

Our Mission:

To become a leading source in the United States for the promotion of national and international networking, exchange, and creative collaboration among scientists, scholars, artists, and other professionals, consistent with the goals of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Germany.

Our Vision:

To mobilize the intellectual curiosity, creativity, experience, and passion of Humboldtians to shape the changing landscape of research, higher education, and professional development in the United States and beyond.

Dear Humboldtians and Friends,

An active and engaged community of US Humboldtians is vital to the shared goals of AFAvH and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

That is why American Friends has been working hard in 2014 to further develop a stimulating and intellectually engaging program of alumni activities for US Humboldtians in a wide range of academic disciplines and professional fields. In addition to strengthening the “Humboldtians on Campus” program, American Friends this year launched a pilot program of events engaging alumni and other thought leaders in discussions on the globalization of knowledge production and the challenges it poses for US and German researchers and professionals. These important topics are also among the foci of the American Friends blog, which went live in October. Through contributions from alumni and friends and reposts of relevant articles, the blog is intended to encourage transatlantic dialogue on global science and scholarship. We were also pleased to be able to award four highly qualified German and American Humboldtians the William M. Calder III Fellowship.

In developing these and other avenues for alumni engagement, we will continue to build on the results of the AFAvH survey of US alumni needs and preferences and the feedback we receive from US Humboldtians. We know that many Humboldtians remain strongly connected to Germany, visiting on a regular basis to renew personal and professional ties and to participate in research collaborations. Many US alumni have expressed strong interest in promoting the programs of the Humboldt Foundation and want the very best researchers and professionals in their field to know about the life-changing impact of a Humboldt Foundation fellowship or award.

In response to these and other expressed interests, American Friends will continue to expand the Humboldtians on Campus program and work with scientific societies to create opportunities for Humboldtians to meet other alumni and share their inspiring stories of professional and personal growth with prospective applicants. We are also mindful that many of you remain actively engaged in research collaborations and exchanges with colleagues in Germany and around the world, and have knowledge, expertise, and networks of central relevance to current US discussions of university internationalization and international science policy. We therefore plan to continue our pilot series of focused exchanges on the globalization of science, engineering, and scholarship and its implications for US researchers and institutions. And we will continue to support the Alumni Council of the American Friends Board of Directors to develop a strong vision and plan to strengthen the utility and appeal of the network of AvH alumni—to individuals, to the Humboldt Foundation, and to both the host and home institutions of US Humboldtians.

We thank Humboldtians and friends for their support of our efforts. We look forward to working with you in the new year to advance the shared goals of AFAvH and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Dr. Cathleen Fisher, President

American Friends Programs: A Pilot Series on the Globalization of Knowledge Production

In May 2014, American Friends initiated a pilot series, “Where Is Knowledge in the Globalization of Higher Education and Research?” The goal of the series was to engage US alumni of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and other thought leaders in higher education and research in a structured examination of the key challenges presented by the globalization of knowledge production. In particular, the series seeks to foster transatlantic dialogue with US institutions, which are actively considering the implications of globalization for researcher mobility, US participation in international research exchanges and collaborations, and institutional and national strategies for internationalization. The pilot series—soon to enter its second year with the support and direction of the Board of Directors—seeks to raise the profile of American Friends, the



Professor Dr. Ernst Rank and Dr. C.D. (Dan) Mote Jr.



Dr. Holly Falk-Krzesinski presents information on Elsevier's tracking of international research mobility at the AFAvH-AWIS workshop

AvH, and US Humboldtians as resources on the internationalization of research and institutional strategies.

The Year in Review

Between May and October, American Friends organized three events that explored various aspects of the globalization of knowledge production.

On May 15, 2014, American Friends co-hosted a luncheon discussion with the German Center for Research and Innovation (GCRI) on the role of knowledge production in US and German discussions of the globalization of higher education and research. Dr. Mariët Westermann, Vice President of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, was our featured speaker at this event, which brought together local Humboldtians and senior academic administrators responsible for international activities at higher education institutions in the New York area. The event drew participants from the humanities, social sciences, and STEM fields at Columbia University, New York University, CUNY, and SUNY.

