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### Programs and Events

#### Selected Events 2007



#### Season's Greetings from U.S. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell December 21, 2007.

All of us in the American Consulate General in Frankfurt wish you a very happy holiday season. May the coming year bring you great joy, peace on Earth, and goodwill toward men. Merry Christmas!



#### Vote for Me! Looking at the 2008 Presidential Elections

**December 12, 2007.** The presidential elections of 2008 are shaping up to be one of the most interesting races in recent memory. To try and explain how the primary process works and

what may shape November's general election, State Department Intern Josh Kennedy gave a presentation to students at the Goethe Gymnasium Frankfurt. In a ninety-minute talk on the way that the United States chooses the presidential nominees, the personalities of the candidates and the issues that the election may hinge upon, Mr. Kennedy gave the students a road map to follow the election from overseas. Mr. Kennedy's presentation was part of the Consulate's MeetUS outreach program, which provides American presenters to German schools to discuss various topics of American culture. For more information about the MeetUS program, visit the program page at <http://germany.usembassy.gov/germany/meetus.html>



#### Introducing Students Of Library Science To The American Way Of Managing Knowledge

**December 11, 2007.**

Information Resource Officer (IRO) Sheila Weir, who manages the U. S. Information Resource Centers in Germany, Switzerland and the Baltics provided a uniquely American perspective on using librarian skills within the workplace to manage information and share knowledge. Speaking to

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some 20 students of Library Science at the Darmstadt University on December 11, Ms. Weir also addressed the usage of search appliances for internal information retrieval, which is a major focus of a work group at the university. Afterwards, IRC Frankfurt staff introduced its products and services for library professionals and gave a brief overview of the development from Amerika Haus lending libraries to U.S. Consulate's Information Resource Centers. ([More](#))

#### **USA Infospecial at German-American Institute Heidelberg**

**December 11, 2007.** On December 11th, the Consular Section and [EducationUSA](#) of the [U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt](#) teamed up for an information session on exchange opportunities and visa issues at the [German-American Institute in Heidelberg](#). 30 participants, mostly students and young professionals, used the opportunity to learn about the visa application process and have their visa questions answered. They also attended a presentation by EducationUSA on exchange opportunities with the United States, focusing on studying and interning in the U. S. Participants picked up information material on the United States, EducationUSA and services of the Consular Section and the Public Affairs Section.



#### **Film Screening for 'Windows on America' Group and Their Families**

**December 10, 2007.** Public Affairs Officer Jim Seward from the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt and Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Ruth Ann Stevens from the U.S. Embassy in Berlin welcomed the participants of the ['Windows on America'](#) Program and their families at Anna Schmidt Schule on December 10th for a screening of a film about their journey to the U.S. in April 2007. Film maker Gloria Zettel filmed and interviewed the 10 Muslim girls from Ditib (Turkish-Islamic Union of Religious Institutes) communities in the Rhein-Main area, and their two chaperones throughout their stay in the U.S., and made a documentary about their experiences. ([More](#))



#### **U.S. and EU at Frankfurt City Library**

**December 7, 2007.** [EducationUSA Frankfurt](#), [Eurodesk Germany](#) and the [International Placement Service of the Labor Exchange](#) held an afternoon information session at the City Library Frankfurt on studying and working in the United States and the European Union. 120 participants

from as far away as Stuttgart, Kaiserslautern and Gießen used the opportunity to ask for advice and pick up information material. Up to 50 participants attended the presentations on studying and working in other countries. At the booth of the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt/EducationUSA, questions ranged from how to organize a stay as an Au Pair to internships, studying and working in the United States. The Consular Section provided extensive information on immigrant and non-immigrant visa. Frankfurt City Library is an America@YourLibrary partner.

#### **Interpreting the American Dream**

**December 7, 2007.** Understanding the American Dream is necessary in order to understand the American personality. To help German high school students gain further insight into this topic, Consulate Public Affairs Intern Joshua Kennedy gave a presentation on this topic at the Jakob-Grimm-Schule in Kassel. Mr. Kennedy mixed the sociological, political and historical views and foundations of this most American of phenomena, creating a relaxed formal presentation that held the students' attention and provided an insight into how to understand the citizenry of the United States. The 75 students from upper-level English studies courses were attentive and engaged and the topic, and were subsequently provided with a number of handouts and articles to give them greater insight and a starting point for further research and a more in-depth discussion of the American Dream. Mr. Kennedy's presentation was part of the Consulate's MeetUS outreach program, which provides American presenters to German schools to discuss various topics of American culture. For more information about the MeetUS program, visit the program page at <http://germany.usembassy.gov/germany/meetus.html>



#### **"MeetUS" School Outreach at Frankfurt's Elisabethenschule**

**December 6th 2007.** Alexandra Tzovaras, a young American intern at the U.S. Consulate General's Press and Cultural section, gave a presentation on "The United States – A Country of Immigrants" to forty-five 12th graders at the Elisabethenschule in Frankfurt. The workshop was not only part of the Consulate's

"MeetUS" school outreach

program, but also part of a new cooperation with the City of Frankfurt in bringing together Frankfurt's younger generation with young Americans. Following the talk, Ms. Tzovaras presented the hosting teacher Ms. Bechstein with some literature and materials on the U.S., provided by the Consulate's [Information Resource Center](#).



### **Mannheim Students Get Ready for the U.S.**

**December 5, 2007.** On December 5th, representatives of EducationUSA and the Consular Section of the U.S. Consulate

General Frankfurt briefed 20 students from the University of Applied Sciences Mannheim on visa issues. The students are getting ready for studying at an university or working as an intern in a U.S. company in spring 2008. Following an overview of how to apply for a visa and how to fill out the application forms, the students had their specific questions answered. The International Office received information materials and the four-volume set "If You Want to Study in the United States". The University of Applied Sciences cooperates with six U.S. universities, including the University of Connecticut in Storrs, the University of Maryland, College Park, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

### **"Farewell to Ivory and Ivy? Universities in the Global Age": Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs Dr. Helena Finn speaks at Gießen University**



**November 30, 2007.** Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs Dr. Helena K. Finn gave the keynote speech on "[Farewell to Ivory and Ivy? Universities in the Global Age](#)" at a ceremony at Gießen University's old assembly hall on November 30. The event was the concluding highlight of a

series of events celebrating the university's 400th anniversary and included the awarding of major academic prizes for exceptional scholarly achievements, among them the prestigious Röntgen-Prize. The highly distinguished audience included the entire university leadership, professors and students, representatives of the Hesse state legislature, the Gießen city parliament, the Gießen Lord Mayor and representatives of private foundations and industry sponsoring the various prizes. [More](#)

### **An Image of Iran in the Heart of Frankfurt**



**November 30, 2007.** Consul General Powell hosted a luncheon for U.S. author Terence Ward to give selected contacts the opportunity for closer discussion and dialogue with this distinguished writer. In the evening,

**Frankfurters gathered at the local city library, the U.S. Consulate's America@yourLibrary partner, to meet Terence Ward and listen to the reading from his book "Searching for Hassan: A Journey into the Heart of Iran." Mr. Ward, who grew up in Tehran, gave a ninety minute talk telling the story of his family's return to Iran to search for an old family friend. While taking the audience on a literary journey from Shiraz to Tehran, Ward sketched out the history of the country over thousands of years. Before the reading, Public Affairs Officer James Seward donated a collection of American books to the Frankfurt City Library. [More](#)**

#### **Frankfurt Youth Checks Out Exchange Opportunities**



**November 30, 2007.** As part of the second "[Tag der International Jugendarbeit](#)", 30 exhibitors showcased exchange opportunities with countries world-

wide. More than 400 young people from the Frankfurt region used the opportunity to have their questions answered. At the [EducationUSA](#) Frankfurt booth, the majority of visitors asked about a high school year in the U.S., Au Pair, volunteer work and study opportunities. In his opening remarks, Staatssekretär Gerd Krämer from the Hesse Ministry of Social Affairs emphasized the importance of spending time in another country.

#### **Sister City Partnerships Conference**



**November 29, 2007.** On Thursday November 29, Deputy Principal Officer Richard Aker addressed the Atlantic Academy Kaiserslautern conference

on the future of sister city, county and state partnerships between the United States and Germany. The conference, held at Kaiserslautern's Fritz-Walter Stadium, provided a forum for discussion on how to create, expand and sustain a community partnership between the two nations. ([More](#))

#### **Studying and Interning in the U.S. - Infosession for Fulda Students**

**November 28, 2007.** On November 28th, more than 70 students and professors from the



University of Applied Sciences Fulda attended an information session on studying and interning in the United States. The majority of the participants major in international management and plan to go to the United States for a semester, an internship or both. [EducationUSA Frankfurt](#) and an officer from the consular section discussed the U.S. education system, applying for internships and visa issues. The students picked up information materials on [EducationUSA](#) and the services of the [U.S. Consulate Frankfurt](#).

#### **Future Bankers and Managers Interested in Studying and Working in the United States**



**November 21, 2007.** On November 21, the [Frankfurt School of Finance and Management](#) offered an evening information session on studying and interning abroad. Students are required to spend time abroad and interest in combining a course of study with an internship in the United States is great. Renate Vollmer from [EducationUSA Frankfurt](#) talked about the higher education system, graduate studies and internship opportunities. Following, she explained how students can find information on internship opportunities and the visa application process. The more than 50 students used the opportunity to have their questions answered, with most being interested in working and interning. The Frankfurt School of Finance and Management is a leading private business school based in Frankfurt am Main. Cooperations exist with Emory University (Atlanta), University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Hawaiian Pacific University (Honolulu), the University of Iowa and San Diego State University.

#### **Consul General Powell hosts Reception for Alumni of International Visitors Leadership Program**



**November 20, 2007.** Consul General Jo Ellen Powell welcomed over 50 Alumni of the International Visitor Leadership Program at her residence on November 20 for a delightful evening of networking, getting to know each other and refreshing memories about the experience of the Visitor program. Consul General Powell spoke

about the broad range of programs offered to young professionals in government, politics, business, journalism, education, and the arts to visit the United States in order to consult with colleagues and observe the latest American developments in their areas of expertise. Hessen Minister President Koch, himself an Alumni of the IVLP program, and guest of honor, shared anecdotes about his own program in the U.S. and spoke about how the experiences during his stay still play a role for his work today. He emphasized the importance of the program and that it shows the still continuing interest of the United States in Germany, and also the interest of the German participants to talk and promote Germany in the United States during their visits. [Photo Gallery](#) | [More](#) | [State Alumni Initiative](#) | [German regional Alumni webpage](#)

#### **Consul General Powell shares Perspectives on American Individualism with German Students**



**November 19, 2007.** Over 30 students and their teachers of Anna-Schmidt-Schule in Frankfurt had a dialogue with Consul General Jo Ellen Powell, and Consulate intern Joshua Kennedy on the nature of American individualism and how it affects current American culture and politics. In the discussion, the students asked questions about a unique American culture based on a philosophical school, where the next American frontier lies and the role of diplomacy in the contemporary world. Additionally, the Consul General spoke about the importance of education in shaping the future as well as the role that the current generation of high school students will play in furthering intercultural dialogue. Jo Ellen Powell also stressed the need for individuals to take responsibility for each and every action, emphasizing that everybody can make a difference and that local events can have a global impact. [More](#)

#### **Consulate Intern Discusses U.S. Immigration And Elections At German High Schools**

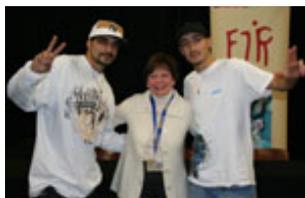
**November 19+20, 2007.** AS part of the [U.S. Consulate's school outreach program "Meet US,"](#) Public Affairs intern Alexandra Tzovaras



visited the Trifels-Gymnasium in Annweiler, Rhineland-Palatinate, and the Kurt-Schumacher-Gymnasium in Karben, Hessen, on November 19 and 20, respectively. After intensive discussions with a total of

hundred 12th and 13th grade students, she presented the hosting teacher with material of the consulate's [Information Resource Center \(IRC\)](#) related to the United States for the school libraries. [More](#)

#### **Hip Hop Gets Real at Gallus**



**November 16, 2007.** Consul General Jo Ellen Powell visited the Grand Finale of [Frankfurt's 2007 Hip Hop project](#), an urban dance battle that took place at

the Gallus Theater on November 16. Eight dance teams caught the flow and battled to win a spot at the "Funkin-Stylez" dance competition in Berlin. The battle was accompanied by the WordUp Poetry Slam and a concluding jam session. Judges Mr. Wiggles from New York, SIN a.k.a. Fatma Yazici, Claw and Miriam graded each of the 5-person crews on creativity, originality, expression and difficulty of moves. The audience in the Gallus Theater, mostly teens and adolescents, enjoyed the festivities and thrived on the expression and passion of each of the crews.

