

SUNDAY, 7 JUNE 2026

- 8.00 am **Breakfast**
Cultural Program
- 9.30 am **UNESCO-World Heritage Site: Water in the City of Augsburg**
Discussion of the Tour
Marit Rosol
University of Würzburg
Project Presentations
- 2.00 pm **Puritan Afterlives in a Time of Crisis: Moral Inheritance and the Reconstruction of American Identity in Youth Laureate Poetry (2017-2024)**
Carla Palaci Jover
University of Alicante
Unions, Labor, and the Bible: Evangelicalism and the Politics of Industrialization
Emma Gerritsen
Free University of Berlin
- 4.00 pm **Break**
Keynote Lecture
- 4.30 pm **Jamaica in 1850**
Martha Schoolman
Florida International University, Miami
- 6.00 pm **Concluding Remarks**
- 6.30 pm **Farewell Dinner**

MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2026

Departure Day

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

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Meals

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About the BAA Summer Academies

The Bavarian American Academy regularly organizes international and interdisciplinary Summer Academies, alternately at universities in Germany and North America. The format exists since 2009 and has brought together senior faculty and doctoral researchers from both sides of the Atlantic at various locations, including Detroit, Erlangen, Lexington, Miami, Munich, Montréal, Regensburg, and San Marcos. In 2026, the BAA Summer Academy will for the first time take place in Tutzing, Germany.

Friends of the the Akademie für Politische Bildung, Tutzing

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From the airport: Take the S-Bahn line S-1 or S-8 to Munich Central Station, then follow the instructions above.



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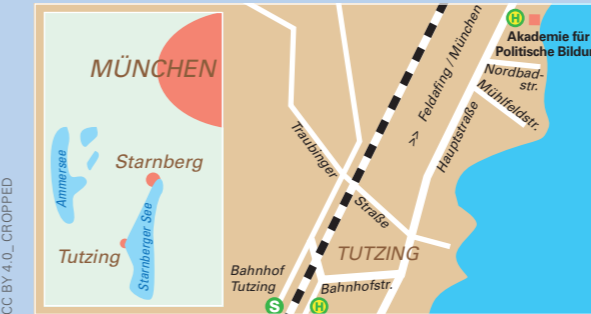


For those arriving by car, take freeway A95 from Munich via A952 to Starnberg, then continue on the federal highway. After passing through the town of Traubing, turn left. At the end of the road, turn right toward Tutzing. The Academy will be on your left shortly after you pass the town sign for Tutzing.



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14th International BAA Summer Academy

1 – 8 June 2026

North American Narratives of Crisis and Repair



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ABOUT THE EVENT

To state that we are living in times of a continuous polycrisis with interdependent and overlapping crisis figurations has become a truism. This condition is reflected in much of contemporary cultural production and various forms of symbolization – be it in the genre of the dystopian, of horror, or, more generally, in end-of-the-world narratives, and it often plays off against states of disavowal and denial, at times implying a reparative or recuperative dimension. Some of these cultural expressions/representations also hark back to pertinent scenarios of the past and illustrate their ongoing relevance.

Reflecting on constellations of crisis and repair, this year's BAA Summer Academy seeks to examine both concepts in a diachronic as well as synchronic perspective with regard to different groups/actors in American history and culture. Topics to be addressed range from social and political inequalities and other effects of hegemonic hierarchical structures to discourses of recognition and demands for reparation for historical exploitation and injustice. The summer school aims at an interdisciplinary discussion of these problems within the field of North American Studies and in its disciplinary breadth.

