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The American Friends had a very active year. To begin with, the AFHAB awarded a travel grant to

Alanna Ropchock, Shenandoah University: *The Polyphonic Mass in the Early Lutheran Liturgy*
Jason Rosenholtz-Witt, Northwestern University: *Musical Networks in the Venetian Republic, 1580-1630*

Jeremy C. Thompson (Department of History Purdue University, Calumet): *Towards a New Critical Edition of the Predestinarian Works of Lupus of Ferrières* (d. 862).

Anatole Upart (Department of Art History, University of Chicago) *Slavic Rome: Constructing Foreign Communities in an early modern Italian city.*

We ask those among you who have been awarded travel stipends from the AFHAB to send us your news about the resulting publications and any presentations that may have been based on your research at the HAB. We will post those either in our biennial letter or on the HAB website.

This past year work completed at the Herzog August Bibliothek was highly visible at both the RSA conference in Chicago and the SCSC in Milwaukee. Moreover, research completed at the HAB will be highlighted at the next meeting of FNI (*Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär*), *Rethinking Europe: War and Peace in the Early Modern German Lands*, which the Friends, as you know, are supporting financially. This meeting will take place in early March 2018, at Washington University in St. Louis. Organizers are Sigrun Haude (University of Cincinnati), Christian Schneider, and Gerhild Williams (both Washington University in St. Louis). A description is available for viewing here <http://fni.ucr.edu>.

Many of us met in October 2017 in Milwaukee for the SCSC where we also celebrated Susan Karant-Nunn and Merry Wiesner-Hanks on the occasion of their (pending) retirement. Many excellent sessions, presentations, and receptions were dedicated to both of them celebrating the important role both have played in the growth and health of the SCSC.

In Summer 2017 we also said goodbye to Don Harreld, the SCSC longtime Executive Director. We are truly grateful for his tireless work on behalf of all of us, but especially on behalf of the AFHAB for whom he organized several very successful receptions. We wish him all the very best. At the Milwaukee meeting, the Executive Committee introduced Bruce Janacek as Don's successor whom we warmly welcome.

The next SCSC Conference will be held on 1-4 November 2018: Albuquerque, New Mexico The CFP will be coming out early in the new year, and we plan again to sponsor several sessions in all areas of early modern studies. We hope that many of you will be able to participate in panels presenting research done at the HAB. Beth Plummer from the Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies at the University of Arizona will organize the AFHAB sessions.

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The 2018 RSA Conference will take place April 16- 20 in San Francisco. The AF HAB will also sponsor sessions in all areas of early modern studies. Dwight E. R. TenHuisen, Department of Spanish at Calvin College, agreed to be our session organizer for 2018. We thank both of these colleagues, Beth and Dwight, for their willingness to take on these important tasks.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Friends of the HAB. At this point in time, thanks to your generosity, we have a healthy balance of \$69,020.95.

This balance notwithstanding, your support (\$50 annually or more if you are able) is vital if we are to continue our mission in support of early modern studies at the HAB. We are attaching the application for FRIENDS-membership and invite you to renew your membership for the coming year.

We wish you a smooth end of the semester and a great semester break!

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