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Academic Year in Freiburg

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Alumni Club: IRS Approval, Board Openings

Joel Stark, AYF 2007-08

Servus! Welcome back to AYF! The Academic Year in Freiburg Alumni Association Inc. (AYFAA) is the newly formed U.S. chapter of the AYF alumni club. Our mission is geared toward being as much fun as it is charitable. One of our main goals is to provide networking opportunities to current and former Freiburg program participants—from JYF and AYF. In the near future, we will be working with AYF Alumni & Friends, e.V. (our sister organization in Germany) to explore an AYF All-Year Reunion in Freiburg. Stay tuned for details! Or better yet, become a member and help make it happen!



Very soon AYFAA is hoping to provide the first round of academic stipends and travel grants to AYFers in Freiburg. And we can use your support! AYFAA is officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit charitable organization. All donations—including membership dues—are used for charitable purposes and are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. If you are not yet a member, please visit www.ayf-alumni.org to join and learn more about the European and U.S. chapter of our organization. All members are invited to attend our events and executive meetings.



Alumni Social in Chicago in March

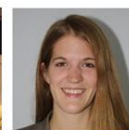
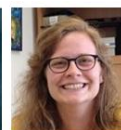
Would you also like to donate your time to a good cause? AYFAA is pleased to announce that there are openings on the board of directors. We are looking for talented, energetic individuals who wish to contribute to the growth and long-term success of AYFAA.



Interested candidates are kindly requested to submit a statement of interest and a CV/resume to the AYF Alumni Association Board of Directors. These materials should be sent electronically to <chair@ayf-alumni.com> by Friday, June 30th, 2017.

Interested in a leadership role with somewhat less responsibility? Join one of our committees!

Contact AYFAA Co-Presidents, Joel Stark and Alison Carriere at <president@ayf-alumni.com> if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you! Herzliche Grüße!



Chicago Alumni Social & Midwestern Reunions

Ulrich Struve

Every few years, my work as AYF Associate Director brings me to the Midwest—to visit our partner universities, to meet students and new colleagues, and to develop strategies for strengthening the program.



Michigan State University Alumni

one hundred alumnae and alumni spanning many Junior Year and Academic Year in Freiburg generations from 1968 through 2015!

The absolute highlights of this year's Midwestern Tour d'AYF were the alumni events! The first ever AYF Alumni Social in Chicago was followed by an Ice Cream Social in the UW-Madison's Rathskeller, several individual meetings with alumns in Iowa City, a reunion at MSU, and a fabulous Alumni

Dinner in Ann Arbor. These events were attended by about



University of Michigan Alumni: Barbara Foster with books from her year at the University of Freiburg in 1968



Ulrich Struve and Alex Lubbers in Iowa City



Enjoying ice cream with Barbara Jedele in Madison



*Here's to many more get-togethers
and Reunions in the future!*



Time to say goodbye. Time to say thank you.

Frauke Janzen, AYF Teacher



Now, after 5 years of teaching German Film History for AYF, it is not only time to say goodbye but more than anything else to say thank you. First of all to Ulli who became a paternal advisor to me and of course to all the different RDs who guided and supported my work and me. But the most, for sure, I have to thank you – the students. Thank you for being patient when I was teaching for the first time, when I experimented on my course design,

when I chose texts that were too difficult, when I overran the allotted time, when my assignments weren't clear. You really taught me how to teach, how to react to your needs and questions. It is because of you that I feel secure in my teaching today and that I personally can not imagine a greater job than being a teacher.

My course

We studied key moments of German cinema in my film class. We looked at 1920's expressionist films, the objective, left-winged cinema of the Weimar republic, Third Reich film, the "rubble movies" of the immediate post-war era, 1950's "Heimatfilm", the New German Cinema of the 1960's through 1980's, DEFA movie production in the GDR, post-Reunification comedies and at contemporary cinema. I aimed to discuss all movies in their political, historical, and social context, being aware of the fact that cinema always reflects a nation's culture and its historically changing concepts of identity. While this idea has always been the key principle, some structural and didactic elements changed throughout the years. Those changes did not come out of the blue, but as a reaction to you, your discussions, your opinions, your questions and impressions.

Memories

Over time I met so many fantastic people and I really would like to meet you again. I am curious to know what you have become, if maybe someone even went on to study German film. What does German film mean to you today? What do you remember from my class? I remember a student who was fascinated by all the naked people in German films. I remember weekly visitors in HS 2006 who became aware of our seminar and asked whether they could join in on our screenings. I remember a trip to “Mehlwaage” and a “Tatort” from Dortmund – a German “Kult” you were unable to fully comprehend. I remember two students who returned enthusiastically from their first visit to the library, proud and motivated. I hope they are still fascinated by “real books” and remained critical of online sources :). And I will surely remember our little event this year at which I said thanks and goodbye. It was a great pleasure to end this term and my AYF-time with an event like this: open to all AYF-students and friends. It was great to share our class experience with others, to show what we learned and did during the semester by some poster presentations and to give others some ideas of what German film is like. This has always been my mission and I hope it has become one of yours after we parted company.

Having left Freiburg, Frauke Janzen is no longer available to teach her signature film course. But as a trained writing instructor, she has developed an online writing workshop for AYF.



Black Forest Badgers



The Black Forest Badgers performing at the Mensa in June. A large crowd of about 70 turned out to enjoy lively renditions of Hey Jude, Hallelujah, Wagon Wheel, and more!



Thanks to the generous gift of a keyboard by musical director Georg von Savigny, the Black Forest Badgers have been able to add a keyboard player!

Meine Muttersprache ist Englisch

Stephanie Misevich, AYF 2016-17

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Ich weiß nicht, ob ich
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gemütlich oder
wohnlich bin.
Weil ich immer comfortable bin.

Manchmal vergesse Ich, welche wörter Ich großschreiben muss.
Und manchmal benutze ich die falschen Verben, denn
ich bin geschlafen,
und ich habe aufgewacht.
Und weil es gibt so viel Regeln, sind oft meine Wörter in Ordnung nicht.

Bitte entschuldige mich, weil ich Sie „du“ genannt habe.
Ich will nicht grob sein,
aber meine Muttersprache ist Englisch und ich finde Deutsch schwierig.

Ich habe einen Picnic
und ich nehme einen Foto.
Ich muss nicht bezahlen, deshalb ist es frei.
Ich liebe dir deshalb schicke ich dich ein Geschenk.
Ich gehe zu Frankreich und später gehe ich nach dem Supermarkt.
Ich warte für meine Freundin
und ich bin interessiert in Musik.
Ich nehme Medizin für meine Halsschmerzen
aber ich muss zählen dafür.

Ich weiß, dass manchmal mache ich kein Sinn.
Aber bitte entschuldige mich,
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Please forward the Newsletter to other JYF and AYF Alumni with whom you are in contact. Thank you! To update your contact in-formation, please go to <http://www.ayf.uni-freiburg.de/alumniinform.html>.

For more information about the Academic Year in Freiburg, visit our web site at <http://www.ayf.uni-freiburg>.

The landing page for the AYF Alumni Club can be found at <http://www.ayf-alumni.org>