



U.S. Mission Germany

Teacher Newsletter January/February 2022

Dear Teachers in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern,

It is not too late to wish you a Happy New Year, health and happiness in 2022.

Since the current situation doesn't allow for in-person programs, we have moved our traditional March teacher seminar that takes place in Rostock to May hoping for an in-person meeting. We will keep you updated on dates and programs.

In the meantime, we would like to alert you to programs we are planning virtually in January and February. Please join us together with your students!



1. A Q&A session with the Teach About US team on our award-winning project **Going Green** (in German and English) **Tuesday, January 25, 17:00-18:00 (virtual)**

Are you considering participating in our award-winning blended learning project **Going Green – Education for Sustainability 2021-2022** in the second half of the school year? Have you already worked with the curriculum last year and would like to give us feed-back or ask about how to enter the competition at the end of the school year?

We will briefly talk about our plans to further develop the Going Green curriculum, explain how the project works and mainly answer your questions. Check out the *Demo* courses on <https://www.teachaboutus.org/> and come prepared with questions and suggestions.

The project curriculum is taught entirely in English and designed for the English language classroom at German High Schools. Yet it can be taught across the curriculum and adapted to classroom work outside of Germany as well. Lesson plans and the individual modules have been developed to incorporate STEM content to attract participation of science teachers in Germany and the U.S. They can be taught throughout the school year in about four to six weeks or as a project week.

OUR SCHOOL PROJECTS



Going Green - Education for Sustainability

A multiple-weeks long project on developing green actions in the community.

➔ Demo course



Power to the People

A project week and simulation on renewable energy, incl. science modules on renewable energy.

➔ Demo course



Humboldt 250

A teaching unit investigating the historic figure of Alexander von Humboldt and the meaning of global citizenship.

➔ Demo course

Please register [here](#) . You will receive a link to the event via e-mail.



2. FIRESIDE CHAT

Monday, February 14, 2022, 19:00 – 20:00 CET (virtual)

Cultivating Social Change Leadership: Learning from Black History about Building Bridges across Race, Ethnicity, and Religion

with



(credits Katharina Dubno)

Layli Maparyan, Professor & Chair of Africana Studies, Wellesley College

and Aisha Camara, Moderator

What have key figures from U.S. Black History taught us about forging reconciliation across difference? How have Black women and men built bridges that cross not only race, but also ethnicity, nationality, religion, and other forms of difference? What does it take to build cultures of inclusion -- especially after histories of exclusion and violence? Lessons from historical figures -- past and more recent -- help us imagine and internalize practical ways for moving through conflicts that keep our societies stuck. We can all become change leaders by learning from these exemplars. We can compare notes across nations -- the U.S. and Germany -- in ways that advance our understanding and deepen our sense of shared endeavor.

Please register [here](#). You will receive a link a few days prior to the event.

3. Blogs for the Classroom

[Teach About US.org \(TAUS\)](#): We will restart the Blog on sustainability issues on TAUS in February with exciting input from a group of journalism students. Stay tuned!

[American Studies Blog](#): Sign up for alerts to receive the weekly (during the semester) and bi-monthly (outside of the semester) posts in your mailbox. Blog posts are short, focus on “Americana” and work well in the classroom. The blog is run by Prof. Maria Moss and Dr. Sabrina Voelz and her fabulous and engaged team of students at Leuphana University Lüneburg

4. Program Look Ahead

Green speaker programs: The U.S. Embassy is planning two virtual discussions

- with science fellow Özge Kaplan, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on climate change and making cities more resilient in late February/early March;

- an Earth Day lecture with activist and native American Dina Gilio Whitacker on April 26.

Registration links and more information will be posted on [Teach About US.org \(TAUS\)](#).