On September 10, 2014, American Friends co-hosted a luncheon panel with the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) that explored the impact of international research mobility on knowledge production and the scientific enterprise. The panel featured presentations by Dr. Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski, Vice President for Global Academic and Research Relations at Elsevier, and Dr. Ulrike Albrecht, Head of the Strategy and External Relations Department at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. Workshop participants included representatives from the EU delegation to the United States, the National Science Foundation, and the international offices of several scientific societies and higher education associations, including the AAAS and NSF.

On October 15, 2014, American Friends returned to the GCRI for a public lecture on the challenges of adapting US and German research universities to fundamental changes in the global science, technology, and innovation environments. The lecture featured Humboldt Awardee Dr. C.D. (Dan) Mote Jr., President of the National Academy of Engineering



(L-R): Prof. C. D. (Dan) Mote, Dr. Joann Halpern, Dr. Cathleen Fisher, and Prof. Ernst Rank at the AFAvH-GCRI event, October 15, 2014

(NAE) and former president of the University of Maryland, College Park. Professor Dr. Ernst Rank, Chair of Computation in Engineering at the Technische Universität München, served as Chief Respondent. He offered his perspectives on German higher education after the “Excellence Initiative.” Participants included students, faculty, and senior administrators from colleges and universities; US and German government officials; and representatives of the non-profit, business, and finance sectors. The event culminated with a reception for Humboldtians and other attendees.

Building Partnerships, Looking Ahead

In planning the series, we sought to identify potential partners with similar interests in the internationalization of research and science policy, as well as complementary strengths and networks. The German Center for Research and Innovation has extensive connections in the academic, business, and UN communities in the New York area and has established a reputation for high-quality events with interesting content. The Association for Women in Science is the largest multidisciplinary organization for women in STEM fields, dedicated to achieving equity and full participation of women in all disciplines and across all employment sectors, allowing us to engage a more diverse roster of participants. Both the GCRI and AWIS are eager to continue our collaboration.

American Friends is excited to announce the launch of its much anticipated blog!

Research and intellectual inquiry have become global enterprises in the twenty-first century. They are characterized by growing competition for talent, new centers of research excellence, and the internationalization of higher education through technology, collaborations, and student mobility. As competition among institutions and countries grows, the challenges of our time demand new forms of dialogue and collaboration across national and disciplinary boundaries. It can take place between academia, civil society, government, and the private sector—linking the realms of science, society, and policy.

This blog explores transatlantic perspectives on global science and scholarship and will focus on three main topic areas: **the globalization of research; science, society, and policy; and transatlantic research and professional cooperation.**

We are currently featuring posts on communicating science to the general public, the use of technology by early career researchers, the European Research Area, and reposted news relating to our themes and German science and academia generally.

Humboldtians know the challenges, as well as the benefits, of international experience and collaboration, and we look forward to sharing the contributions of US alumni on this blog. As leaders in their respective institutions and professions, the Humboldt Foundation’s alumni are well positioned to weigh in credibly and authoritatively on the impor-

Abbreviations

STP=Humboldt Research Fellowship	GW=Research Award in the Humanities
USS=Humboldt Research Award	BUKA=German Chancellor Fellowship
Paul=Wolfgang Paul-Award	

tant questions facing US research and educational institutions, as well as the important challenges of our time. More important, alumni posts will enhance understanding of the impact of international research collaborations and help to persuade more US scientists, engineers, and scholars to apply for Foundation support.

We invite alumni to be featured in our Alumni Perspective series!

We are looking for several alumni to answer the questions below:

- What impact has your research stay in Germany had on the trajectory of your career?
- Does your university have programs and activities to encourage international faculty exchanges and collaborations?
- How might US researchers with international experience, including Humboldtians, influence the efforts of universities to develop a more global perspective?

This blog provides an opportunity to **share your fellowship/award experience and accomplishments with your peers**. The content of the posts is up to you and you can discuss your current work or research, what you are reading at the moment, and your views/vision for the globalization of research and transatlantic perspectives on science, society, and policy. You are welcome to include your social media profiles, links to work, pictures, or professional pages, and may submit your contributions to info@americanfriends-of-avh.org.