The Hip Hop party was a combined effort by the United States Consulate General in Frankfurt, the Frankfurter Jugendring, the Jugendhaus am Bügel, and the Otto-Hahn-Schule, among many others. [More](#) | [Photo Gallery](#) | [More about the project](#)

#### **American Citizens Get Their Questions Answered**



**November 15, 2007.** Our sincere appreciation to the dozens of American citizens who turned out, despite cold weather and a transit strike, to learn about services available through the Consulate General. Our thanks also to more than a dozen schools, churches and community groups who set up

informative tables to represent their organizations. Voter registration proved to be one of the most popular draws. If you

are not yet registered to vote, please click [here](#) for the Mission Germany voter information page. Send us your questions at [GermanyACS@state.gov](mailto:GermanyACS@state.gov) and find information about further services for U.S. Citizens [here](#).

### **Students Enjoy USA Infospecial at Fresenius University of Applied Sciences**



**November 14, 2007.** On November 14th, the U.S. Consulate General organized a USA information session at the Europa Fachhochschule Fresenius, focusing on intercultural competence in US-German business relations. Public Affairs Officer James W. Seward opened the event to a packed room of 80 students, recalling humorous anecdotes of how cultural misunderstanding can lead to some rather uncomfortable situations. Keynote speaker Dr. Brenda Hart Bohne provided insight in how to prevent these kind of misunderstandings and discussed the importance of intercultural competence in the globalized world we live in. EducationUSA Frankfurt/U.S. Consulate and Juliana Adameit, coordinator of the USA-Interns program, talked about internship opportunities in the U.S. Following the presentations, the group met with town mayor Gerhard Krum.

### **Mr. Wiggles Shows Frankfurt How to Dance**



**November 10+11, 2007.** On Saturday November 10th and Sunday November 11th, in the penultimate event of Frankfurt's Hip Hop series, dancers Sin, Claw and Mr. Wiggles taught young people from place diverse as Mainz and Moscow how to pop and lock. During his lesson, Mr. Wiggles linked his dance styles to earlier forms such as the Boogaloo, Samba, funk and other traditions out of the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. After the events in Frankfurt, Mr. Wiggles also gave workshops in Düsseldorf and Berlin.

Videos: [Mr. Wiggles on the importance of HipHop for Youth](#) | [Dance Workshops](#)

### **Fulbright Alumni Reception in Frankfurt**

**November 10, 2007.**  
Fulbrighters, German and American, past and



present, met up once again for an alumni welcome meeting on Saturday, November 10, in Frankfurt. Public Affairs Officer Jim Seward gave opening remarks to a

crowd of 100, only a small fraction of the more than 40,000 participants who have taken part in Fulbright sponsored exchanges between the United States and Germany since its beginnings in 1952. Mr. Seward discussed the ways in which the Fulbright program enhances mutual understanding, often simply through the individual interactions of Americans in Germany and Germans in the U.S., non-official yet nonetheless a part of public diplomacy. He stressed the importance of fostering cross-Atlantic ties through invaluable programs such as those sponsored through the Fulbright association. A highlight of the event was the keynote speech by Mr. Heiko Engelkes, himself a Fulbright alumnus from the early years of the program. Both American and German alumni as well as present Fulbright scholars had the chance to meet and participate in workshops during this weekend event.

#### **1000 Interested in Studying and Working in the United States, Europe and Overseas**



**November 8, 2007.** On November 8, [EducationUSA](#) Frankfurt's Renate Vollmer and State Department Intern Ali Tzovaras participated in "[AVANTI! Job, Praktikum](#)

[und Studium in Europa](#)

[und Übersee](#)" in Darmstadt. The fair, organized for the sixth time by the Regierungspräsidium Darmstadt, featured 25 organizations offering stays abroad. More than 1000 teenagers and young adults used the opportunity to pick up information on studying and working in foreign countries. At the EducationUSA information booth, they received advice on studying and working in the States. The students were particularly interested in spending time in the States as an Au Pair or an intern. Presentations on "Going to the U.S. after school" and "Studying in the United States" drew 60 interested young adults each.

**"HipHop: Art, Commerce and Politics" - Panel Discussion**

### at the Frankfurt City Library



**October 30, 2007.** An eclectic group of hip hop industry experts joined forces at the Frankfurt City Library on October 30 to discuss a side of hip hop often

ignored. U.S. professor Murray Forman of Northeastern University in Boston, dancer SIN aka Fatma Yazici, author Murat Güngör, MC D-Flame and graffiti artist Helge 'Bomber' Steinmann gathered to discuss the topic "Hip-hop: Art, Commerce and Politics" in a panel discussion moderated by MC Torch. The hip hop experts enlightened a crowd of young and old who participated actively in the discussion on several of the issues that arise in hip hop culture. Panelists highlighted in particular many of the frequently overlooked positive facets of hip hop culture. They emphasized how its four elements, dance, DJing, rap, and graffiti can be seen not only as artistic expression, but also as an avenue for the articulation of political, social and cultural concerns. [Photo Gallery](#) | Video: [Prof. Forman remarks](#) | Video: [Interview with Prof. Forman](#) | [More on the project](#) | ([more](#))

The U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt with the city of Frankfurt, Frankfurter Jugendring, Stadtbücherei Frankfurt, and Jugendbildungswerk Frankfurt, is co-sponsoring 'Hip-Hop: Four Elements, One Culture', a series of hip-hop related cultural, art, dance and music events. The program continues on November 10 and 11 with dance workshops featuring Mr. Wiggles of the Rocksteady crew. [Click here for details](#)

### **[Paving the Way for the Next Generation of German American Friendship: Consul General Powell Opens HipHop Exhibit at the Frankfurt City Library](#)**



**October 26, 2007.** Consul General Jo Ellen Powell along with Frankfurt City Treasurer Uwe Becker opened the exhibit "The Roots of HipHop" with photos by U.S.

photographer Martha Cooper and local artists Jörg Kuberek and Helge "Bomber" Steinmann at the Frankfurt City Library, the consulate's [America at your library partner](#), on October 26.

The program included presentations by the B-boy project Bonames, free style rap, beatbox and a dance performance by Fatma Yazici ("Dance in FFM") and her B-girls. Akim Walta from Berlin introduced Martha Cooper and her

photos. After the opening, Martha Cooper gave a tour of the exhibition and stayed on for hours to talk to Frankfurt HipHop fans and signed her books and posters for them. [Photo Gallery](#) | Video: [Freestyle Rap Session](#) | Video: [SIN a.k.a. Fatma Yazici and her Bonames B-girls](#) | Video: [Beatboxing](#) | Video: [Interview with Martha Cooper](#) | Video: [Martha Cooper on HipHop and youth](#) | [Remarks Consul General Powell](#) | [More about the project](#) | ([more](#))

#### **Consul General Powell Celebrates 50th Anniversary of GAI Saarbrücken**



**October 26, 2007.** Consul General Jo Ellen Powell gave a speech celebrating the work of the [German-American Institute Saarbrücken](#) and its dedication to promoting and strengthening German-American relations over the last 50 years. Through student advising, exhibits, film screenings and lectures the German-American Institute helps to disseminate information about American politics, economics, culture and the 'American Way of Life' in the region. Together with GAI director Dr. Hartmut Gimmler and former culture minister Jürgen Schreier, the Consul General presented a certificate of appreciation to long-standing member and former director of the board, Prof. Dr. Hubert Rohde, for his 28 year long commitment to the activities of the German-American Institute. ([Full text of speech](#))

#### **Beyond the Horizon: Exchange Opportunities With the United States at Konstanz Career Fair**



**October 25, 2007.** 500 university and high school students from the Konstanz region checked out exchange opportunities with the United States and other countries at the "Beyond the Horizon" fair. The day-long career fair was organized for the second time by the University of Applied Sciences Konstanz. 25 exhibitors offered information on studying, volunteer work, internships, financial aid and visa. At the EducationUSA booth, numerous students asked questions about exchange opportunities with the United States, especially about internships, high school year abroad and working as an Au Pair.

The picked up information materials on EducationUSA and other services of the Information Resource Centers.

### **Transcending Cultural Boundaries: HipHop in Frankfurt**



**October 24, 2007.** U.S. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell joined Frankfurt City Treasurer Uwe Becker in tagging graffiti art on the Frankfurt "Römerberg", following a press conference to introduce the upcoming hip-hop program. The U.S. Consulate, together with the city of Frankfurt, Frankfurter Jugendring, Stadtbücherei Frankfurt, and Jugendbildungswerk Frankfurt, is co-sponsoring 'Hip-Hop: Four

Elements, One Culture', a series of hip-hop related cultural, art, dance and music events. Consul General Powell spoke to press on the importance of a program that reaches out to younger audiences. She also highlighted the ways in which this program will bring together German and American youth in an effort to bridge cultural boundaries and increase mutual understanding through hip-hop culture. [Complete Remarks](#) | [Photo Gallery](#) | [Video: Remarks Consul General Powell and City Treasurer Becker](#) | [Video: Graffiti](#) | [More about the project](#) | [\(more\)](#)



### **Nancy Pearl promotes Love of Books in Southwestern Germany**

**October 15+16, 2007.** Nancy Pearl, librarian, author and television host visited the city libraries of Frankfurt and Stuttgart as well as the library

of the German American Institute in Tübingen and the German National Library in Frankfurt on October 15 and 16. She discussed a broad range of issues with the libraries' staffs and professors of the local media university, including readers' advisory services, the role of the library in a community, library outreach, digitization, as well as her books "Book Lust" and "Book Crush." At the Frankfurt city library, she engaged librarians from all over the world in a webchat organized by the state department during which she encouraged them to organize more programs like poetry readings, book talks, and political discussions to bring more people into the library. At the evening program at the German National Library Ms. Pearl introduced her theory that libraries are like three-legged foot stools, and like any good stool, the legs need to be of equal length to provide maximum usefulness and stability. In library terms, those "legs" are technology, reader's advisory services, and outreach and programming. She advocated that more attention be paid to the latter two services in order to keep libraries at the center of their communities. A lively discussion concluded the program. [Photo Gallery](#) | [More about Nancy Pearl](#) | ["Book Lust" with Nancy Pearl](#) | [Webchat transcript](#) | [Love of Books Survives in an](#)

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### **U.S. Consulate at Frankfurt Book Fair 2007**



**October 10-14, 2007.** As in previous years, the Information Resource Centers of U.S. Mission Germany, Public Affairs, participated in the Frankfurt International Book Fair, the world's largest and most renowned literary and publishing exhibition, to highlight

publications and products for schools and libraries as well as specialized services for information professionals and academics. The booth also helped celebrate this year's Book Fair "guest of honor," Catalan Culture, with the assistance of the [Consulate General Barcelona](#). The Consulate offered a chance to chat with University of California Irvine Professor Gonzalo Navajas over the internet about his experiences as a Catalan-American university professor and author. ([Transcript](#)). On Saturday morning Consul General Jo Ellen Powell awarded prizes provided by the Consulate to the three winners of a writing contest sponsored by the [Jugendpresse Hessen](#) (Hessen Young Journalists Association). The three young journalists wrote articles on the topic "America and I." [Photogallery | \(more\)](#)

### **U.S. and EU at Mannheim City Library**



**October 11, 2007.** [EducationUSA Frankfurt](#), [Eurodesk Germany](#) and [the International Placement Service of the Labor](#)

[Exchange](#) held an afternoon information session at the City Library Mannheim on studying and working in the United States and the European Union. 90 students and parents used the opportunity to pick up information material, listen to presentations and get advice. Topics ranged from how to organize a stay as an Au Pair to internships, studying and working in the United States. Mayor Christian Specht welcomed the students to the City Library and spoke about the importance of spending time in another country. In the morning, students chatted with Renate Vollmer (EducationUSA) and Annette Luthringshauser (Eurodesk) during a webchat on the topic organized by the [Mannheimer Morgen](#).

