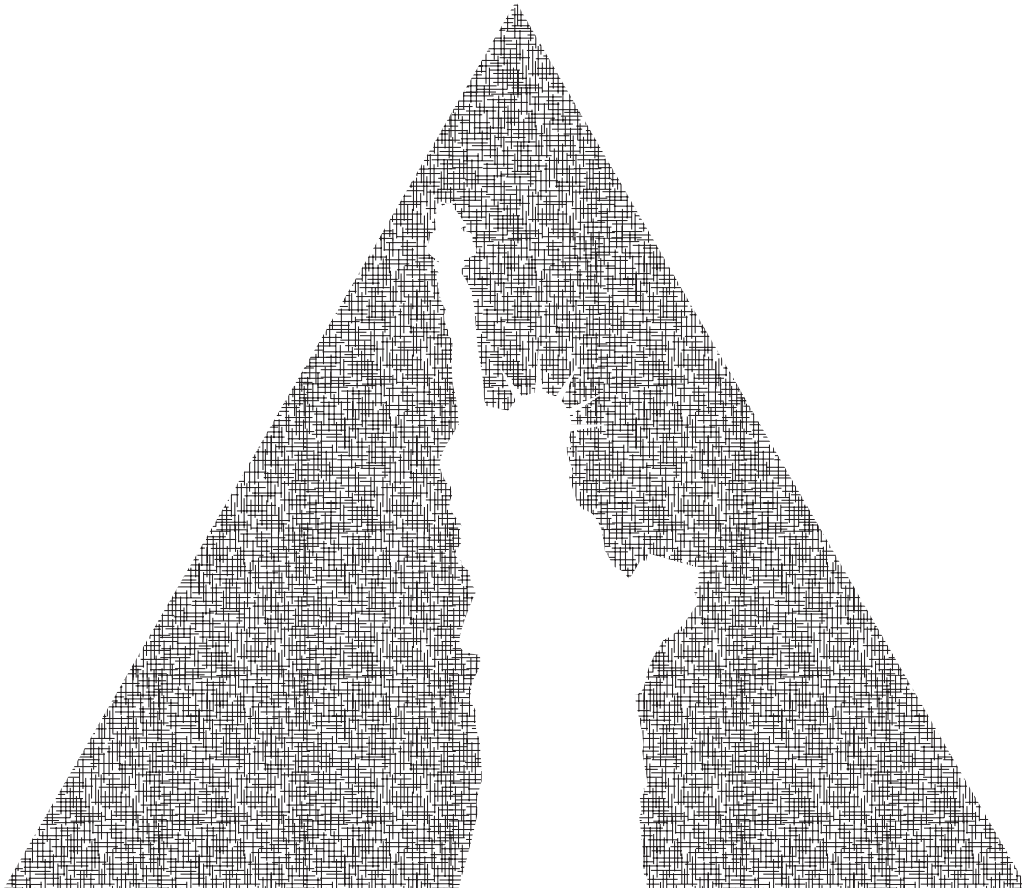


Teach about the USA



Religion in the United States In-Service Training for English Teachers

Date Friday, 04 March 2011
Time 9:30 – 17:00
Place Internationales Begegnungszentrum
Rostock e.V.
Bergstraße 7a, 18057 Rostock

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The Schedule

9:30 Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:00-11:00 Steven D. Reschly

Chosen and Blessed: Main Themes in Religion and Politics in American History

A survey of main themes in the historical relationship between politics and religion in US history: civil religion, reform movements (abolition, Progressive Era, Civil Rights Movement), the notion of America as God's chosen people, theocracy (Mormons and, in the contemporary scene, Christian Dominionism), the New Religious-Political Right and its core motivating issues (evolution, abortion, communism and terrorism, gay rights), new religions and minority religions.

Participants are encouraged to view the web site http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Religious_History and read the section „Church and State Issues,“ and the two subsections „The Establishment Clause of the 1st Amendment“ and „The Free Exercise Clause of the 1st Amendment.“

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 Paul Rundquist

Religion and Politics in Contemporary America

Political analysts often say, “Tell me how often you go to church, and I will tell you how you vote.” Religion is a matter of continuing importance in the discussion of public policy, in part because religious organizations play a major role in delivering government social services and because many religious congregations are very active politically. This presentation will focus on the connections (and the separations) involving religion and politics during the Bush and Obama administrations, shifting American attitudes toward religion, the role of immigration in changing current American religious and political life, and the increasing concern about the integration of Muslims into the American Political Community.

Lunch Break

13:45-15:00 **Film viewing: Selections from “THE MUSLIM AMERICANS”** (PBS, 2007, total running time 60 mins.)

THE MUSLIM AMERICANS explores the diversity of Muslims in America today, focusing on communities' experience after 9/11, and contrasting life for Muslims in the United States compared to Muslims in Britain and Europe.

The film — produced in conjunction with THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER - looks at the ongoing conversation American Muslims are having about life in the United States, including assimilation, discrimination, Muslim youth, religion and politics. This film is part of the series “America At A Crossroads.”

http://www.pbs.org/weta/crossroads/about/show_muslim_americans.html

Christiane Schaffer-Grunwald will lead the discussion with the faculty and present further teaching resources.

