

Fifth Annual  
**Midwest Symposium in German Studies**

April 12 & 13, 2013  
The University of Notre Dame



**FRIDAY, April 12**

**12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch, McKenna Hall Dining Area**

**2:00 p.m. Welcoming remarks, 100-104 McKenna Hall**

*Robert Norton, University of Notre Dame*

*Tobias Boes, University of Notre Dame*

**2:15-3:45 p.m. Panel I: Holocaust Literature, 100-104 McKenna Hall**

Moderator: *Denise Della Rossa, University of Notre Dame*

Constructing the Mind of the Perpetrator in Holocaust Literature

*Erin McGlothlin, Washington University in St. Louis*

W.G. Sebald's *Austerlitz* and the Norms of Holocaust Representation

*Katra Byram, The Ohio State University*

**3:45-4:15 p.m. Coffee Break, McKenna Hall East Lounge**

**4:15-5:45 p.m. Panel II: Vision(s), 100-104 McKenna Hall**

Moderator: *John Deak, University of Notre Dame*

With an Inner Melody: Heinrich Seuse's Private Mystical Performance

*Claire Jones, University of Notre Dame*

Literary Techniques of the Observer: Goethe, German Romanticism, and Early  
Physiology of the Senses

*Patrick Fortmann, University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Reception for conference participants to follow.**

**SATURDAY, April 13**

**8:30 a.m. Coffee and Pastries, McKenna Hall East Lounge**

**9:00-10:30 a.m. Panel III: Narrative and Values, 100-104 McKenna Hall**

Moderator: *Kristina Mendicino, University of Notre Dame*

Werkimmanente Interpretation?: Zur Kritik eines wissenschaftsgeschichtlichen und wissenschaftspraktischen Vorurteils

*Carsten Dutt, University of Notre Dame*

Towards a Narrative Theory of Values

*Fritz Breithaupt, Indiana University*

**10:30-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break, McKenna Hall East Lounge**

**11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Panel IV: Thing Culture, 100-104 McKenna Hall**

Moderator: *Maureen Gallagher, University of Notre Dame*

The Poetics of Time in Contemporary Museum Culture

*Kerstin Barndt, University of Michigan*

Thing-Politics and Ontology

*Carsten Strathausen, University of Missouri*