

Fulbright Lecture Series 2003

The 2003 Fulbright Lecture Series brought seven American Fulbright professors who were teaching at German universities in summer 2003 to Rostock. The guest speakers lectured on their special field in American Studies, addressing issues in history, literature and popular culture. There was ample time for questions, and active student participation made for lively discussions.

The speakers covered the following topics:

Benjamin Franklin: "Jazz and American Culture"

George McJimsey: "Abraham Lincoln on Slavery and Race: The Politics of Enlightened Conservatism"

Luke Bresky: "Transatlantic Travel as Time Travel"

Chris Johnson: "Livin' Large: Identity in American Culture"

Susan Stan: "The Rise of Multicultural Literature for Children in the USA"

Alan Steinweis: "Holocaust Consciousness in the Contemporary United States: Implications for National Identity and Policy"

Jessica Bundschuh: "A Popular Culture Response to 9/11"

Susan Stan also left a list of the books that she discussed in her lecture on multicultural children's literature:

1950s and earlier

Bannerman, Helen. *Little Black Sambo*. Originally published in 1899. Editions from 1899, 1941, 1996, and 1998 shown, including *Sam and the Tigers*, by Julius Lester.

Bishop, Claire Huchet. *The Five Chinese Brothers*. Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. For a retelling of this story without stereotypical illustrations, see *The Seven Chinese Brothers* by Margaret Mahy.)

Dalgliesh, Alice. *The Courage of Sarah Noble*.

1969: Three Important Events

Myers, Walter. *Where Does the Day Go?*

Stephoe, John. *Stevie*.

Coretta Scott King Award established.

1970s: Some Ground-breaking Books

Uchida, Yoshiko. *Journey to Topaz*.

Adoff, Arnold. *Black Is Brown Is Tan*.

Hamilton, Virginia. *M.C. Higgins the Great*.

Yep, Laurence. *Dragonwings*.

Taylor, Mildred. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

Ortiz, Simon. *The People Shall Continue*.

Mohr, Nicholasa. *Felita*.

1990s: Representative Examples

Mexican Americans

Soto, Gary. *Baseball in April*.

Garza, Carmen Lomas. *In My Family/In My Familia*.

Soto, Gary. *Too Many Tamales*.

Américas Award established in 1993 to honor books about Latin America, the Caribbean, or Latinos in the United States.

Pura Belpré Award established in 1996 to honor Latino/a author and illustrator

American Indians

Bruchac, Joseph. *Eagle Song*. (Mohawk)

Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House* (Ojibwe). This is set at approximately the same time and place as the *Little House on the Prairie* books.

Santiago, Chiori. *Home to Medicine Mountain* (Maidu)

Asian Americans

Yep, Laurence. *Dragon's Gate*.

Say, Allen. *Grandfather's Journey*.

Namioka, Lensey. *Yang the Youngest and his Terrible Ear*.

Some impressions...

