

# **‘So we beat on’: Junctures and Visions of American Studies**

*"Research is formalized curiosity.  
It is poking and prying with a purpose."  
Zora Neale Hurston,  
Dust Tracks on a Road (1942)*

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**Friday, 29. April 2016 – „Haus der Begegnung“ (Hinter der Grieb 8)**

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**17:30 Uhr**

**Begrüßung/Welcome:**

**Conference Organizers**

**Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Korber, Vizepräsident für Studium, Lehre und Weiterbildung**

**Prof. Dr. Volker Depkat, Dekan der Fakultät für Sprach-, Literatur-, und**

**Kulturwissenschaften**

**Musik/Music:**

**Robert Hasleder**

**Festvortrag:**

**Anne Koenen, Universität Leipzig: *Wings and Roots: Migrating Academics***

Chair: Karsten Fitz (Passau)

**19:30 Uhr**

**Dinner** (Dinner at Restaurant Da Amici, Hinter der Grieb 8)

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**Samstag, 30. April 2016 „Altes Finanzamt“ (Landshuter Straße 4)**

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**9:00 – 10:00: Keynote**

**Miles Orvell, Temple University, Philadelphia: *Justice and the Visible World: The Public Discourse of Photography***

Chair: Susanne Leikam (Regensburg)

**10:30 – 12:00: Panel 1—American Visual Cultures**

Chair: Gerlinde Groitl (Regensburg)

- Katharina Fackler (Graz): *Ambivalent Frames: The Visual Politics of Civil Rights*
- Karsten Fitz (Passau): *The American Presidency and the Visual Aesthetics of Staged Privacy*
- Kerstin Schmidt (Eichstätt): *Love of Ruins: Exit Strategies for a Contemporary Aesthetic Dilemma*

**12:00 – 13:30 Uhr: Lunch Break** (Lunch at Restaurant Ganesha, Maximilianstraße 23)

**13:30 – 15:00: Panel 2—From Intertextuality to Theatricality and Beyond**

Chair: Timo Müller (Augsburg/Regensburg)

- Giulia Fabi (Ferrara): *Intertextuality and Novel Readings: Nella Larsen and W.E.B. DuBois*
- Claudia Trotzke (Regensburg): *“Eat Healthy,” “Get Active,” “Take Action”: Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! Initiative and the Performative Dimension of Health*
- Tomas Pospisil (Brno): *Moravian Americana: A Guided Tour*

**15:30 – 16:30: Alfred Hornung, JGU Mainz/Institute for Transnational American Studies: *Transnational Journeys of Life: En Route to Refuge***

Chair: Ingrid Gessner (Regensburg/Erlangen-Nürnberg)

**17:00 – 19:00: American Studies Transnational (Roundtable)—Perspectives, Politics, Responsibilities**

Chair: Alfred Hornung (Mainz)

- Carmen Birkle (Marburg)
- US-Generalkonsulin Jennifer Gavito (München)
- Hansjürgen Grabbe (Halle-Wittenberg)
- Nina Morgan (Kennesaw, GA, USA)
- Heike Paul (Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- Eric Sandeen (Laramie, WY, USA)
- Florian Weinzierl (Regensburg)