### **U.S. Consulate General and City of Frankfurt Celebrate German-American Day**

**October 5, 2007.** The U.S. Consulate General and the city of Frankfurt joined forces in celebrating German-American Day at the City Hall "Römer" on



October 5, 2007. The celebration featured remarks by Consul General Jo Ellen Powell and City Treasurer Uwe Becker and both stressed the strength of the German-American partnership, particularly in an international city such as Frankfurt. Musical entertainment was provided by the U.S. Air Force in Europe jazz band "Check Six". During the event Public Affairs Officer James W. Seward presented five students with prizes for language courses, which they had won at the ['Hello World' exchange fair](#) the week before. | [Official Proclamation of German-American Day 2007](#)

#### **Consul General Powell keynote speaker at Frankfurt German Unity Day celebration**



October 2, 2007. U.S. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell was invited to be the keynote speaker at the City of Frankfurt's German Unity Day celebration in the Paulskirche making her the first woman and non-German to receive this honor. Following

musical presentations by the International Choir Frankfurt and an address by City Councillor Boris Rhein, the Consul General gave a speech on ["The United States, Unified Germany and the Unity of the West"](#) to 1200 guests from Frankfurt and the Rhein-Main region. She emphasized how Americans share in the joy of a peaceful unification of Germany and Europe based on their own experience of reunification through a bloody Civil War. She gave great credit to Germany's political and economic achievements after reunification evoking the long and painful process of reuniting the American North and South in order to overcome the legacy of slavery and secession. She said that prominent voices on both sides of the Atlantic stressing fundamental differences between Old and New World only reflected insecurities as a result of a completely changed post-Cold War world order. The Consul General pointed to the great heterogeneity within Europe and the U.S. and urged the audience not to forget the large extent to which the United States and Europe share a common political, economic and intellectual history. She reminded that existing transatlantic differences

should be seen as creative diversity and that the motto which expresses American strength and spirit could also apply to the countries of the West, "E Pluribus Unum."

#### **Documentary Film Maker Les Blank in Wiesbaden**



October 2, 2007. PAO Jim Seward introduced American documentary film maker Les Blank at a screening of Blank's films "Yum, Yum, Yum..." and

"All in the Tea" at the historic Biebrich Palace (Schloß Biebrich) in Wiesbaden, capital city of the German Federal State of Hessen. Blank, whose career spans more than forty years, this year received the prestigious [Edward MacDowell Medal](#), whose previous winners include Thornton Wilder, Georgia O'Keefe, I.M. Pei and Merce Cunningham. Blank and his films were well received by the audience of enthusiastic film viewers. For PAO Seward, the event provided a welcome opportunity to establish contacts with the Wiesbaden Film Classification Board (Filmbewertungsstelle Wiesbaden), which is supported by the cultural ministries of the German states. The film series "[Filme im Schloss](#)" allows German audiences to view and learn about American and other international films that are rarely seen.

#### **"Hello World! Hello USA" - Frankfurt Student Exchange Fair Attracts 1000 Visitors**



September 29, 2007 **On September 29th, the City of Frankfurt and the U.S. Consulate organized for the fifth time the youth**

**exchange fair "[Hello World!](#)" 1000 high school students, parents, and teachers visited the fair at the Wöhlerschule in Frankfurt. 42 exchange organizations and educational advisers presented their programs and services at the [Wöhlerschule](#) Frankfurt. Students and parents used the opportunity to talk to representatives of the organizations and pick up information materials. They enjoyed talking to nearly 30 former exchange students who had volunteered to answer questions and talk about their experience. Four short presentations on what to consider when deciding on an organization, financial aid**

**and school regulations were attended by up to 100 people. From the U.S. Consulate, the Consular Section provided guidance on visa procedures and EducationUSA presented their services. During their visit to the fair, Public Affairs Officer James W. Seward and City Official Haindl received information from organizations and talked to former exchange students. [Photogallery](#)**

**[Consul General Powell attends opening of "An American Index of the Hidden and Unfamiliar" at Museum of Modern Art](#)**



**September 28, 2007.** On September 28, Consul General Jo Ellen Powell attended the opening of the photography exhibition "An American Index of the Hidden and

Unfamiliar" at the [MMK Museum of Modern Art](#) in Frankfurt. New York-based American photographer Taryn Simon's new series of works is being exhibited for the first time in full at the MMK and shows more than sixty large-format photographs taken over the past four years at places that normally remain inaccessible. Together with the artist Taryn Simon, Frankfurt's cultural commissioner Felix Semmelroth gave Jo Ellen Powell a guided tour of the exhibit, which is open until January 20, 2008.

**[Consul General Powell Hosts Iftar at her Residence](#)**



**September 25, 2007.** On the occasion of Ramadan, Consul General Jo Ellen Powell hosted an Iftar for 40 guests at her residence on September 25, including representatives

of Hessen, Baden-Wurttemberg, and Rheinland-Pfalz state government, members of the Frankfurt Consular Corps, and Embassy Berlin's newly arrived Public Affairs Counselor, Dr. Helena Finn. Ms. Nahla Osman and Ms. Gonca Aydin, who traveled to the U.S. in April 2007 under the auspices of Mission Germany's "Windows on America" program spoke to the guests about the program and the experiences of the students that they accompanied. Both called the personal encounter with America and Americans invaluable experiences for the students whose view of the U.S. was previously shaped through the media alone.

### **Karben Students Hear About High School Exchange Opportunities with the United States**



**September 24, 2007.** More than 30 students and parents attended an evening information session at Kurt-Schumacher-Schule on exchange opportunities

with the United States. [EducationUSA](#) (U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt) gave a presentation on "Spending a High School Year in the United States", focusing on what to consider when choosing an exchange organization. Students also received information and had their questions answered from three different exchange organizations. The school library received a book donation, including the "If You Want to Study in the United States" volumes.

### **Seminar on "European and American Economic and Social Policies - A Comparison"**



**September 14-15, 2007.** Prof. Dr. Diether Döring (Denkfabrik/Frankfurt), Dr. Sigurt Vitols (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin), Dr. Christian Lammert (University of Frankfurt) and Prof. Dr. Aloys Prinz (University of Münster) offered an in-depth comparison of the European and American

economic and social systems and policies at a two-day seminar at the Fridtjof-Nansen-Akademie in Ingelheim with participants coming from Rhineland-Palatinate, Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia, Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria. The comparative analysis offered some surprising new insights, for example, into the existence of a "hidden" welfare state in the U.S. in the form of the "earned income tax credit," the most effective instrument of social welfare payments. Also, participants learned that after tax the U.S. is very close to Sweden in the share of social benefit payments in the federal budget, i.e. 27% versus. 30%. Papers can be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.wbzingelheim.de/index.php?id=295>

### **Consul General Jo Ellen Powell Shares International Perspective on 9/11 with High School Students**

September 11, 2007. **Together with Deutsches**



**Filmuseum Frankfurt, the U.S. Consulate organized screenings of the film, "9'11"01". Consul General Jo Ellen Powell welcomed ca.**

**300 high school students from Frankfurt, Giessen, and Speyer, recalling her experiences on that September morning in 2001 as if it had occurred only last week. Claudia Dillmann, director of the Filmmuseum, introduced the film. After the film, the participants discussed how it made them feel, how the film changed their perspectives of September 11, and how it made them remember their own whereabouts that morning. The film is a compilation of 11 short films by 11 film makers from all over the world, among them Claude Lelouch, Ken Loach, Mira Nair, Samira Makhmalbaf, and Youssef Chahine. It is a forward-looking reflection of the events of 9/11 from different cultures, memories, languages, and histories. The precondition for the film makers was to make a film of 11 minutes, 9 seconds and 1 picture (11'09"01) about the events on 9/11 and the consequences.**

#### **[America Welcomes Newcomers to Hessen](#)**



**September 9, 2007. On September 9th, the U.S. Consulate General participated in the "Newcomer" Festival at the Frankfurt Römer. [U.S. Citizen Services](#) and the**

**[Public Affairs Section](#) teamed up to inform visitors about their services. More than 200 newcomers visited the booth, and many U.S. citizens used the opportunity to register with the Consulate and ask about absentee voting and tax issues. Visitors picked up information on [upcoming events](#) organized by the Public Affairs Section and the ["Meet US"](#) Program. The CD ROM "About the USA" and paper flags was also very popular.**

#### **[Journalism in Alaska - Discussion at Frankfurt Press Club](#)**

**September 4, 2007. U.S. Consulate General Leipzig Public Affairs Officer Mark Wenig along with**



journalist and author Bernd Steinle shared their Alaskan knowledge and experiences with a group of thirty journalists at the Frankfurter Press Club September 4. Wenig, an

Alaskan native, gave the audience a first hand account of life in Alaska. He focused mainly on his time as a television reporter in Juneau, Alaska, covering the mandatory 120 day gathering of State legislators. Steinle spent two months working at the Anchorage Daily News through an exchange program. He explained the differences and similarities between Alaskan and German press and related the importance of the press and media for a population only slightly larger than Frankfurt's, spread across a land area two and a half times the size of Texas. After reading a section of his book about his experiences in the Alaskan journalism world, the two men answered questions about life in Alaska and the role that vital industries such as fishing, oil, and tourism play in Alaskan politics.

#### **Kassel High School Students Check Out Exchange Opportunities**



**August 28, 2007.** 55 students and their teachers from the Jacob-Grimm-Schule Kassel used a fieldtrip to Frankfurt to learn about exchange opportunities to the United States.

Following an English-language information session on film analysis at the Filmmuseum Frankfurt, they were joined by EducationUSA Frankfurt. The students received information on internship and work opportunities (Au Pair, Volunteering) and the higher education system in the United States. Following the presentation, students had their educational exchange and visa-related questions answered. Students and teachers received handouts with background materials and an extensive information package was presented to the school. A visit to the school, organized through the [MeetUS Program](#), will take place in late November.

#### **America at 2007 Gießen Festival**

**August 18, 2006.** On August 18th, Sister Cities Association Gießen - Waterloo, Iowa, presented information on their long-



time partnership during the annual "Stadtfest Gießen". Members of the association talked to Gießen citizens about their activities, including trips to Waterloo, Iowa. They were joined by the U.

S. Consulate General Frankfurt. Visitors asked about studying and working in the United States and had their visa questions answered. They picked up information on the services of the [U.S. Consulate Public Affairs Section](#), the ["Meet US"](#) program and [EducationUSA Frankfurt](#). During the afternoon, the Gießen public enjoyed a performance by the [Lahn-River-Wheelers Square Dance Club](#), organized by the Sister Cities Association. [Enter photogallery](#)

#### **Ambassador Timken speaks at the Harvard Business Club**



**August 1, 2007.** Ambassador Timken visited Frankfurt on August 1 to give a [speech](#) at the Harvard Business Club, where he

was greeted by Mr. Heiner Thorborg, the Honorary President of the Harvard Business Club Rhein-Main. The ambassador spoke to the group about the United States' current and future role in environmental policy. The ambassador cited the tremendous amount of resources the United States has dedicated to this issue, stating that "since 2001, we have invested 30 billion dollars in clean energy technology. That's more than any other nation in the world. In 2002, President Bush established a goal to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 18 percent by 2012. We are ahead of our target." He continued by outlining the main goals of U.S. environmental preservation and protection policy. The ambassador stressed "that it does not matter what one country does alone. It matters what we do together. Actions speak louder than words." He continued by pointing out the need for international cooperation on this issue. After the speech, he took questions not only on environmental issues but also other foreign policy issues. [Full text of speech](#)

#### **Consul General Powell at Opening of "New World" exhibit at Staatsgalerie Stuttgart**

**July 20, 2007.** Consul General Jo Ellen Powell spoke at the Staatsgalerie



Stuttgart to open "Neue Welt: die Erfindung der amerikanischen Malerei" on July 20. The exhibit, which appeared originally in Hamburg and is co-patroned by U.S. Ambassador to Germany William R. Timken Jr. and

German Ambassador to the U.S. Klaus Scharioth, celebrates America's beautiful natural landscape, as portrayed by painters of the Hudson River School, including German-American Albert Bierstadt. After opening the exhibit, Consul General Powell was led on a tour of the exhibit by museum director Sean Rainbird and exhibit curator Christofer Conrad. [Consul General Powell's Opening Remarks](#)

"Neue Welt" runs until October 21, 2007 at the [Staatsgalerie Stuttgart](#).