Coffee Break

15:30-16:30 Steven D. Reschly

Wunderkammer im Freilicht: The Amish in American Popular Culture

Wherever there are Amish, there are tourists. At least eight million tourists visit Lancaster County every year to view the 22,000 Amish residents, and to shop at outlet malls and experience rural life. Feature films, documentary films, photos, and many news stories represent the Amish to a seemingly insatiable public. The school shooting at Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania, in October 2006 produced sensational media coverage, and pundits expressed amazement at the Amish ability to forgive the shooter who killed five Amish girls and wounded five more, and to help his grieving widow and children. However, far from living backward and primitive lives, the Amish offer an alternative mode of modernity that makes selective use of technology while preserving small and intensive rural religious communities. Conflicting public images deserve closer scrutiny.

16:30 – 17:30 Wrap-up & Closing

The Speakers

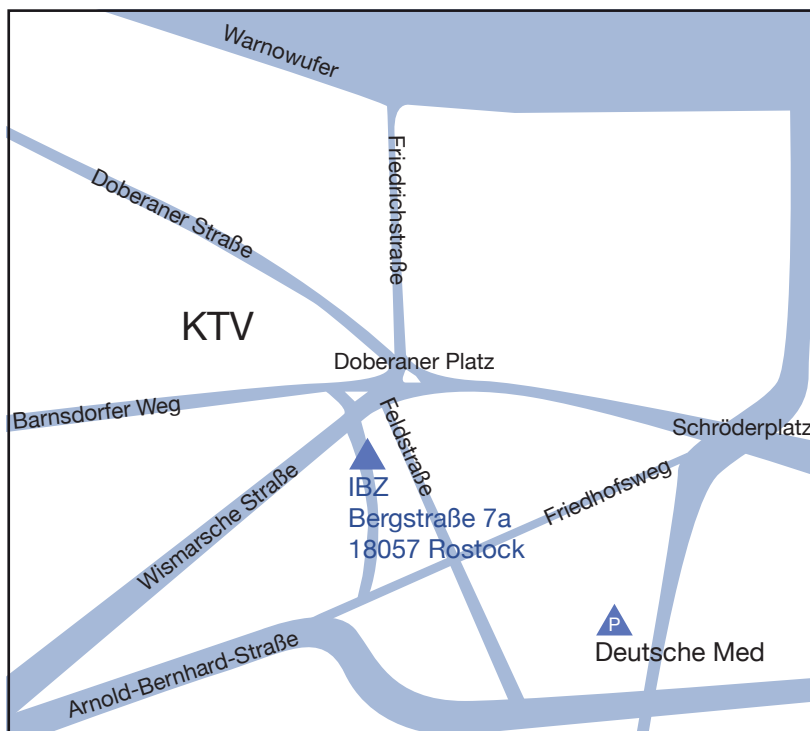
STEVEN RESHLY

has been at Truman State University since 1994. His teaching interests include American social history, women's history, frontier and west, and the history of sexuality. Dr. Reshly's current research examines rural consumer culture in Amish and related groups in 1930s Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His first book, *The Amish on the Iowa Prairie, 1840-1910* (Johns Hopkins, 2000), was named the 2002 Book of the Year by the Communal Studies Association. His second book is a co-edited collection, *Strangers at Home: Amish and Mennonite Women in History* (Johns Hopkins, 2002). In 2003-2004 he taught at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg as a Fulbright Senior Scholar.

PAUL RUNDQUIST

is a former congressional operations specialist with the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. For over three decades, he advised Members of Congress on parliamentary rules and tactics, and on the organization and reorganization of Congress. He also helped conduct parliamentary training seminars for members of Congress and their staffs, as well as for parliamentarians in many newly democratizing countries. After the September 11th attacks, he worked with the officers and committees of the Congress planning for emergencies and catastrophic events affecting government operations. Dr. Rundquist has served as an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management and Catholic University of America. From 1996-1998, he was a Fulbright professor of politics at Warsaw University and the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, and in the 2006-07 academic year he was a Fulbright professor at Martin Luther University Halle/Wittenberg and TU-Dresden. He is now a visiting professor at MLU as well as TU-Dresden and the University of Leipzig.

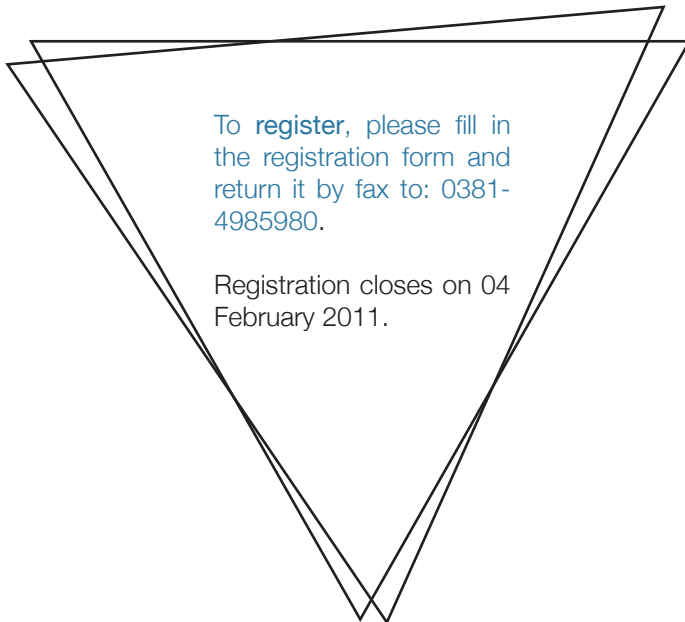
The Location



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The registration



Anmeldung zur Weiterbildung für EnglischlehrerInnen

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