emerging Scholars Program provides Ashley with the opportunity to take part in monthly professional development sessions with other Emerging Scholars and Center for Undergraduate Research staff. Ashley is an enthusiastic participant: "I really like the Emerging Scholars Program. People at the Center, like [Assistant Director] Dyan Morgan, are very helpful when I have questions or any problems, such as when I sprained my ankle. They were very understanding, helpful, and kind, and checked up on me every few days to see how I was recovering." Through the program, Ashley has met other first-year students who are working on interesting research projects. Among the Emerging Scholars are friends from Topeka High School whom she would not normally see on campus.

Ashley joined two other research assistants who were already working on the poetry project, senior Drew Crist and junior Caelan Graham. "From day one, Ashley has been a valuable member of the team," observes Professor Vanchena. "We all enjoy working with her. It has been rewarding to see Drew and Caelan teach her the skills she needs to encode poems in eXtensible Markup Language (XML). Beyond providing guidance on the project, Drew and Caelan have also become peer mentors who are helping Ashley navigate the first-year experience." Ashley appreciates the support. In addition to her courses and her work on the poetry project, she has a part-time job in Topeka and enjoys playing tenor sax in the KU Marching Band.

**Faculty News**

Andrea Meyertholen enjoyed her second summer in Germany as director of the Summer Language Institute in Eutin. During the fall semester, she participated in KU's First-Year Experience program, developing and teaching the freshman seminar “Disenchanted: The Grimm(m) Truth Behind Fairy Tales.” As its title would suggest, the course delved into the darker side of fairy tales to re-discover their roots in the German folklore tradition and compare the Grimm classics to contemporary adaptations on stage, screen, and television. Besides reading the Grimm versions and revisiting the Disney movies of childhood, she and her class of nineteen very engaged and perceptive students attended the Broadway production of Rogers and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella* at the Lied Center. This was made possible by the generosity of the Office of First-Year Experience. In November, Dr. Meyertholen traveled to Boston for the ACTFL conference where she spoke about teaching literature in foreign-language classrooms in a presentation entitled “It's Debatable: Making Literature Relevant to Students in Bridge-Level Courses.”

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First-Year-Seminar Fairy Tale Class at the performance of Cinderella.
Three scholarly articles by Nina Vyatkina appeared in 2016 in refereed international journals: RecALL, International Journal of Learner Corpus Research, and Language Learning and Technology. Dr. Vyatkina also gave refereed presentations on corpora and instructed second language acquisition at two international conferences: the biannual European conference Teaching and Language Corpora in Gießen, Germany (July), and the Annual Convention of the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in Boston (November). In October, she presented her research at the KU Linguistics colloquy series. Dr. Vyatkina also conducted a hands-on workshop on using corpora in the teaching of German for 35 Kansas high school and college German teachers at the Deutsches Wochenende, the annual teachers’ conference of the Kansas chapter of AATG (American Association of Teachers of German) that was hosted by our department at KU in September. In November, she represented the Kansas chapter at the AATG President’s luncheon at ACTFL and traveled to Washington, D.C., to serve on the national Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program peer review panel for Germany. Finally, she was nominated this fall by her alma mater, the Pennsylvania State University, for the Early Career Award of the Penn State Graduate School Alumni Society.

William Keel was an invited keynote speaker at the international conference “German Abroad 2” held on the campus of the University of Texas—Austin, November 1-3, 2016. Professor Keel’s topic involved a comparison of the process of assimilation in five German linguistic enclaves in Missouri and Kansas. Keel also participated again in the College's Mini-College last June with a lecture on “Who Won the Battle of Yorktown” in which German soldiers serving in a French regiment were decisive in the American victory. He also gave a number of talks about German settlements in Kansas in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in North Kansas City, Missouri, in September. He also gave a public lecture for the Volkshochschule in Holzkirchen at the end of July on “Wer macht das Rennen?: Die Präsidentenwahl in den USA” and on the same day sat for a two-hour live interview on the “BR Heimat” broadcast for the Bayerischer Rundfunk in Munich. Keel recently published a book chapter “Modelling the Dynamics of Intergenerational Assimilation to a Dominant Contact Language (American English) in German Linguistic Enclaves on the Great Plains” in the anthology Gegenwärtige Sprachkontakte im Kontext der Migration (Heidelberg: Winter Verlag) and edited the 50th volume of the Yearbook of German-American Studies for publication at the end of 2016.