#### **Consul General Powell joins Freiburg Students and NY Dance Companies for "Dancing to Connect" performance**



**July 17, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell attended the performance of "Dancing to Connect," a joint project of New York modern dance companies Battery Dance Company and Drastic Action on July 17. In week-long workshops prior to the**

**performance, dancers from the two groups instructed students from five Freiburg high schools in the principles of modern dance, after which the students created their own dance pieces. The students' work was performed in the morning and in the evening alongside pieces by the professional dance companies to over 1600 enthusiastic audience members at Freiburg's City Theater. [Photo gallery](#) | [Watch videos of the performances: School Workshops](#) | [Interviews \(in German\)](#) | [The Performance](#) | See also: [Battery Dance Company at Frankfurt Schools](#) | [\(more\)](#)**

#### **Consul General Powell and Steuben Schurz Society host BarBQ for American Interns in Germany**



July 14, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell and the Steuben Schurz Society hosted a barbecue for American interns in Germany on July 14. The interns, who were placed in their positions by Steuben Schurz's USA Interns program, traveled from all over Germany to meet fellow interns and members of the Steuben Schurz Society. Consul General

Powell opened the event by speaking to the interns about the tremendous value of overseas experience, drawing on her personal

history with the Foreign Service, and then Dr. Ingrid Graefin zu Solms-Wildenfels, president of Steuben Schurz, presented each intern with a certificate commemorating their time in Germany.

#### **Vice Consul Jeremy Beer discusses German American Relations in the Saarland**



**July 8, 2007.** Vice Consul Jeremy Beer spoke to 120 members of the German American Institute Saarbrücken in Bexbach at the newly refurbished Hochwiesmühle Hotel on July 8. Highlighting recent

Independence Day celebrations, Mr. Beer spoke about American identity, and the lasting role of liberty in American political thought. He noted that "no other nation on Earth has forged its core identity so directly and explicitly on the basis of freedom and universal human values." Mr. Beer also discussed the importance of the European-American relationship, emphasizing that "the United States and the E.U. share the largest trade and investment relationship in the world. A strong European-American partnership is critical" he said, "both to face global threats and to take advantage of global opportunities." ([more](#))

#### **Explore, Discover, Play: Opportunities @2.0 Rock Frankfurt's Library Community**



**July 6, 2007.** [Helene Blowers, Public Services Technology Director for the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County](#), introduced

Frankfurt's information professionals and students to the fascinating world of Library 2.0 at the city's University Library. Ms. Blowers highlighted the increased emphasis on collaboration, sharing and fun (!) in the new 2.0 world, and encouraged the participants to engage their younger audiences in places like Myspace, Facebook or Youtube. She also underlined the importance of empowering and educating staff to deal with all the technological and ideological changes in their workplace. ([More](#))

#### **Harvard Professor Discusses the Terrorist Mindset**



**July 5, 2007.** Consul General Jo Ellen Powell attended an expert roundtable on the Islamist terrorist mindset at the Hesse Ministry of the Interior in

Wiesbaden, featuring Dr. Louise Richardson, Executive Dean of the Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study, Harvard University. Introduced by the Ministry's State Secretary Scheibelhuber, Professor Richardson spoke to a high-caliber group of counter-terrorism, intelligence and law-enforcement professionals, including the president of the Hessian police force, the director of the Hesse State Agency for the Protection of the Constitution and the director of terrorism research at the Federal Office of Criminal Investigation (BKA). In the evening, Professor Richardson gave a public lecture to more than 300 guests at the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek about her recent book, "What Terrorists Want and How We Can Contain the Threat," co-sponsored by Campus Verlag, the Hesse Center for Political Education and the German-British Society. Prof. Richardson shared her own in-depth empirical and comparative research on terrorists' mindsets and practices and was able to offer effective methods and long-range strategies for containing the ever-growing threat of Islamist terrorism.

#### **Battery Dance Company Dances To Connect At Frankfurt Schools**



**July 3+4, 2007.** Eight dancers of the well-known New York Battery Dance Company visited Paul Hindemith Schule and Otto-Hahn Schule in Frankfurt on July 3 and 4 and introduced their

Dance in Schools program to over 300 Frankfurt students. The dancers presented their latest dance pieces such as "I'll take you there" and "Shell Games." They also taught workshops for a number of interested students. In the afternoon, a few dancers also taught workshops at Evangelischer Verein für Jugendsozialarbeit in Frankfurt am Main, Jugendhaus am Bügel, for a group of kids aged 6-18. The workshops were part of the current hip hop project the Consulate is organizing together with the City of Frankfurt, Frankfurter Jugendring, the Otto-Hahn Schule and the Jugendhaus am Bügel, and other Frankfurt institutions involved in youth outreach. Accommodation for the dancers was provided by Marriott Hotel Frankfurt. [Photo gallery](#) | Watch videos of the performance: [I'll take you there](#) | [Shell Game](#) | [Workshops](#) | ([More](#))

#### **Celebration of America's 231st Independence Day**

July 4, 2007. The Consulate General in Frankfurt celebrated the 231st birthday of the United States



with the naturalization of nine armed forces service members. After the presentation of the colors and singing of both the German and American national anthems Consul General Jo Ellen Powell welcomed the three hundred guests. In her speech she discussed how appropriate it was to naturalize these new citizens on Independence Day, because it honors the values and basic

principles that the United States was founded on. Ms. Powell stressed the importance of immigrants throughout the history of the United States: "Immigrants have enriched the fabric of our society, and without them we could not celebrate the United States we know today," said Ms. Powell. She continued by reading President Bush's Fourth of July message. Jeffrey Sapko, Director of US Citizenship and Immigration services, discussed what America could and could not offer and promise to these new citizens; then led the nine candidates in the oath of allegiance and welcomed them as new citizens. Afterwards, a buffet of hamburgers, ham, salads and deserts was served, while guests enjoyed live music. [Consul General Powell's speech](#) | [About the USA: Independence Day](#)

### **PA intern discusses U.S. Immigration at Friedberg Gymnasium**



**July 2, 2007.** As part of the U.S. Consulate's school outreach program "Meet US," Public Affairs intern Ashley White visited the Augustinerschule in Friedberg on July 2, 2007. After a lively discussion with 60 12th graders, comprising four English classes, she presented the hosting teacher

with IRC material related to the United States. Students gained a more in-depth understanding of the historical origins of the U. S. as an immigrant country, of its often bumpy road to a society of ethnic and cultural diversity, as well as of the current debate on immigration legislation in Washington.

### **Friedrichshafen High School Students Check Out Exchange Opportunities**



July 2, 2007. Parents, teachers and students from the Friedrichshafen region checked out exchange opportunities with the United States and other overseas countries during the Youth Exchange Fair at Karl-Maybach-Gymnasium in Friedrichshafen. The fair was organized by the German-American Institute Tübingen and the Labor Exchange Ravensburg and drew more than 30 participants, who

picked up information from a number of exchange organizations. EducationUSA Frankfurt explained their services and answered visa-related questions. Student took away information material on the United States, including the CD ROM "About the USA".

### **The U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt @ Rhineland-Palatinate State Fair**



**June 30, 2007.** The [Atlantic Academy](#) in Kaiserslautern and the U.S. Consulate General in Frankfurt joined forces at the Rhineland-Palatinate state festival in Baumholder on June 30 to inform German and American citizens living in that state about their respective programs and services and about the United States in general. The garrison town of Baumholder hosted the

24th state fair of Rhineland-Palatinate this year. This major state festival is a symbol of the German American friendship which is particularly valued within the scope of the 60-year existence of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate. Baumholder hosted a diverse range of entertainment on various stages and at numerous activity and presentation areas. Major Rhineland-Palatinate radio stations and SWR TV broadcasted the events and programs. [Enter Photo Gallery](#)



### **Consul General Powell Opens Exhibit Featuring U.S.**

#### **Architects**

June 26, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell officially opened the exhibit "Young Americans: Neue Architektur in den USA" at the Deutsches Architektur Museum in Frankfurt. The exhibit features the work of 26 young American

architects and firms, several of whom were on hand to celebrate the opening, who represent the future of building around the world. After giving a short Grusswort, CG Powell was lead on a tour of the exhibit by museum Director Peter Schmal and curator Beate Engelhorn. "Young Americans" runs until September 2, 2007



### **University of Applied Sciences Frankfurt Students Check out Study Opportunities in the United States**

June 21, 2007. On June 21th, the International Office of the University of Applied Sciences

organized a two-hour USA-Special, attended by 25 students interested in studying and interning in the United States. Professors Carney and Winter, both visiting professors from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, explained the U.S. higher education system. The University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, is one of several American partner universities of the University of Applied Sciences Frankfurt. Renate Vollmer from the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt's EducationUSA gave an overview of the visa application process and answered visa-related questions. Alexandra Michel presented the programs offered by College Contact. [Photo Gallery](#)

### **Trier Students Learn About**



### **Studying and Interning in the United States**

June 20, 2007. On June 20th, Renate Vollmer from the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt's EducationUSA visited the University of Trier to talk about exchange opportunities with the

United States. At the University, 60 students received information on studying and interning in the U.S., including information on the higher education system, the application process and visa issues. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. The University of Trier cooperates with a number of American universities, including Boston University, MA, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. and Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota. Students picked up information material on the U.S., including the CD ROM "About the USA".



### **U.S. Speaker Jonathan Tucker Discusses "Dual-Use"**

#### **Scientific Research**

June 20 & 21, 2007. On June 20 and 21, Dr. Jonathan Tucker, a senior fellow at the Monterey

Institute of International Studies' Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Washington, D.C., spoke with several groups in Hessen about the misuse of biotechnology and lessons learned from the international effort to eradicate smallpox. Dr. Tucker spoke Wednesday to a group of students and scholars at the Technische Universitaet Darmstadt as part of the interdisciplinary non-proliferation group IANUS' lecture series. He spoke Thursday to scientists and policymakers at the Bundesamt fuer Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle, and at an informal luncheon with members of the Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung. Dr. Tucker spoke frankly with both researchers and policymakers about the current lack of international oversight on scientific research that might have potentially devastating affects if misused by terrorists or state proliferators, and discussed how the WHO's successful eradication of smallpox might serve as both model and caution for future attempts to regulate biological research. He was able to share U.S. positions on dual-use research of concern, as well as gain insight from German experts in the same field on how the topic is viewed in Europe.

