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Department of History – Institute for North American History

Dedicated to the study of North American history from the 18th century until today

Our research projects explore:

- forms of social participation, marginalization/discrimination with a focus on gender and race relations;
- the meanings of space and the built environment as reflections of and agents in power relations;
- forms of exchange and interaction in travel and tourism; and
- children and teenagers as agents of history, a perspective informed by historical Childhood Studies.
Faculty and Staff – American History

Full Professor:
- Prof. Dr. Anke Ortlepp

Associate Professor:
- PD Dr. Olaf Stieglitz

Assistant Professors:
- Dr. Silke Hackenesch
- Dr. Jacob Birken
- Dorothee Schwieeters

Tutor:
- Alexandra Witte

Administrative Staff:
- Katja Niederschulte (Administration)
- Katharina Kloock (Library)
- Student Assistants
Department of English – Chair of American Literature and Culture

Dedicated to the study of North American Literature and Culture

In particular:

- Modern and postmodern American literature and culture
- Poststructuralism, semiotics, psychoanalysis
- Film studies
- Chicano|a Culture[s]
- Ecology
Faculty and Staff – American Literature and Culture

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MA North American Studies

- North American Studies
- Master of Arts
- Fully accredited 2-year program (four semesters)
- Starts Spring and Fall
- Language: English
Cooperations

- Cooperation between the Department of Anglo-American History, the English Department, the Instituto de Historia Ibérica y Latinoamericana, the Institute for Art History and the Institute for Media Studies at the University of Cologne

- In cooperation with the North American Studies program at the University of Bonn
Requirements

- B.A. exam in a field that has affinity to North American Studies
- 60 Credit Points in fields like English or American Literature, Translation Studies, American History, Economics with an American emphasis, American Politics, Gender Studies, Postcolonial Studies or American Film Studies
- English C1
- Second European language B1
The Program

MM1: Literary and Cultural Studies
• Exam: term paper

MM2: History and Society
• Exam: term paper

MM3: Postcolonial Studies
• Exam: oral exam
• You can substitute MM3 Postcolonial Studies with a module at the University of Bonn

MM4: Research
• Exam: oral presentation and written component of your MA thesis

Specialization Module: Internship
• 6 weeks
• 10-15 pages internship report

Master thesis
• 60 pages
## Aufbaumodul 1/ Advanced Module 1: Literary and Cultural Studies

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## Aufbaumodul 2/ Advanced Module 2: History and Society

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### Aufbaumodul 3/ Advanced Module 3: Postcolonial Studies

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Going Abroad

Students interested in studying abroad may explore the following options for funding:

- Universität zu Köln weltweit
- Fulbright
- Erasmus
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Students interested in internships may contact the German Historical Institutes in London and Washington, DC

- London
- Washington
The Faculty of Arts and Humanities‘ Cooperations with North American Universities

- University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

- University of Rochester, Rochester, NY (native-like proficiency of German required)

- Washington University, St. Louis, MO
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# Faculty-Wide Partnerships

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More information (application process, scholarships, ...):  [www.international.uni-koeln.de](http://www.international.uni-koeln.de)
Diversity at Cologne University

The students in our MA North American Studies Program come from a variety of national, cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

It is pivotal for us that all students feel welcomed here. We therefore encourage lively discussions and the exchanging of ideas on the basis of mutual respect.
Courses in the Spring – American History

- Prof. Dr. Anke Ortlepp

**Lecture**

**Gender and Sexuality in American History**
Tuesday, 10 to 11.30am in Hörsaal D (Hörsaalgebäude)

**MA Seminar**

'How to do Things with Dance' in American History and Politics
Thursday, 4 to 5.30pm in Seminarraum 0.012 (Philosophikum)

**Research Seminar**

**Perspectives on Current Research**
Tuesday, 5.45 to 7.15pm in Seminarraum 0.012 (Philosophikum)
Courses in the Spring – American History

- Dr. Silke Hackenesch

**MA Seminar**

**Introduction to North American History**
Wednesday, 10 to 11.30am in Seminarraum 0.012 (Philosophikum)

**Tutorial** Wednesday, 4 to 5.30pm taught by Alexandra Witte
in 3.006 (Philosophikum)

**MA Seminar**

**Reconstruction: America after the Civil War**
Tuesday, 4 to 5.30pm in Seminarraum 0.012 (Philosophikum)
Courses in the Spring – American History

- PD Dr. Olaf Stieglitz

**MA Seminar**

**Introduction to Postcolonial Studies**
Thursday, 10 to 11.30am in Seminarraum 0.012 (Philosophikum)

**Tutorial** Thursday, 2 to 3.30pm taught by Alexandra Witte in Seminarraum 3.006 (Philosophikum)

**MA Seminar**

**Progressive Cinema - US Society, Reform & Motion Pictures, 1894-1920**
Friday, 10 to 11.30am in Seminarraum 0.012 (Philosophikum)
Courses in the Spring – American Literature and Culture

Prof. Dr. Hanjo Berressem

Lecture

Celluloid America
Mo, 12-1.30pm in H80

MA Seminars

Melodrama USA/Mexico (in cooperation with Prof. Nitsch from Romance languages & literatures)
Tue, 12-1.30pm in VI

Tutorial

Mo, 2-3.30pm in 1.105 (Philosophikum, first floor)

American Ecologies
Wed, 12-1.30pm in S21

Research Seminar

Colloquium
Tue. 2-3.30pm in S21
KLIPS – Course Management

- Students have to register for the **classes**
- Students also have to register for their **exams**
- How to – instructions can be found here:

http://klips2-support.uni-koeln.de/11554.html?&L=1
### Exams

Primary KLIPS 2.0 exam management applications for students are:

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Special Events in the Spring 2020

(Please note: events had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19-Pandemic)
Library Tour

- Our librarian Katharina Kloock and our tutor Alexandra Witte will organize a library tour @ the North American History Research Library
  (Room 0.048, ground floor Philosophikum)

- The date will be announced in the tutorial as well as via our mailinglist!
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And sign up for our *Mailinglist* via

https://lists.uni-koeln.de/mailman/listinfo/nas-info