Professor Leonie Marx elected to retire at the end of July after 40 years of service to the University of Kansas and the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures. Coming to the United States following the Abitur in her native Germany, Professor Marx completed her post-secondary education at the University of Illinois, earning a BA in 1969, an MA in 1970 and a PhD in 1976 with an emphasis in modern German literature, but also including Scandinavian and comparative literature. During her tenure at KU Professor Marx specialized in the literatures and cultures of Germany and Scandinavia with an emphasis on 19th and 20th century German and Danish literature, German-Scandinavian literary and cultural relations, interdisciplinary approaches to literature, exile literature, German short story. Her many publications include a number of books and essays on the German short story, the Danish author Benny Anderson and the experience of German Exiles who fled the Nazi dictatorship. In addition to courses at the undergraduate and graduate level in German literature, Professor Marx taught a number of courses in Scandinavian literature and culture as well as Danish language courses, especially for research purposes. She was the principal advisor for eight of our doctoral candidates in German at KU (all of whom defended their dissertations successfully) and served on numerous graduate examination committees in both the department of Germanic Languages as well as in other programs as the representative of the Graduate School. From 1998 to 2014, Professor Marx served the department as the director of graduate studies. She also served as faculty advisor to the Graduate Association of German Students from its inception in 1995 until 2014 and for many years represented the department on the KU Fulbright/Direct Exchange Committee. Professionally, she has been an active member of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies and the North American Society for Exile Studies. We wish Professor emerita Leonie Marx the very best for her retirement.
Engel German Library
by Mckinzey Manes

The Engel German Library underwent a major renovation last summer and fall in order to make the space more usable and inviting for our undergraduate students. The project began with the removal of a number of items left for storage in the library freeing up space. Completely new furniture was purchased to replace the older chairs, sofa and table. Space was created along the east wall adjacent to the entrance for students to work with their own computers at a bar-like desk with high stools. Our goal was to create an environment where students could come to study between classes, to wait to meet with a professor, or if they just wanted a quiet space in Wescoe. Already we have seen more students stopping by to ask about the library and its collection than in previous semesters. In addition, the library is acquiring a number of new books designed to appeal to our undergraduates in German. We have also been working to update the library's digital catalog from an excel spreadsheet to an online cataloging service that caters more towards the needs of small and specialty libraries. This update will allow our library patrons to explore the collection from online and will allow us to track books checked out by students and faculty more easily. We greatly appreciate the support the Engel Library has received during these changes, and we can't wait to continue improving it. Come by the library and “check it out.”

KU German Club
by Ari Linden

The KU German Club had an exciting semester this past fall. Led by undergraduates Reed Boohar, Joe Haug, and Holden Zimmerman, the club was able to re-start a weekly Stammtisch at Wheatfields Bakery in downtown Lawrence that had been inactive for several years. Every Thursday students and lecturers gathered for Kaffee und Kuchen and chatted about all sorts of topics in German. The club also organized two successful potluck-and-film screenings at the Max Kade Center: Ein Kaffee in Berlin (A Coffee in Berlin), about an abject twenty-something Berliner who can't seem to establish firm footing in life—or a cup of coffee; and Phoenix, the latest film by Berlin-based director Christian Petzold, which is set in the immediate postwar era and follows the story of a concentration camp survivor and her strange—and estranged—reunion with her former husband. Both screenings were well attended and both films well liked. The German Club plans to continue these activities in the spring and looks forward to welcoming new members who share one thing in common: an interest in, and enthusiasm for German culture.
IN MEMORIAM