### **Students Prepare for Study Abroad Experience**

June 17, 2007. From June 15 to 17, 60 German and American students met in



Tübingen to prepare for and discuss studying abroad. The German students, who will leave for undergraduate and graduate studies in the United States this fall,

were joined by American students who are currently spending an exchange year at a German university. All students are supported by the [Federation of German-American Clubs](#) which runs a college student exchange program with selected universities in the U.S. and Germany, sponsoring one-year study-abroad programs. The American students receive a scholarship from the Federation and are "adopted" by one of the local clubs. The German students going to the U.S. receive undergraduate or graduate scholarships, some including graduate teaching assistantships, from their host universities. On Sunday, Renate Vollmer from the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt gave a pre-departure briefing to the German students and explained the visa application process. [Photo Gallery](#)



#### **documenta 12 Features Several American Artists**

June 14, 2007. Journalists and art experts were treated on June 14-15 to a special preview of documenta 12, one of the most important modern art exhibitions in the world: [Photo Gallery](#)

documenta 12, which opens on June 16 and will run for 100 days until September 23, 2007, will feature the work of 16 American artists and that of many other artists from around the world. Several of the American artists were on hand June 14 and 15 to meet with journalists and describe their work and/or perform it. The exhibit takes place every five years in Kassel in museums and outdoor locations throughout the city, and each documenta has an entirely new staff, theme, and flavor. For more information about documenta 12, please visit <http://documenta.de/>. | [Photo Gallery](#) | [Video: Compagnie Trisha Brown](#) | [\(more\)](#)

#### **Prof. Bernard Reich speaks at AGBC dinner**

June 12, 2007. Dr. Bernard Reich, Professor of Political Science and



International Affairs at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., presented a lecture on "The Crisis in the Middle East and the Issue of Oil Supply for Europe and the

United States" at a dinner hosted by the American-German Business Club Frankfurt at the Marriott Hotel. Prof. Reich analyzed the various degrees of dependence of Europe, the United States, China and India on the import of oil from different oil producing countries, particularly in the Middle East, and the implications for international political relations. Prof. Reich called for a systematic, long-range strategy to minimize the proportion of oil in the energy supply of the world's leading economies and newly industrializing countries.



#### **Consul General Jo Ellen Powell Visits Tübingen**

May 24, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell visited the university town of Tübingen for a day. She started the day with a visit

at Hauptschule

Innenstadt, where she was welcomed by the drum group of the school. Consul General Powell was deeply impressed by the school's students and the passionate teachers. She visited a number of classes, watched performances by the school band and the circus group, and gave an interview to the school's radio station. The next stop was a lunch with Tübingen's Lord Mayor Boris Palmer, the University President, Professor Engler, and members of the Board of the German-American Institute. The day continued with a visit to Eberhard-Karls-University, where Mrs. Powell discussed with American Studies students, and met with the representatives of the Study Abroad Programs at the University's International Office. A visit to the German-American Institute, where Jo Ellen Powell closed the American Mosque exhibit, and met with members of the Arab American Dialogue, GAI supporters, and Ann Arbor-Tübingen sister city association members rounded out the day in Tübingen. [Photo Gallery](#)

#### **Mrs. Timken visits Otto-Hahn-Schule in Frankfurt-Niedereschbach**

May 22, 2007. On her



recent trip to Frankfurt, Mrs. Timken visited Otto-Hahn-Schule in the Northern Frankfurt neighborhood of Niedereschbach. School director Dr. Schmidt and Deputy Director Gabriele Telgenbüscher gave Mrs. Timken a tour of the school grounds. Parts of the school are currently under construction, additional classrooms are built, and the school and neighborhood library will be reopened next spring. Mrs. Timken then met with a group of 8th grade students and discussed German-American relations, differences and similarities in the respective school systems, the death penalty, and the diverse ethnic backgrounds of the students. The students were deeply impressed by Mrs. Timken's personal reflections on Germany and by her presentation of the Windows on America program. [Photo Gallery](#)



**Ambassador Engages Leadership of ZDF**

May 21, 2007. On May 21 Ambassador Timken met with ZDF Director General Markus Schächter and seven senior editors, including future U.S. correspondent Matthias Fornoff, for an off-the-record discussion at ZDF headquarters in Mainz. The discussion focused on the upcoming G-8 summit, the German EU Presidency, as well as the bilateral and transatlantic relationship, U.S. policy in Afghanistan, Irak, U.S-Russia relations, China, India and the upcoming Presidential elections in the U.S.



**U.S. speaker Richard Pells talks about transatlantic misunderstandings**

May 21, 2007. U.S. cultural historian Richard Pells from the University of Texas in Austin, gave a lecture to over 80 students at the Department for Applied Linguistics and Cultural Studies on the Gernersheim campus of the University of Mainz. Pells spoke about cultural and moral stereotypes on both sides of the Atlantic and emphasized how those stereotypes enforce disagreements between Europe and the U.S. in other fields. He furthered the understanding among the students for U.S. policy by looking at

the cultural history and the self-image of the U. S., and illustrated his talk with examples from the cultural history in Europe and the U.S.



**America at Baden-Wuerttemberg Tag in Eppingen**

May 20, 2007. On May 20th, the U.S. Consulate General joined the four German-American Institutes located in Baden-Wuerttemberg

(Heidelberg, Tuebingen, Freiburg, Stuttgart) at the second Baden-Wuerttemberg Tag. The Institutes and the Consulate presented their programs and services and Public Affairs Frankfurt's EducationUSA provided information on studying and working in the United States. Visitors picked up information on the United States, enjoyed more than a 1000 bags of American style salted popcorn and tried their skill at basketball. 35000 visitors enjoyed the Baden-Wuerttemberg Tag, with more than 100 exhibitors showcasing services and organizations in Baden-Wuerttemberg. [Enter Photogallery](#)



**Darmstadt Students Learn About Studying and Interning in the United States**

May 15, 2007. On May 15th, Renate Vollmer from the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt's EducationUSA visited the Technische Universität and the University of Applied

Sciences in Darmstadt to talk about exchange opportunities with the United States. At the Technische Universität, she briefed 25 students who will start studying in the United States this fall on the visa application process. The students received an information package which included visa application forms and the CD ROM "About the USA". The University cooperates with a large number of U.S. universities, including Virginia Tech, the University of Illinois, the State University of Buffalo, N.Y. and the University of California, Berkeley. At the University of Applied Sciences, students listened to a presentation on study and internship opportunities. Following, a former exchange student described her experience. Afterwards, students used the opportunity to ask questions. The International Office received a book donation, including the four-volume set "If You Want to Study in the

United States". [Photo Gallery](#)



**USA at Europa University of Applied Sciences Fresenius**

May 12, 2007. Exchange opportunities with the United States were a special focus during the "Open Door" at the University of Applied Sciences Fresenius,

Idstein, on May 12th. On Saturday, students and parents used the opportunity to gather information on the programs offered by the university. The university emphasizes the importance of international co-operations and exchanges. Students are required to spend time abroad, and many are interested in going to the United States. EducationUSA of the U.S. Consulate General informed students about exchange opportunities and visa regulations. The Steuben-Schurz Society presented their USA-Interns program. The university currently cooperates with universities in several countries, including the United Kingdom, Bahrain, Vietnam and China. The private Europa University of Applied Sciences Fresenius has a scientific tradition of a more than 158 years and became a state-approved, private university of applied sciences in 1971.



**U.S.-India Security Relations in Focus**

May 10, 2007. India expert Sumit Ganguly (University of Indiana at Bloomington) conducted an expert roundtable at

the Peace Research Institute (HSFK) in Frankfurt on "U.S.-India Strategic Relations" on May 10. Professor Ganguly provided background on the U. S. government's partnership and engagement with the rising power India in a brief introductory lecture. The expert discussion following focused in particular on the negotiations and efforts to achieve the U.S.-India nuclear deal and its implications for the region.



**Tom Christopher "Interpreting Times Square" Exhibit Opening**

May 9, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell opened the art exhibition "Interpreting Times Square" featuring the

work of world-renowned U.S. artist Tom Christopher on May 9. The artist flew from the U. S. to attend the opening held at the Gallery Barbara von Stechow in Frankfurt. The exhibition features a number of his bold and vivid interpretations of New York City. A former courtroom artist, Tom Christopher paints with a sense of urgency, but also with a keen sense of detail. His intense and vibrant choice of color characterize the animation in the lives of New Yorkers. His paintings of New York City are favorites among Americans — with collections in the New York City Mayor's office and a piece in the President's White House collection — but also resonate in the international community with his work having been shown in Paris, Tokyo, Osaka, and Frankfurt. The exhibition will be shown at the [Gallery Barbara von Stechow](#) until June 15. A further exhibition of Tom Christopher's works can be seen at HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt until June 29 - please contact Gallery Barbara von Stechow for further details and viewing arrangements. Consul General Powell's opening remarks | [Photo Gallery](#)



**Consul General Jo Ellen Powell inaugurates**

**America@yourLibrary partnership with Karlsruhe American Library**

May 8, 2007. Consul

General Jo Ellen Powell officially inaugurated the U.S. Consulate's <http://germany.usembassy.gov/germany/ayl.html> with the [American Library in Karlsruhe](#) on May 8th. She presented a check in the amount of \$2000 for the acquisition of new media to Dr. Karen Adams-Rischmann, chairwoman of the Friends of the American Library Verein. She also donated a book collection of American classics as well as Laura Bush's recommended children's books to the library. Consul General Powell along with Information Resource Officer Sheila Weir, who is responsible for managing the <http://germany.usembassy.gov/germany/ayl.html> in Germany, commended Dr. Adams-Rischmann on her initiative and tireless efforts to turn the former U. S. army library into such a successful, integrated branch of the Karlsruhe public library system after the army left in 1994. Karlsruhe's Mayor for Culture Ullrich Eidenmüller thanked the U.S. Consulate for the support and praised the Friends Verein and the library team for their commitment to keep American Culture alive in

the city. He promised the city's assistance for future library programs.

[Photo Gallery](#) | <http://germany.usembassy.gov/germany/ayl.html> | [Enter the Karlsruhe American Library](#)



**Mrs. Timken and Consul General Jo Ellen Powell Meet 'Windows on America' Group after U.S. Visit**

May 7, 2007. Ten Muslim girls from from the Rhein-

Main area who had traveled to the United States during the Easter school break as part of the "[Windows on America](#)" program, attended a tea with Mrs. Timken and Consul General Jo Ellen Powell at the latter's residence in Frankfurt along with their chaperones, Gonca Aydin of Ditib (Turkish-Islamic Union of Religious Institutes), and Nahla Osman, a lawyer from Rüsselsheim. Group members described their week-long stay with host families in Boston, where they visited schools and universities; their subsequent stays in New York and Washington, D.C.; and their meetings at the Turkish Embassy and the State Department. The young high school students were deeply impressed by their U.S. experiences.



**USA Focus During International Week at University of Applied Sciences Koblenz**

May 7, 2007. On May 7th, events and presentations at the University of Applied Sciences Koblenz focused on exchange

opportunities with the United States. Throughout the day, students met representatives of EducationUSA Frankfurt as well as from other organizations and picked up information materials. EducationUSA Frankfurt gave a presentation on studying and interning in the United States. Students from the American partner universities of the University of Applied Sciences Koblenz - Alfred University, New York, Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC and St. Edwards University, Austin, TX - talked about their universities and their exchange experience.

**10th Anniversary of Partnership between Saarpfalz Kreis and Henrico County, Virginia**

May 4, 2007. The U.S.



Consulate General Frankfurt, represented by PA staff member Nicole Fries, participated in the 10th anniversary celebrations of the [partnership between Saarpfalz-Kreis and](#)

[Henrico County, Virginia](#), on May 4 in Bexbach.

The partnership was originally facilitated by the [German-American Institute Saarbrücken](#) and initiated in 1994 with a visit to the Saarland by Fred T. Agostino, executive director of the Henrico County Industrial Development Authority. The official signing took place in Homburg on May 5, 1997. Over the past ten years the partnership has grown from initial economic contacts to include several student exchange groups from high schools in the Saarpfalz-Kreis and Henrico County as well as visits by various other official delegations. Saarpfalz-Kreis county executive Clemens Lindemann welcomed the guests of honor, founding member Fred T. Agostino and his wife Trish, Hans Schetelig, former director of Virginia's European office, as well as students from the Christian-von-Mannlich high school in Homburg, who had participated in exchange programs. The anniversary celebrations were organized by the Saarpfalz-Kreis and its [economic development office](#) in cooperation with the [German-American Friendship Club Saar-Pfalz](#).