You can find the links to the Blog homepage at: <https://www.americanfriends-of-avh.org/blog/> and Blog RSS Feed at: <https://www.americanfriends-of-avh.org/feed/>

We are eager to have alumni share their thoughts throughout the year on these themes and invite you to share additional ideas for the blog pertaining to the **impact and value of international research experience; global career paths; global research networks; the internationalization of higher education; or science and transatlantic policy**. We look forward to hearing from you.

An Update on the Humboldtians on Campus Program

In 2014, the American Friends Alumni Council and staff “relaunched” the Humboldtians on Campus (HoC) program. The goal was to create a strong network of active US Humboldtians to assist in promoting the sponsorship programs of the AvH and in planning or organizing alumni activities. The relaunch of the HoC program resulted in an energized roster of 52 volunteer HoCs at 47 universities throughout the country.

Continuing to Grow the HoC Program

Looking ahead, and to keep pace with the burgeoning number of young scholars in the United States, American Friends seeks to expand the pool of HoCs through annual recruitment. As universities nationwide seek to position their scientists and scholars globally, we need to be ahead of this curve and offer researchers interested in international experience information on the Foundation’s sponsorship programs.

Would My Experience Lend Itself to Becoming an “HoC”?

Both recently returned fellows and senior scientists play an important role in the HoC Program. Recently returned fellows are proof that the initial concerns of applicants, such as deciding on a project, finding a host, securing funding, and dealing with reentry, are surmountable. Senior scientists are

key, as they have internationally regarded labs and powerful networks and often already act as advisers to young researchers as a matter of course.

Targeted Recruitment Efforts

The HoC Program is represented at 16 public and 10 private leading research institutions, or Association of American Universities (AAU) campuses. Cornell, Harvard, MIT, the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Michigan, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison each have over 50 Humboldtians! American Friends seeks to expand the HoC Program to additional strong research institutions, particularly those with a demonstrated commitment to internationalization, many of which already have a significant concentration of Humboldtians.

The recruitment of qualified women as applicants and nominees for the Foundation’s fellowship and award programs is of great importance to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. To support these goals, American Friends seeks to recruit a significant number of women overall and within specific fields, such as the Life and Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Most Humboldtians on Campus are based in the Humanities and Social Sciences at public and private universities. In keeping with the Foundation’s commitment to “no disciplinary quotas,” American Friends seeks to increase the participation of Humboldtians on Campus from underrepresented academic disciplines, including the Life and Physical Sciences, and a variety of professional fields outside of academia for the German Chancellor Fellowship (BUKA) Program.

Learn More

To learn more about our current Humboldtians on Campus participants, please visit www.americanfriends-of-avh.org/alumni/get-involved/humboldtians-on-campus-hoc/

Become an HOC!

Alumni of all Humboldt fellowship and award programs are encouraged to become HOCs. If you would like to volunteer, please email alumni@americanfriends-of-avh.org.





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American Friends Welcomes Two New Members to Its Board of Directors

American Friends was pleased to welcome Dr. Robert Norton and Dr. E. William Colglazier to the Board of Directors in 2014. Both Dr. Norton and Dr. Colglazier bring many years of international collaboration experience to the Board. Their unique perspectives and knowledge will help expand the Board's expertise in its work to execute the mission of American Friends. Through enlarging the Board of Directors and growing its network, American Friends will be able to better serve its alumni, reach more potential applicants for the Humboldt Foundation's fellowships and awards, and increase awareness of the organization in the international community.

Dr. Robert Norton

Dr. Norton is the associate vice president for academic affairs and research at Notre Dame International and a professor of German and philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. He joined Notre Dame as a professor in 1998 and started his work in the Notre Dame International office in 2012. Previously, Dr. Norton taught at Mount Holyoke College and Vassar College, and he held guest appointments at the University of Chicago and Heidelberg University in Germany. Dr. Norton received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University.