Helmut Huelsbergen, 1929-2017

Professor emeritus Helmut Ernst Huelsbergen died Thursday, January 5, 2017, at The Reflections Memory Care in Battle Creek, Michigan. Prof. Huelsbergen had moved to Michigan in 2013. He was born February 14, 1929, in Krefeld-Linn, Germany. In 1949, he spent an academic year at Bethel College in Newton, Kansas, through an exchange program of the Mennonite Central Committee, earning a B.A. in English in 1950. After returning to Germany in 1950, he completed a Ph.D. in English at the University of Cologne in 1956. He began his teaching career in the German Department at the University of Kansas in 1958, retiring in 1994 after 36 years of service. Helmut Huelsbergen served from 1972 to 1981 department chair and held the position of director of the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies from 1989 to 1997.

Helmut Huelsbergen was instrumental in establishing the German Summer Language Institute in Eutin, Germany, for the University of Kansas. In 1961, he had participated in the first Summer Language Institute in Holzkirchen as an instructor. As that program grew more popular, the department chair, J. Anthony Burzle sent Helmut to Kiel in 1964 to find a site for a second summer program in Germany. Having no luck in Kiel, Helmut rented a car and began driving south toward Lübeck, checking out the towns of Preetz and Plön. When he arrived in Eutin, his questions about hosting a KU summer program met with success and the first group of KU students went to Eutin in the summer of 1966 and have done so continuously for 50 years now. Prof. Huelsbergen spent many summers guiding college students through what was often their first experience of foreign travel and studying abroad. In the late 1980s, as Lawrence was attempting to establish its first Sister-City partnership, Helmut joined forces with Professors Frank Baron and William Keel to propose Eutin as a sister city to the Lawrence city government. In 1989, that effort met with success and we have enjoyed a rich partnership over more than 25 years with Eutin involving exchanges of hundreds of high school students as well as members of professional and cultural groups.

Prof. Huelsbergen’s research interest included American neologisms of the 19th century, German Baroque literature, in particular the German poet Andreas Gryphius, and German mysticism. His particular interest in the first Germans in the American Colonies at Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1683—from his hometown of Krefeld—led him to take an active interest in the Society for German-American Studies. Beginning in 1981, he served fifteen years as associate editor of the Society’s scholarly journal, the Yearbook of German-American Studies together with Professors J. Anthony Burzle and William Keel. The Yearbook was published with the assistance of the Max Kade Foundation initially and later, through Prof. Huelsbergen’s initiative, the Hall Center for the Humanities. Dr. Huelsbergen had many interests outside of academia, including stamp collecting, gardening, playing chess, and researching German-American genealogy with his wife. He married Ursula Arnold in 1962 (they met in Watson Library when she was a Fulbright exchange student from Frankfurt in the fall of 1961) and they had three sons: Lorenz, Anselm, and Benjamin. Prof. Huelsbergen is survived by his sons and by five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ursula, and a granddaughter, Olivia.

Carl Krehbiel, 1948-2016

We were saddened to learn of the accidental death of KU benefactor Carl Krehbiel on December 12, 2016, at his home in San Francisco, California. Carl, a native of Moundridge, Kansas, graduated from KU in 1970 with a double major in German and International Relations, a member of both the Army ROTC and Phi Beta Kappa. Carl earned his PhD at the University of Southern California and served over twenty years in the US Army rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Following his retirement from military service, he managed his family’s telephone business in Moundridge and was elected to serve in the Kansas State Legislature from 1999 to 2006.

Carl attended KU’s summer language institute in Holzkirchen, Germany, in 1968. He viewed that summer in Germany as transformative for his entire life. It was his desire to provide that kind of experience for succeeding generations of students at KU that led to his establishment of a scholarship fund in 2011 to provide scholarships for KU students attending the summer language institutes in Eutin and Holzkirchen.

