

## The American Friends of the Herzog August Bibliothek (AFHAB)

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Dear Friend of the Herzog August Bibliothek:

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Since our last letter of December 2018, the American Friends continue to be active in many venues. To begin with, the AFHAB awarded travel grants to

Aidyn Osgood (History, University of Michigan) *The Role of Armies in the Sexual Imaginary of France and the Holy Roman Empire, 1550-1650*.

J. Tucker Million (History, University of Rochester) *Worthy Lords and Honorable Violence: Chivalry in Angevin Naples (1250-1382)*

Jason Rosenholtz-Witt (Musicology, Northwestern University) *Venice Without Venice: Traces of Italian Music Prints in Seventeenth-Century German Manuscripts*.

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.

This past year work completed at the Herzog August Bibliothek was highly visible at both the RSA conference in Toronto and the SCSC in Albuquerque.

Moreover, as we noted in our December letter, the AFHAB organized two sessions and a reception at the SCSC in Toronto in honor of Gerhard Dünnhaupt for his groundbreaking work in early modern studies. Both were well attended and successful. Most of all, Gerhard Dünnhaupt was happy about the turn out and the fact that colleagues and students continue to engage in the work to which his life long research has so significantly contributed.

Also as noted, research completed at the HAB was highlighted at the triennial meeting of FNI (*Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär*), *Rethinking Europe: War and Peace in the Early Modern German Lands* (Washington University in St. Louis, March 2018), which the Friends, as you know, helps to support financially. A selection of the many excellent conference presentations is being prepared for publication with CHLOE scheduled to appear in Fall of this year.

The 2020 RSA Conference will take place in March in Philadelphia. We thank Dwight E. R. TenHuizen, Professor and Chair, Department of Spanish at Calvin College and Beth Plummer, Susan C. Karant-Nunn Professor of Reformation and Early Modern European History, Division for Later Medieval and Reformation Studies, Associate Professor of History, University of Arizona, for organizing sessions featuring research conducted at the Library on behalf of the Friends.

The SCSC Conference will be held on October 17-20, 2019 in St. Louis, coinciding with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SCSC, which was founded there. The CFP has gone out (check the website), and the Friends plan again to sponsor several sessions in all areas of German 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.

In addition, the officers have noted that, for some time, our bylaws have not conformed to the reality of our practice and our situation as it has developed since our founding in 1997. We therefore undertook in the fall of 2018 to update and simplify our bylaws. The new bylaws, of course, maintain the original statement of purpose. Everything else is updated in conformance with the practice of the last fifteen years or so and, of course, in compliance with our status as a not-for-profit in the State of Missouri. The Board reviewed the new bylaws carefully and ratified them (in accordance with the requirements of the old bylaws) in December. They are now posted on our website <http://www.hab.de/en/home/about-us/friends-and-foundations/american-friends-of-the-hab.html>

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 \$78,209.11.

This balance notwithstanding, your support (\$50 annually for membership 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 summer!



Gerhild Scholz Williams, President



Lynne Tatlock, Treasurer



Honoring Gerhard Dünnhaupt, March 19, 2019