**U.S. Consulate General Briefing on Facilitating Travel to the U.S.**

May 3, 2007. The U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt invited members from the travel industry, business and the media to

a briefing on "Facilitating Travel to the U.S.: Online Visa Appointments and Understanding Current U.S. Entry Regulations" with David Stewart, Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs, U.S. Embassy Berlin, and Douglas Fitzpatrick, Representative, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt. At a reception in their honor Consul General Jo Ellen Powell officially welcomed Mr. Stewart and Mr. Fitzpatrick, who have recently taken on their important roles facilitating travel to the United States. All speakers emphasized that the United States is

open for business and welcomes travelers. The briefing was followed by a Q&A session on the new Internet-based Visa Appointment System and specific concerns from the audience. In addition to the phone-based appointment system, applicants will also be able to book appointments online by mid-May



**International Lyric Festival  
features Martine Bellen in  
Frankfurt**

April 26-28, 2007.  
Frankfurt's first  
International Lyric Festival  
"Main Poesia", organized  
by Dr. Maria Gazetti,

Director of the Literaturhaus Frankfurt, and German Poet Matthias Göritz in cooperation with the U.S. Consulate General, paid a tribute to the famous American poet Emily Dickinson from April 26 through April 28. In three parts - "First Nights", "Wild Nights", and "Foreign Nights" - the festival featured poems by Emily Dickinson in their German translation as well as poems by young German and international writers dedicated to her. New York writer Martine Bellen and Lavinia Greenlaw from London impressed the audience with a selection of their works in the third night that was moderated by Hans Jürgen Balmes of S. Fischer Verlag, who also translated Ms. Bellen's work into German. Emily Dickinson's letters and newly translated poems have been published in German by S. Fischer and Carl Hanser in 2006.



**High School Students Check  
Out Exchange Opportunities  
With the United States at  
Reutlingen Career Fair**

April 27, 2007. On April  
27th, the [German-  
American Institute](#)

[Tübingen](#) and EducationUSA from the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt teamed up to inform students from the Reutlingen area about exchange opportunities with the United States. During the day-long education and career information fair for high school students, organized by the City of Reutlingen, the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Trade, the German-American Institute and EducationUSA answered numerous questions at a booth. A short presentation on exchange opportunities after high school in the morning was attended by 20 students and parents, who

used the opportunity to ask specific questions. Throughout the day, students picked up information material on the services of the German-American Institute, EducationUSA as well as the CD ROM "About the USA".



**J-1 Visa Information Session at the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt**

April 26, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell greeted 80 participants at the second J-1 Visa information session held at the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt on April 26. In her welcome remarks she emphasized the importance of exchanges for the United States. Representatives of more than 70 German exchange organizations and international offices of universities received information on American Citizen Services, new developments in regard to J-1 visa applications and the work of Customs and Border Protection. During two question and answer sessions, the attendees posed numerous questions about the regulations and application process. With more the 8,000 students attending high school, and 9,000 university students studying in the United States each year, Germany is one of the leading sending countries world-wide. [Photo Gallery](#)



**Vice Consul Jeremy Beer leads discussion on German-American Relations in Bad Kreuznach**

April 24, 2007. Vice Consul Jeremy Beer discussed German-American Relations and new opportunities for the transatlantic partnership with an audience of 45 Lions Club members at the historic Domina Park Hotel in Bad Kreuznach. In light of the upcoming G8 summit and global interest in climate change, he emphasized [America's commitment to cutting greenhouse gas emissions](#) and investing in clean technology. He explained that "there are tremendous opportunities for the U.S., Germany, and the rest of Europe, to lead in this area through investment in clean energy." Mr. Beer also discussed the [goals of the NATO Alliance in Afghanistan](#) and highlighted the progress made since 2001 in assisting the Afghan government to improve education, health care and free media. Finally, he described the work of the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt, presented the wide variety

of programs and services it offers to German citizens, and led a lively question and answer session with audience members.



**Amerika Haus Archive Donated to Frankfurt City Archive**

April 24, 2007. With a short ceremony at the Frankfurt City Archives (Institut für Stadtgeschichte), Public Affairs Officer Scott

Rauland from the U.S. Consulate General and Archives Director Dr. Evelyn Brockhoff celebrated the donation of archival material from the Amerika Haus to the Institute. Dr. Evelyn Brockhoff presented a copy of the 300-page index to the U.S. Consulate, and pointed out that the materials are also available online through the [archive database](#). The donated materials include flyers, programs and nearly 500 photos, offering important information on American cultural activities in the city from 1946 to 2005. Scott Rauland thanked Dr. Brockhoff for making the materials covering 60 years of Amerika Haus history available to the public. A detailed description is available in the current [Newsletter of the Institut für Stadtgeschichte](#). [Photo Gallery](#)



**Consular intern discusses U.S. immigration at Elly-Heuss-Schule Wiesbaden**

April 24, 2007. As part of the U.S. Consulate's school outreach program "Meet US", Consulate

intern Merry Marwig visited the Elly-Heuss-Schule in Wiesbaden. She talked about the history and contemporary issues of immigration in the U.S. with a 10th grade class. At the end of a lively discussion she presented the hosting teacher with information material related to the United States.

**Earth Day 2007**

April 22, 2007. As part of Earth Day celebrations worldwide intended to increase environmental awareness globally, the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt co-sponsored a conference on "Energy Autonomy: New and Innovative Energy Technologies and Policies in the United States and



Germany" along with Earth Day International/ German Committee and IHK Frankfurt on April 19. In her [remarks opening the program](#), Consul General Powell pointed out that the U.S. and Germany, as leaders among industrialized nations, play major roles in addressing today's environmental challenges:

"Both Europe and the U.S. confront the problem of climate change at the same time that they are coping with higher energy prices and problems of energy security -- all of which call for new technology and much greater efficiency. Fundamental research from American universities and national laboratories, combined with legendary German skills in perfecting and applying new technologies, makes us tremendous natural partners. Together, our countries are working to understand, to limit, and to adapt to climate change."

See also: [Background Information on Earth Day](#) | [E-Journal: Protecting the Environment](#) | [Publication: Energy Needs, Clean Development and Climate Change](#)



#### **U.S. Internships - Infosession at Frankfurt School of Finance & Management**

April 19, 2007. On April 19, [EducationUSA Frankfurt](#) held an evening information session on internship opportunities in the United States and visa regulations at the [Frankfurt School of Finance & Management](#). The institution is a leading private business school based in Frankfurt am Main, with regional education centers spread across Germany and joint ventures abroad. Renate Vollmer from the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt gave a introductory presentation on internships and explained the visa application process. The event was drew 60 students, who used the opportunity to ask numerous questions. The library received a book donation, including the four volume set "If You Want to Study in the United States" and publications on exchange opportunities.

**J.R. Moehringer Appears at the**



#### **International Theater Frankfurt**

April 19, 2007. U.S. author and [Pulitzer Prize winning](#) journalist J.R. Moehringer introduced his memoir "The Tender Bar"

with a reading and a talk with Julia Holbe of Fischer Publishing House to an enthused crowd at the International Theater in Frankfurt. The bestselling book is the story of Moehringer's childhood and adolescence and his special relationship to the bar "Dickens" in Manhasset, New York. Growing up fatherless with a number of cousins in the desolate house of his grumpy grandfather, Moehringer describes his search for paternal figures in and around the bar, how he makes his way to Yale, and becomes a reporter for the Los Angeles Times. Actor Christoph Maasch read from the German version of the book. The evening was a cooperative venture between Fischer Publishing House, the International Theater Frankfurt, and the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt.



#### **Authors' Conference prepares publication of new book on American politics after 9/11**

April 19-21, 2007. The U. S. Consulate supported an authors' conference at the Pfalz-Akademie in

Lambrecht, initiated by the Atlantic Academy Rhineland-Palatinate, for preparing a new book on American politics after 9/11. A fellow at the renowned Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C., for over 30 years and now with the University Halle-Wittenberg and the London School of Economics, Prof. Paul Rundquist joined leading German political scientists in providing commentary on the presented draft papers, which will eventually be published in a major book for students of recent American politics.



#### **Consular officer discusses U.S. immigration at Altkönigschule Kronberg**

April 18, 2007. As part of the U.S. Consulate's school outreach program "Meet US", Consular

Officer Scott Hartmann visited the Altkönigschule in Kronberg. He talked about the history and contemporary issues of immigration in the U. S. with two 13th grade classes. At the end of a

lively discussion he presented the hosting teachers with information material related to the United States.



**Ambassador Timken meets Minister President Müller, Business Leaders and Media in Saarland**

April 13+14, 2007. During his first visit to the Saarland on April 13 and

14, Ambassador and Mrs. Timken met with Minister President Müller and visited the Institute of Nano Technology. Ambassador Timken also addressed business leaders at a breakfast hosted by Economic Minister Georgi and conducted a series of interviews with local media and discussed topics like the U.S.-German economic relations, Afghanistan, Iraq, the German EU Presidency and the German-American partnership. Minister President Müller pointed out that Saarland has increased its economic and scientific exchange with American partners and that its university has intensified student exchanges with American universities.



**IRO Sheila Weir advocates Knowledge Management and Library Innovation**

April 12, 2007.

Information Resource Officer (IRO) Sheila Weir, who manages the

Information Resource Centers in Germany, Switzerland and the three Baltic states, gave a presentation about knowledge management and library innovation at Frankfurt's University Library on April 12. Speaking to some 20 information professionals, Ms. Weir outlined the strategy of American librarians to promote information literacy while creating a new search and retrieval portal using "Google Mini." She also highlighted the marketing aspect in library work and stressed the importance of promoting and capitalizing on the unique professional skills of librarians. In the following discussion, Ms. Weir answered questions about her work in the Foreign Service and advertised [IRC Germany's products and services.](#)

**Consul General Jo Ellen Powell bids farewell to "Windows on America" Group**

April 2, 2007. Together



with Frankfurt's Ditib president Irfan Dinc and a large group of parents and siblings, Consul General Jo Ellen Powell met with the 10 girls from Ditib

communities throughout the Rhein-Main area and their chaperones at Frankfurt airport to wish them a wonderful experience in the United States. Started in Spring 2006, ["Windows on America"](#) is a public-private partnership to provide opportunities for students of immigrant backgrounds who have been underrepresented in traditional exchange programs between the United States and Germany. The program seeks to promote understanding, encourage lasting relationships, and address misperceptions about the U.S. among the next generation of German youth. The Frankfurt group is the first consisting of Muslim girls only between the ages of 15-17. The participants were selected through an essay contest. The students will travel to the United States for a twelve-day trip, visiting American cities such as New York, Washington, DC, and Boston, Massachusetts. While on this trip, the students will be exposed to all aspects of American culture, schooling, and daily life by visiting American museums and monuments, touring American high schools, and participating in home stays with American families. See also: [Ambassador and Mrs. Timken Extend "Handshake of Understanding" to Muslim Girls in Frankfurt](#)



#### **Mainz Celebrates German-American Friendship**

April 1, 2007. The city of Mainz hosted its third colorful festival celebrating German American friendship on April 1,

following up on previous years' successful events that started after President Bush's visit to the city in 2005. Along with tens of thousands visitors, Lord Mayor Jens Beutel and Consul General Jo Ellen Powell underscored the importance of German-American friendship on a person-to-person level. As guest of honor at the opening ceremony, Consul General Powell talked about her personal ties to Mainz' sister city Louisville, Kentucky. Along with her niece, she also visited the impressive cathedral as well as the Gutenberg Museum. Various German-American organizations, such as the Mainz

German-American Club and the Freundschaftskreis Mainz-Louisville, were on hand to discuss exchange opportunities together with representatives of the U.S. Consulate's Public Affairs and Consular sections, who advertised their services. [Photo Gallery](#)



**Consul General Jo Ellen Powell at Spangdahlem Air Base**

March 28, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell was the keynote speaker at a luncheon organized by Spangdahlem Air Base

to commemorate Women's History Month on March 26, 2007. In her speech, which was attended by women and men serving at the air force base, the Consul General spoke about the past and present accomplishments of American women that have empowered women to assume leadership roles and make important contributions to humanity. "For generations, American women have helped build our great Nation through their leadership as writers, teachers, artists, politicians, doctors, and scientists, and other professions. As mothers, daughters, and sisters, women have supported and strengthened American families and communities," she said. "As the Consul General in Frankfurt I realize that I could never have served in such a capacity without many of the women ... who have paved the way before me."