Carl Krehbiel’s foresight in establishing this scholarship fund enables nearly
KATG Deutsches Wochenende 2016

The annual immersion weekend for teachers of German in Kansas—das 31. deutsche Wochenende—was hosted by the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures on September 23-24, 2016. The event, held at the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies, focused this year on teaching German for the professions. Friday evening featured an introduction moderated by Jim Morrison as well as supper and a reception catered by KU Dining. On Saturday, Jim Morrison presented on the topic “Wirtschaftsdeutsch an KU – Eine Einführung” and Nina Vyatkina presented on “Schriftliche Kommunikation im Beruf – Stellenanzeige und Bewerbungsbrief.” Following a catered lunch and “Kaffee und Kuchen” the annual KATG business was held. William Keel, as outgoing president, offered a number of amendments to the KATG Constitution, which were adopted. The new executive committee for KATG includes, Chris Hanks (Olathe East High School), president; Janice McGregor (Kansas State University), vice president; Cynthia Appl (Baker University); Merle Schlabaugh (Bethel College), treasurer; Andrea Meyertholen (KU), testing and awards chair; Chris Seidler (Kansas State University), membership chair; and William Keel (KU), past president. A total of 34 faculty and students participated in the Deutsches Wochenende 2016, representing eight high schools, eight post-secondary institutions and the private German School of Northeastern Kansas. The event concluded with several participants joining the festivities at the St. John’s Oktoberfest.

Lawrence/Eutin Sister-City News
2016 – Landesgartenschau und Freundschaftsgarten

The Lawrence Friendship Garden was officially opened at the Landesgartenschau (State Garden Show) in Eutin at the end of June. After Eutin’s Bürgervorsteher Dieter Holst (president of the city parliament) greeted the delegation from Lawrence, Kelly Scholz from the Sister City Advisory Board of Lawrence and Martin Vollertsen, chair of the Friends of Lawrence in Eutin, “christened” the garden with water from both the Kansas River and the Großer Eutiner See.

The Freundschaftsgarten is located in a prime location in the newly designed Seepark on the shore of the Großer Eutiner See, integrated into the play area along the Heinrich-Lüth-Weg. The idea for the project, which was largely funded by donations from the sister-city groups in Lawrence and Eutin with support of the governments of the two municipalities, was born in June 2014 during the 25th anniversary visit of a delegation from Lawrence in Eutin. The garden is designed to be a permanent part of the Seepark in Eutin and will be maintained by the sister-city club there.

The garden incorporates both plants and trees from Kansas, such as prairie grasses and prairie flowers as well as hedge-apple trees (Osage Orange), planted as a windbreak in eastern Kansas farms, and, of course, sunflowers symbolic of Kansas.

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Guest Lecturer:
Professor Sean Franzel,
University of Missouri
by Ari Linden

On November 3, Associate Professor Sean Franzel of the University of Missouri delivered a presentation at the Max Kade Center entitled, “Human (and Post-Human) Layers of Time: Reinhart Koselleck and Recent Media Historiography.” This talk compared Reinhart Koselleck’s theory of sediments or layers of time (Zeitschichten) with recent theories of multiple, heterogeneous media times. Koselleck’s theory of history and media historiography both offer new insights into modernity as an epoch ripe with temporal structures of repetition, ephemerali ty and duration, acceleration, and asynchronicity. Franzel argued, however, that despite the similarities between these theoretical paradigms, they differ on the “humaness” of modern time: while media theory explores media through the lens of the post-human, Koselleck is more interested in grounding histori-
Mark Hammer, who lived with Familie Sappl in the village of Roggersdorf on the outskirts of Holzkirchen in the summer of 1988, stopped by this summer to rekindle his acquaintanship with his village and host family. Mark now lives in Florida, is married with three children and was en route to see his daughter who is now studying in Berlin. As Mark said: “I hope every student gets out of [the summer in Holzkirchen] what I got out of it: knowledge and memories and love of that land.”

