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## Organizers

**Prof. Gabriele Linke**, Rostock University

**Dr. Katja Schmidt**, Rostock University

**Dr. Martina Kohl**, U.S. Embassy Berlin

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## Teach About the USA

### Annual Rostock Teacher Seminar 2020

Friday, 20 March 2020

9:00 – 16:00



Place: Internationales  
Begegnungszentrum  
Rostock e.V.  
Bergstr. 7a, 18057 Rostock



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## Program

### 9:00 Welcome remarks

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Linke, Rostock University  
Darion Akins, U.S. Consul General, Hamburg

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#### LECTURE

### 9:30 -11:00 After the Berlin Wall: Memory, the Making of the New Germany and the Role of the United States of America

Dr. Hope Harrison, Associate Professor of History  
and International Affairs Elliott School of International  
Affairs, George Washington University

#### Coffee Break

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#### WORKSHOP

### 11:30 -13:00

### “Teach About US - Innovative Ways of Teaching English: The Election Project 2020”

Joannis Kaliampos, Program Manager,  
Teach About US Leuphana University Lüneburg

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#### READING & DISCUSSION

#### Lunch

### 14:00 -15:30 The Power of Storytelling – Confronting Hate and Anti-Semitism

*Stimme und Atem. Out of Breath, Out of Mind*  
(PalmArt Press 2019)

Peter Wortsman, Writer, Translator

### Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks

### 15:45 End of program

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## Faculty

### Dr. Hope Harrison

is Associate Professor of History and International Affairs,  
Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington Uni-  
versity. She is a Senior Fellow with the History and Public Policy  
Program as well as the Cold War International History Project at  
the Wilson Center in Washington, DC. She is a member of the  
Council on Foreign Relations, the American Council on Germa-  
ny, the American Institute for Contemporary Germany Studies,  
and the Atlantik Brücke. Her most recent publication in the U.S.  
is *After the Berlin Wall: Memory, the Making of the New Germany  
and the Role of the United States of America* (Sept. 2019).

Dr. Harrison received her bachelor's degree in Social Studies  
from Harvard University and her master's and doctorate de-  
grees in Political Science from Columbia University, including a  
Certificate from the Harriman Institute. She taught at Brandeis  
University and Lafayette College. Dr. Harrison has held research  
fellowships at the American Academy in Berlin, the Norwegian  
Nobel Institute in Oslo, the Kennan Institute at the Wilson Cen-  
ter, the Davis Center and the Belfer Center at Harvard University,  
the Institute of Europe in Moscow, the Center for Contemporary  
History in Potsdam, Germany, and the Free University of Ber-  
lin. She had a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs  
Fellowship (1999) to work in the US government serving in the  
White House at the National Security Council in the Clinton and  
Bush Administrations (2000-20010. She was a Fulbright Fellow  
in Berlin at the German Federal Foundation for Reappraising the  
East German Communist Past (2009-10) and a Wilson Center  
Fellow in Washington, DC. (2013-14). Dr. Harrison has been a  
featured expert on CNN, C-SPAN, the BBC, the History Chan-  
nel, Deutschlandradio, Deutschlandfunk, Spiegel-TV, Voice of  
America (in Russia), NTV (Russia), and elsewhere. In Berlin,  
she is a member of the Berlin Wall Memorial Association, the  
international advisory board of the Allied Museum, and the gov-  
erning board of the Cold War Center Museum in Berlin.

### Joannis Kaliampos

is a researcher in Teaching English as a Foreign Language  
(TEFL) at Leuphana University Lüneburg. He is the educational  
project manager and teacher trainer for the project *Teach About  
US*. He received a Staatsexamen degree in English and Histo-  
ry (Gymnasium) from Justus Liebig University Gießen. He has  
held teaching positions at a secondary school (Lahntalschule  
Lahnau), in the German program of the University of Arkansas –  
Fort Smith (Fulbright scholarship), and as writing consultant for  
international students (Justus Liebig University Gießen). Joan-  
nis Kaliampos is currently completing a PhD on learner task  
perceptions in blended learning EFL projects.

### Peter Wortsman

is the author of novels, books of short fiction, plays, and trav-  
el memoirs. He is also a literary translator from German into  
English. He was a Fulbright Fellow in 1973, a Thomas J. Wat-  
son Foundation Fellow in 1974, and a Holtzbrinck Fellow at the  
American Academy in Berlin in 2010. His writing has been hon-  
ored with the 1985 Beard's Fund Short Story Award, the 2008  
Gertje Potash-Suhr Prosapreis of the Society for Contemporary  
American Literature in German, the 2012 Gold Grand Prize for  
Best Travel Story of the Year in the Solas Awards Competition,  
and a 2014 Independent Publishers Book Award (IPPY). His  
travel reflections were selected five years in a row, 2008-2012,  
and again in 2016, for inclusion in The Best Travel Writing. His  
short fiction and essays have appeared, in German translation,  
in *Manuskripte*, *Schreibheft*, *Cicero*, the anthology *AmLit: Neue  
Literatur aus den USA*, published by the Druckhaus Galrev, Ber-  
lin, and in *Die Welt* and *Die Zeit*.  
Excerpted from *Stimme und Atem/Out of Breath, Out of Mind*  
(Zweisprachige Erzählungen/Two-Tongued Tales), a bilingual  
German-English book of stories by Peter Wortsman, from  
*PalmArt Press, Berlin, October 2019*