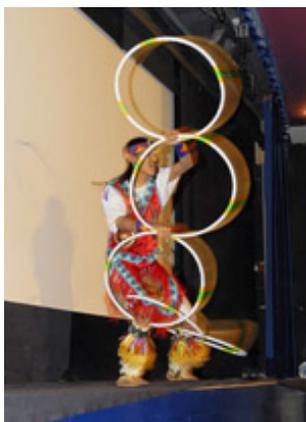


**Frankfurt High School Students learn about Studying in the United States**

March 27, 2007. As part of "infotage 2007", more than 60 high school students from the

Frankfurt region attended an information session on studying in the United States. EducationUSA Frankfurt gave a presentation on the U.S. higher education system, the application process, financial aid and exchange opportunities. The presentation was followed by an intense questions & answer session on the topic. Students picked up information material on the services of the U.S. Consulate General, EducationUSA and the Information Resource Center. "infotage", organized by the Labor Exchange, is a week long information fair at Frankfurt Universities, which provides 11th and 12th graders with the opportunity to experience college life, listen to

lectures and visit the campuses. [Photo Gallery](#)



**North American Film Festival opened its doors in Stuttgart**

March 21, 2007. The 2nd biennial North American Film Festival opened its doors in Stuttgart on March 21 to a SRO crowd of enthusiastic film fans. Organized by the [German-American Institute in Stuttgart](#) with assistance from the U.S. Mission to

Germany and a dozen local sponsors, the festival is the only one of its kind in Europe to showcase the acting and directing talents of Native Americans. In his remarks at the opening, Public Affairs Officer Scott Rauland expressed the hope that the attendees "will consider making a trip to the U.S. and visit some of the beautiful people and places depicted in the films." Guests were treated to a performance of hoop dancing by U.S. national champion Nakotah LaRance of Arizona, and had a chance to meet Native Americans active in the film industry, such as Michael Smith, founder of the American Indian Film Institute in San Francisco. The festival opened with the movie *Dream Maker*, a documentary featuring interviews with famous Native American actors on the challenges of breaking stereotypes in the film industry, and closes on Sunday, March 25. [Photo Gallery](#) | More information can be found at: <http://www.nordamerika-filmfestival.com/>



**U.S. Fundraiser Shares Expertise with Key German Partners**

March 19-23, 2007. Mara Walker, Chief Planning Officer for [Americans for the Arts](#), held workshops

on fundraising and marketing for culture and the arts in Heilbronn and Tübingen, and attended the conference "Fundraising and Marketing for Arts and Culture" at Evangelische Akademie in Bad Boll. At the three-day conference, Mara Walker introduced the organization 'Americans for the Arts' and shared U.S. perspectives on building organizations, fundraising, and marketing strategies with over 60 key fundraisers from small, medium as well as large cultural institutions throughout Germany. Earlier in the

week Mara Walker held a workshop for over 80 students at Fachhochschule Heilbronn-Künzelsau, and gave a first-hand insight into fundraising and marketing strategies for the arts and culture in the U.S. At the German-American Institute in Tübingen, Walker also held a fundraising workshop to members of Kulturnetz Tübingen.



**U.S. Artist John Fischer  
Impresses Literature, Art and  
Jazz Fans in Wiesbaden**

March 13, 2007. U.S. artist, jazz musician, and writer John Fischer presented a diverse program at Literaturhaus

Villa Clementine in Wiesbaden on March 13. John Fischer, a well-known jazz pianist and one of the founders of "bread art", has had numerous art exhibits throughout the world, and will present his artwork in Gießen in 2008. He frequently teaches at the Summer Academy in Marburg. The evening started out with the presentation of Fischer's first film, a touching commemoration of his parents, who fled Nazi-occupied Belgium in the early 1940s and made their way to New York via France and Cuba with their three children. For the first time in Germany, Fischer then read poems from his book "What's Better?". John Fischer closed the evening with jazz standards and his own compositions on the piano.



**Orientation Workshop for U.S.  
High School Exchange**

March 13, 2007. Consulate intern Merry Marwig offered an orientation workshop about "High

School and Family Life in the U.S." for 15 students of the Elly-Heuss-Schule in Wiesbaden on March 13. The students, aged 15-17, will spend 3 weeks in April at Greenfield High School in Indiana staying with American host families. Having grown up just a two-hour drive from Greenfield in the neighboring state of Illinois, Merry filled them in on all aspects of American high school and family life, including curricular and extra-curricular activities, socializing, dress codes, do's and don't's as well as recommendations for very special restaurants for their extended trip to Chicago.



**German American Relations:  
The Look Ahead**



March 7, 2007. As guest speaker at an event organized by Gießen's German-American Club "Die Brücke" on March 7, Public Affairs Officer Scott Rauland discussed German-American Relations and the new opportunities for

transatlantic relations during Germany's presidencies of the G-8 and EU with an audience of about 80 interested citizens at the Dachcafe in Gießen. In light of the upcoming EU summit and its focus on climate change, he emphasized [America's commitment to cutting greenhouse gas emissions](#) and pointed out that growth in greenhouse gases in the U.S. from 2001-2004 was lower than in Europe. Mr. Rauland also discussed the [goals of the NATO Alliance in Afghanistan](#) and highlighted the progress it made since 2001 in assisting Afghanistan improve education, health care and free media. Finally, he described the work of the U.S. Consulate Frankfurt and presented the wide variety of programs and services it offers to German citizens. ([more](#))



#### **USA Infospecial at Koblenz City Library**

March 7, 2007. On March 7th, EducationUSA Frankfurt held an evening information session on attending High School, studying and working in the United States at the City Library Koblenz. The

event, organized in cooperation with the German-American Club Koblenz, drew a young audience of 35. The presentation was followed by an intense questions & answer session on topics ranging from visa regulations to organizing internships and studying and working in the United States. Participants picked up information material on the United States, including the CD ROM "About the USA", on EducationUSA and other services of the Information Resource Center Frankfurt. This was the second time the information session was offered at the City library, and several publications were added to the previous book donation. [Photo Gallery](#) | ([more](#))



#### **U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt Launches Women's History Month Activities**

March 1, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell kicked off the consulate's celebration of Women's History Month by addressing this year's theme of "Generations of

Women Moving History Forward" at a reception held on March 1. In remembrance of the women who served as role models in her life, she recalled Ambassador Pamela Harriman's influence on her decision to join the Foreign Service. Ms. Powell also expressed admiration for contemporary female leaders such as Secretary Rice, French presidential candidate Ségolène Royal, and Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel. Consul General Powell announced the [upcoming web chat on March 8th with Professor Georgia Duerst-Lahti](#), who will discuss the growing numbers of women actively engaged in the political process today. [Women of Influence](#) | ([more](#))

**Deputy Principal Officer  
Richard Aker Opens "Bound for**



**Glory. America in Color (1939-1943)" exhibition at Fotografie Forum international**

March 2, 2007. Deputy Principal Officer Richard Aker and curator of the [Fotografie Forum international](#), Celina

Lunsford, opened the exhibition "Bound for Glory. America in Color (1939-1943)" on March 2nd. It will be shown at Fotografie Forum international until April 29th, 2007.

In the late 1930s twelve photographers, hired by the Farm Security Administration (FSA) of the U. S. government, worked for eight years to record the appalling conditions under which the rural population lived during the economic crisis of the Great Depression. This largest and most significant documentary project in the history of photography resulted in more than 160,000 pictures currently kept at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. These include classic icons of photographic history such as "Migrant Mother" by Dorothy Lange and work by Walker Evans. A less known fact is that from 1939 a number of photographers also worked in color. This resulted in unique pictures of high quality that were only recently cataloged. These photographs are being presented for the first time in Germany. ([more](#))



**American Interns Conduct Class Discussion About U.S. Immigration With German Students**

February 27, 2007. State Department intern Emily Davis and her husband, Joe Davis visited the Pestalozzischule in Idstein as part

of the U.S. Consulate's School Outreach program on Tuesday, February 27, 2007. On leave from Brigham Young University, where they are both undergraduate students studying Political Science, they discussed the history and contemporary issues of immigration in the U.S. with German 12th graders. 48 Students gained a more in-depth understanding of the background of German-American relations. Additionally Joe and Emily answered questions about American culture, everyday life and the various aspects of immigration in the U.S. ([more](#))



**Frankfurt Lord Mayor Visits United States Consulate**

February 22, 2007. On February 22, Lord Mayor Petra Roth and members of Frankfurt's City Magistrate went on a



comprehensive tour of the U.S. Consulate General. They met with the Consul General Jo Ellen Powell, Public Affairs Section staff, the

Consular Section, the Community Liaison Office, and representatives of many of the over 20 agencies that operate out of the Consulate, where they learned about the ways in which the Consulate works with the German community. The visit furthered the close cooperation between the city of Frankfurt and the U.S. Consulate, presenting the participants with the opportunity to learn about the various services provided by the Consulate and to have their questions answered. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



### **American Activist Engages Interfaith Community in Frankfurt**

February 15, 2007. Consul General Jo Ellen Powell hosted a tea for women of all religions active in interreligious dialog with guest speaker Daisy Khan, Executive

Director of the [American Society for Muslim Advancement](#). Khan spoke about her personal experiences growing up in Kashmir, immigrating to the United States at the age of 15, and her own path to define herself as a Muslim American. She introduced her project of a world-wide Muslim women leaders and scholars network to look at the Koran from a woman's perspective and to make certain practices more compatible with modern life. At an evening discussion, organized by the Frankfurt Office for Multicultural Affairs together with the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the U.S. Consulate General, over 50 community leaders representing different faiths gained an insight into approaches to interfaith dialog in the U.S. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



### **Consul General Powell Supports Local Blood Drive**

February 12, 2007. Jo Ellen Powell supported the local blood drive organized by the German Red Cross on February 12 by donating blood at the

[Berufsgenossenschaftliche Unfallklinik \(BGU\) Frankfurt](#), which is located close to the Consulate. She was happy to support the efforts by the BG-Unfallklinik Frankfurt to get more people to donate and increase the supplies, which are needed on a regular basis. "I'm glad to donate blood because it is a very simple way to save lives," she said. "Being in good health, I feel it is my responsibility to help those who are not so fortunate. An effort as small as giving blood goes a long ways towards helping people who have been in accidents or are victims of other unexpected medical emergencies." The blood drive attracted over 50 donors, 14 of whom were donating for the first time. The next blood drive at the BG-Unfallklinik will take place on August 20, 2007. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



### **Hello USA! EducationUSA Frankfurt Begins Regular Advising Sessions at Frankfurt City Library**



February 9, 2007. February 9th saw the launch of regular advising sessions on exchange opportunities to the United States at Frankfurt City Library. Every second Friday of the month, EducationUSA Frankfurt will be available to answer questions in the late afternoon. During the first session, citizens from the Frankfurt region asked about organizing a high school year abroad and studying in the United States. Information was also requested on internships and working in the United States. Frankfurt City Library is an <http://www.usembassy.de/germany/ayl.html> an initiative between the U.S. Embassy and public libraries in Germany. The next advising session will take place March 9th. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



#### **USA at Global Village Kaiserslautern**

February 7, 2007. On February 7th, more than 200 students, researchers and professors from the University of Kaiserslautern enjoyed an international evening organized by AISEC Kaiserslautern.

At the USA booth, Renate Vollmer from the Consulate General Frankfurt's EducationUSA, provided information on exchange opportunities with the United States, with students being especially interested in internships abroad. Visitors picked up information material on EducationUSA and other services of the Information Resource Centers, the CD ROM "About the USA" and visa information. Members of the [German-American and Internatioal Women's Club of Kaiserslautern](#) and the [American German Business Club](#) provided information on their activities and handed out home-made American-style cookies to an appreciative audience. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



#### **Black History Month in Frankfurt**

February 7, 2007. Arturo Lindsay and Opal Moore, professors and artists at Spelman College in Atlanta, presented a performance art project in Frankfurt called "The Voyage of the Delfina," which combines images and poetry of the middle passage. "The Voyage of the Delfina" is a magnificently produced performance art ritual that seeks to symbolize a rite of passage for the millions of men,

women and children abducted from West Africa during the Middle Passage of the transatlantic slave trade. Moore and Lindsay launched the Black History Month series at the U.S. Consulate General in Frankfurt together with Consul General Jo Ellen Powell. At Johann-Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt, Moore and Lindsay also led a workshop for teachers and students discussing interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and ideas on how to combine the requirements of the curriculum with the personal lives of high-school students.