Following an orientation in Holzkirchen, last summer’s group of 14 students—7 from KU and 7 from Arkansas—set out by train for Köln and Berlin for over a week of intense immersion in German cultural history: Roman and Medieval history in Köln: meter-long Bratwurst at the Brauhaus Sion; winemaking in the Ahr Valley at the Winzergenossenschaft Mayschoß; Haus der Geschichte in Bonn; the Berlin Wall Memorial along the Bernauer Straße; Topographie des Terrors; Holocaust-Mahnmal; Brandenburger Tor; Bendler Block and the memorial to the German resistance to the Nazi dictatorship; Deutsches Historisches Museum; Döner Kebab am Alex; the original Currywurst at the famous Konnopke’s Imbiss in the Prenzlauer Berg district; and a refreshing Spreefahrt—a boat tour of the government district in Berlin.

After the return to Holzkirchen, students moved in with their host families and began regular classes in the rooms of the Volkshochschule there. While most of the time for the next five-and-a-half weeks was devoted to their classes, students made a number of excursions taking them to Munich, Berchtesgaden, Lake Chiemsee, the former monastery at Tegernsee, and the
had invitations to spend evenings with the local folklore club (Trachtenverein—yes, everyone tried to dance the Schuhplat-ter) and sharpshooters’ club (Schützenverein—the contest for the best marksman/markswoman was intense).

Following the Abschiedsabend for last summer’s SLI at the restaurant Alte Post on July 30, Professor Keel and Dr. Werner Mohr met with the executive committee of the Freunde von der Universität Kansas at the home of the group’s president, Albert Schlegl, to review the summer of 2016 and to plan for next summer’s program.

castles of King Ludwig among others. Our bus trips are still being made with the firm that provided bus transportation to the first KU SLI in 1961: Bavaria-Reisen-Kriege, now in the hands of the second generation. One weekend the group went to the Brauneck Moutain for Alpine hiking and spending the night in Brauneckgipfelhaus on top of the mountain (all 18 persons sleeping in bunk beds in one room) with an incredible view of the Bavarian and Austrian Alps. In Holzkirchen, the group

**Giving to the Department**

Since 1887, when William Herbert Carruth became the first professor of German at KU and was joined in the 1890s by Elmer Franklin Engel and Alberta Lincoln Corbin, KU’s tradition of German studies has offered students at all levels the opportunity to learn one of the world’s great languages and to study the literature and culture of Central Europe. Under J. Anthony “Toni” Burzle’s tenure as department chair in the 1950s and 1960s, the department was in the forefront of establishing opportunities for our students to study language and culture in Germany.

Our programs in German at KU, however, rely very much on the generosity of our former students. For many of you, a summer, semester, or year in Germany during your KU years was the highlight of your studies. This experience has been and continues to be a truly life-changing event for so many of our students. Each year study abroad becomes more and more expensive. It is imperative that we support our students and enable them to study abroad.

Norm Fahrer, attended both of our summer institutes as a KU undergraduate (Holzkirchen in 1965 and Eutin in 1966). Before he died, Norm contributed $150,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund, in memory of his father who had taught German at Bethany College in Lindsborg, for KU students to participate in the summer program in Holzkirchen. Carl Krehbiel was so transformed by his experience as an undergraduate in Holzkirchen in 1968 that he established an endowed scholarship fund in 2011. The nearly two million dollar principal generates enough income to cover the program fee for all KU students participating in the Eutin and Holzkirchen programs. It is very gratifying to hear from former summer institute students. With your help we can continue to offer such high quality summer experiences in Germany for our future students.

[With thanks to Prof. William Keel, who composed this historical narrative.]

_Herzlichen Dank und beste Grüße!_
Nina Vyatkina, Chair

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