Dr. Norton is a recipient of the Humboldt Research Fellowship (1993), which funded the completion of his second book, *The Beautiful Soul: Aesthetic Humanity in the European Enlightenment*, as well as research for his third book, a biography of the poet Stefan George. In addition to the Humboldt Research Fellowship, Dr. Norton received the Jacques

Barzun Prize for Cultural History, the Ungar German Translation Award, and a fellowship from the Guggenheim Foundation. As a member of the AF Board of Directors, Dr. Norton will be a voice for the humanities in the German-American research landscape.

Read Dr. Norton's Blog: Meet the Board: Robert Norton: www.american-friends-of-avh.org/meet-board-robert-norton/

Dr. E. William Colglazier

Dr. Colglazier served as the fourth science and technology adviser to the U.S. secretary of state from July 2011 through July 2014. Prior to his service at the State Department, he was executive director of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council. Dr. Colglazier has also held positions at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, and the Center for International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. While at Harvard, he also served as the associate director of the Program in Science, Technology, and Humanism at the Aspen Institute. He was an AAAS Congressional Science Fellow for Congressman George Brown and was a professor of physics and director of the Energy, Environment, and Resources Center at the University of Tennessee, where he worked with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.



In 2012, Colglazier gave the opening address at the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's 6th Forum on the Internationalization of Sciences and Humanities—"Networks of Trust: Will the New Social Media Change Global Science?" Dr. Colglazier's distinguished career and his many contributions to strengthening science policy make him a great asset to the work and mission of American Friends.

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Spotlight on Alumni

Are You Considering a Renewed Research Stay?

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's support of renewed research stays in Germany for AVH alumni is an important, but often overlooked, benefit. In order to increase the visibility of this opportunity, American Friends asked former fellows and awardees who had returned to Germany on renewed research stays between 2012 and 2014 to offer "testimonials" on the value of their experience. Alumni were asked about their motivation to return, the goals of their stay, the opportunities their return offered, and for any tips they would offer other alumni considering this opportunity. Ten Humboldtians contributed compelling responses and colorful photos, now posted to the alumni section of the American Friends website.

Sponsorship of Renewed Research Stays

Alumni are eligible to apply for support for a renewed research stay in Germany three years after the completion of their initial research stay and return to their home country. Subsequent research stays should also take place three years after the previous ones. Alumni may apply for short visits of up to thirty days, or for longer research grants of up to three months.

For more information, please visit www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/renewed-research-stay.html.

Renewed Research Stays for Humboldt Award Winners

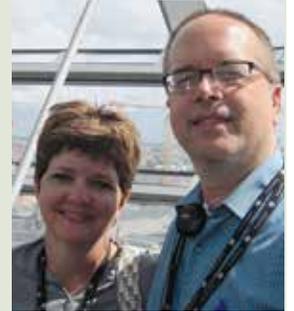
Humboldt Research Award winners may also be re-invited to Germany on the nomination of an academic or member of staff at a German research institution. They need not necessarily be the original hosts.

For more information, please visit www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/invitation.html.

Alumni Testimonials

"The Renewed Research Stay provided a non-sabbatical opportunity for me to explore a new research area at one of the premier technical institutions in Germany. My advice to Humboldtians is to use these short-term stays as a way to generate preliminary research results for a proposal or to extend a sabbatical stay beyond what your university might normally fund."

—Brian Mitchell, Professor, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Tulane University (Humboldt Research Fellow, Process Engineering, 2003)



"Because I am a mother and a professor, timing is increasingly important in balancing my research agenda with the demands of raising a child. I just completed a large research project in the US and became eligible for my first sabbatical. This was also the last year before my son begins elementary school Check for a university with accommodations for visiting international researchers. If you are bringing kids, the university pre-school/nursery is also used to visiting children of international guests for limited stays—including children who do not speak German."

—Jennifer Gerend, Member of the Faculty, Evergreen State College (German Chancellor Fellow, Town and Country Planning, 2006)



To read more alumni testimonials, please visit www.americanfriends-of-avh.org/alumni/keep-in-touch/renewed-research-stays.

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- gives tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to weigh in on important questions facing US research and educational institutions; and
- is an easy way to leave a lasting legacy and lessen the burden of taxes on your family.

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