[Video](#) (Windows Media Player and DSL connection required.) | [\(more\)](#)



#### **Jazz Bridge Unites Afghans,**



### **Americans, and Europeans in Frankfurt**

February 6, 2007. The Orient Palace in Frankfurt was the scene of a unique concert February 6 that brought together some of

Afghanistan's top musicians to perform with American and British jazz musicians. The event was attended by Afghanistan's Ambassador to Germany, Maliha Zulfacar, who called the concert "an excellent way to create a positive image of Afghan culture."

Since the fall of the Taliban, arts and culture in Afghanistan have undergone a major revival. The Ghulam Hussain Ensemble returned to Kabul from exile in Pakistan in early 2002, where they have been able to reclaim their mantle as the foremost exponents of Afghan classical and traditional music in the country. The Ensemble was chosen to collaborate in 'Jazz Bridges Afghanistan', an innovative project combining traditional Afghan musicians with American and British jazz musicians, by Kabul's Foundation for Culture and Civil Society. This unique cross-cultural collaboration was the brainchild of [American Voices'](#) John Ferguson who describes the project as "a groundbreaking moment in the recent history of Afghan music." These were the first concerts by American artists for the Afghan public in over twenty-five years. | [Enter Photo Gallery](#) | [Listen to excerpts of the concert!](#) | [Song 2](#) | [Song 3](#) | [Song 4](#) |(more)



### **Full House at reading with T Cooper in Wiesbaden**

February 1, 2007. American author T. Cooper read from her novel "Lipshitz", a story about an American immigrant family, to an audience of 80 people at Literaturhaus Villa Clementine in Wiesbaden. Cooper introduced her audience to the saga of the Lipshitz family, who left Russia during the

1906 pogroms and found a new life in America. Actor Oliver Wronka read from the German version. In the discussion moderated by Kathrin Fischer, a journalist with Hessischer Rundfunk, Cooper shared her idea of linking her fictional family story to the life of American icon Charles Lindbergh. The program was a cooperation between Literaturhaus Clementine, Mare Buchverlag, and the U.S. Consulate General. [Listen to excerpts of the reading!](#) | [Photo Gallery](#) |(more)



### **Students Learn about the U.S. as a 'Nation of Immigrants'**

February 1, 2007. 10th graders from the Ziehenschule/ Europaschule in Frankfurt learnt about the United States as a 'nation of immigrants' during their visit to the Consulate on February 1st. Public Affairs Officer Scott

Rauland gave a presentation to the school class on the history of immigration to the U.S. using his own family history as an example for the ethnic diversity that exists in the U.S. today. In a Q&A following the presentation the students engaged Scott Rauland in a lively discussion on various contemporary issues such as the problem of racism, the upcoming presidential election as well as current U.S. foreign policy. [\(more\)](#)



### **Students Check Out Exchange Opportunities With the United States at Darmstadt Career Fair**

January 30, 2007. On January 30th, more than 300 high school students received information on studying and interning in the

United States during a day-long

University and Career Information Fair for 11th and 12th graders, organized by Darmstadt universities and the Labor Exchange. [EducationUSA](#) Frankfurt's Renate Vollmer and State Department Intern Emily Davis answered numerous questions at a booth in the morning. Students picked up information material on EducationUSA and other services of the Information Resource Centers, the CD ROM "About the USA", announcements of upcoming events and visa information. In the afternoon, the presentation on studying and working in the United State drew 200 students and parents. The presentation was followed by a lively Q&A session.

[Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



### **Ambassador and Mrs. Timken Extend "Handshake of Understanding"\* to Muslim Girls in Frankfurt**

January 29, 2007. During a visit to Merkez mosque in Frankfurt, Ambassador and Mrs. Timken met with 25 girls and their parents to

introduce the "[Windows on America](#)" program and prepare a group of girls to participate in the program during this year's Easter vacation. The group will be the first consisting of Muslim girls only between the ages of 15-17. The participants will be selected through an essay contest. Ambassador and Mrs. Timken answered questions about the essay contest, special considerations with regard to the U.S. host families, accomodation, and travel arrangements.

During the visit, Ambassador and Mrs. Timken, who where joined by Frankfurt Consul General Jo Ellen Powell, received a tour of the mosque by Irfan Dinc, president of the Turkish Islamic Union of the Department of Religion (DitiB) Frankfurt. They also met with Board members of DitiB, and Gonca Aydin, responsible for interreligious dialogue with DitiB, who established the contacts to the girls and their parents.

\* *Headline in Frankfurter Neue Presse on January 30, 2007.*

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### **Consular Officer Keith Lommel discusses the U.S. immigrant experience at Bethmannschule**

January 30, 2007. As part of the U. S. Consulate General's School Outreach Program, Consular Officer Keith Lommel visited the

Bethmannschule in Frankfurt on January 30th. He engaged 35 students of the "Fachoberschule" in a discussion of immigration to the United States. Himself of a mixed ethnic background including German, Polish and Belgian ancestry, Mr. Lommel covered the history of immigration and its legacy in American society. He also discussed with the students the ethnic and cultural composition today as well as the current political debate

about immigration. [\(more\)](#)



### **Going to the United States after High School**

January 25, 2007. On January 25, 30 students from Schloss Hansenberg attended an evening information session on exchange opportunities with the United

States. Renate Vollmer from EducationUSA Frankfurt talked first about volunteering and working as an Au Pair. The main focus was on studying in the United States. The students received an overview of the higher education system in the United States and of the college application process, including information on required exams and financial aid. Keith Lommel from the Consular Section discussed visa issues and gave insights into student life in the United States. The Internatsschule Schloss Hansenberg is a boarding school of the State of Hesse for gifted students from all over Germany. The school has a strong scientific and economic profile. Students complete a four week internship abroad, including the United States, and get in contact with universities and professional life through many additional study groups, colloquiums and international competitions. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



### **American Student discusses American Culture with German Students**

January 23, 2007. State Department intern Emily Davis visited the Max-Weber-Schule in Giessen as part of the U.S. Consulate's School Outreach

program. On leave from Brigham Young University Idaho where she is an undergraduate student studying Political Science and International Relations, she discussed the history and contemporary issues of immigration in the U.S. to 12th grade students. Additionally, she answered questions about American culture, everyday life and the various aspects of immigration in the United States.

The [School Outreach Program](#) has been a staple of Public Diplomacy's efforts to reach out and allow Germans to gain a more accurate perspective of the United States. [\(more\)](#)



### **Adrian Williams exhibit opens in Wiesbaden**

January 21, 2007. The exhibit "When Rivers Fall Down" with Performances, Installations, and Sculptures by U.S. artist Adrian Williams opened at Naussauischer Kunstverein with an enthusiastic

crowd of all ages. At the center of the opening was the performance "Umbrella in the Sink" by Adrian Williams and Theodor Köhler. In front of the twittering setting of a Winter garden turned entirely into a birdcage, the performance tells about the migration of the Arctic Tern and the mysterious tale of an obsessive chase of the wanted object forever fleeing over continents and oceans - a chase that comes to a tragic end. The Frankfurt-based composer Theodor Köhler, transfers the story into a composition for two violins and a contrabass. The

exhibition catalogue will be a vinyl record and will be introduced at the finissage on March 4, 15:00. The exhibit can be seen until March 4, 2007 at [Naussauischer Kunstverein](#), Wilhelmstraße 15, 65185 Wiesbaden. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



#### **Consul General Powell and her Family enjoy "Seussical - The Musical" at the English Theatre**

January 20, 2007. At the invitation of Dr. Kastening and his wife Astrid, Consul General Jo Ellen Powell and her family visited the [English Theatre Frankfurt](#) to enjoy

"Seussical - the Musical" on January 20th. This fun-filled musical is based on the works of Dr. Seuss, the most famous American author of Children's books. "Seussical" incorporates elements from at least 15 of his books, as well as many of his best-loved and most familiar characters, e.g. The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, The Grinch and others. 37 young actors, mostly from the Frankfurt International School (FIS), performed in the play under the direction of Ms. Sheelagh Maythem of Theatre Unlimited. Dr. Kastening, who grew up in Berlin after WWII and received his first chocolate bar from an American soldier, invited children of American military families to the premiere of "Seussical" as a belated thank-you.

[Photo Gallery](#) | [Seussical - The Musical\(more\)](#)



#### **Consul General Jo Ellen Powell meets with students in Stuttgart**

January 17, 2007. At the invitation of Minister President Oettinger, Consul General Jo Ellen Powell visited Stuttgart on January 17. While in town, she also took the time to meet with teachers and students of the Rosensteinschule, a

combined elementary and secondary school with approximately 390 students. Since eighty percent of the students have immigrant backgrounds, the Rosensteinschule was selected to be one of four schools in Stuttgart that are participating in a pilot project of the State of Baden-Württemberg: Islamic instruction for Muslim students at elementary school level. Ms. Powell talked to the director of the school about their experiences with the project. [\(more\)](#)



#### **USA Focus During International Days at University of Karlsruhe**

January 17, 2007. On January 17th, events and presentations focused on exchange opportunities with the United States. Throughout the day, students talked to representatives of [EducationUSA Frankfurt](#), the [Fulbright](#)

[Commission](#) as well as other organizations and picked up information materials. Daniela Cain from the Consular Section of the U.S. Consulate General in Frankfurt answered visa questions and gave a presentation on the visa application process. [Photo Gallery](#) | [\(more\)](#)



### **Consulate Representatives at Tourism Fair in Stuttgart**

January 15-17, 2007. Consulate representatives from the U.S. Commercial Service as well as the Consular and Public Affairs sections were at hand at the [Visit USA Committee Germany e.V.](#) booth on

the tourism fair [CMT \(Caravan Motor Travel\)](#) in Stuttgart to answer travel-related questions from fair visitors. Andrew Parker, Consular Chief, answered visa-related questions for consumers, trade and U.S. exhibitors, while Elizabeth Powell, Commercial Specialist for Tourism, was available for business counseling to U.S. exhibitors, tour operators, travel agents, as well as consumers. Nicole Fries, Public Affairs Specialist, provided information on Consulate programs and events, general research and reference services incl. the '[About the USA](#)' CD-ROM and [EducationUSA](#), the information service for advice on exchange opportunities to the U.S. [\(more\)](#)



### **Hello USA! Regular Educational Advising Session at Mannheim City Library**

January 11, 2007. January 11th saw the launch of regular advising sessions on exchange opportunities to the United States at Mannheim City Library. Every second Thursday of the month,

[EducationUSA Frankfurt](#) will be available to answer questions in the afternoon. During the first session, Mannheim citizens asked about opportunities for volunteer work, internships and working in the United States. The next advising session will take place on February 8th. [\(more\)](#)



### **Memorial Service at Cathedral Recalls Ford's Achievements President Bush and father among those paying tribute to 38th U. S. president**

January 2, 2007. With pageantry, music and eulogies from friends and colleagues, the nation paid a

final tribute to Gerald R. Ford, 38th president of the United States, at a January 2 memorial service in Washington at the Washington National Cathedral.

"Gerald Ford assumed the presidency when the nation needed a leader of character and humility -- and we found it in the man from Grand Rapids," President Bush said in remarks at the service. "President Ford's time in office was brief, but history will long remember the courage and common sense that helped restore trust in the workings of our democracy."

[President Bush's eulogy](#) | [Ford, Carter Cooperation Showed U.S. Foreign Policy Continuity](#) | [Gerald R. Ford: A Tribute](#) | Photo Gallery: [Frankfurt Citizens express their Condolences](#) | [\(more\)](#)

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