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MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2026

1.00 pm [Arrival, Coffee and Tea](#)

2.00 pm **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Katja Sarkowsky

Heike Paul

Michael Mayer

Christoph Straub

Keynote Lecture

2.30 pm **Lynch Law as Crisis:
Ida B. Wells' Anti-Lynching Campaign,
Civil Repair, and Twenty-first Century
Commemorative Culture**

Nathalie Aghoro

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

4.00 pm [Break](#)

Project Presentations

4.30 pm **The Eidola Exchange**

Holly Osborn

University of Kentucky, Lexington

**Indigenous Feminist Narratives of Crisis
and Repair in North American Settler
Contexts**

Jeremy Braithwaite

San Carlos Apache College

6.30 pm [Dinner](#)

TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2026

8.00 am [Breakfast](#)

Project Presentations

9.00 am **It's the Great Pumpkin: Food Sovereignty
and Identity Formation in Robin Wall
Kimmerer's *Braiding Sweetgrass* (2013) and
Cindy Ott's *Pumpkin* (2012)**

Emma Rech

Friedrich-Alexander-University
Erlangen-Nürnberg

**The Use of Storytelling in Repairing
Native American History(ies)**

Iulia Bandac

West University of Timișoara

11.00 am [Break](#)

Discussion

11.30 am **The Ending Experiment: Stability and
Change in Democratic History**

Michael Mayer

12.30 pm [Lunch](#)

2.00 pm [Coffee and Tea](#)

2.30 pm **Excursion to Andechs Monastery**

Dinner at Kloostergasthaus Andechs

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2026

8.00 am [Breakfast](#)

9.00 am **Reading Session**

Heike Paul

Katja Sarkowsky

10.45 am [Break](#)

Keynote Lecture

11.00 am **Radical Grief and Reflexive Nostalgia
in Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Young
Goodman Brown"**

Donald E. Pease

Dartmouth College, Hanover

12.30 pm [Lunch](#)

2.00 pm [Coffee and Tea](#)

Project Presentations

2.30 pm **American Dream in Formation:
Transoceanic Epistemic Circulation and
the *Aufhebung* of Enlightenment
Modernity in Nineteenth-Century
American Writing**

Oluwadunni O. Talabi

University of Bremen

**Neoliberalism at the Beach?
From Feeling Hot to Cruel
Optimism on California's Shores**

Estelle Krewiss

University of Münster

4.30 pm [Break](#)

Keynote Lecture

5.00 pm **Crisis of Democracy, Logics of Repair:
Institutional Stress Test in the
United States**

Christian Lammert

Free University of Berlin

6.30 pm [Dinner](#)

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2026

8.00 am [Breakfast](#)

Project Presentations

9.00 am **Is Heterosexuality in Crisis? Hetero-
pessimism in the Online Discourse**

Maria Łusakowska

University of Warsaw

10.00 am [Break](#)

Keynote Lecture

10.30 am ***The Bostonians'* Post-Bellum Re-Union:
Henry James in the Wake of the
Tilden-Hayes Compromise**

Alan Nadel

University of Kentucky, Lexington

12.30 pm [Lunch](#)

2.00 pm **Excursion to Bernried**

Visit to Buchheim Museum

6.30 pm [Dinner](#)

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2026

8.00 am [Breakfast \(Check-out by 8.45 am\)](#)

Project Presentations

9.00 am **Non-Motherhood in American
Literature and Culture, Nineteenth
Century to the Present**

Isabel Kalous

Friedrich-Alexander-University
Erlangen-Nürnberg

**Deconstructing Life:
Epigenesis, Antiracism**

Patrick Teed

University of Toronto

10.45 am [Break](#)

Keynote Lecture

11.00 am **Going Low:
Fighting for Democracy in Crisis Times**

Elisabeth Anker

George Washington University, Washington

12.30 pm [Lunch, End of Program in Tutzing](#)

2.00 pm [Departure to Augsburg](#)

5.00 pm [Arrival at the University of Augsburg,
Coffee and Tea](#)

5.30 pm **Cultural Program**

Film Screening

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2026

7.30 am [Breakfast](#)

Project Presentations

9.00 am **Latinx-Canadian Prose as a
Transcontinental Literary Palimpsest**

Hanna Błauciak

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

**"A Morbid Longing for the Picturesque":
The Affective Aesthetics of Dark
Academia Fiction**

Yagmur Su Kolsal

University of Münster

11.00 am [Break](#)

Project Presentations

11.30 am **Climate Fiction's Risk Logic
and Rhetorics of Violence**

David Schwartz

University of Kentucky, Lexington

**2024 Jasper Wildfire: Social Trajectories
and Local Environmental Management
in Light of Anthropogenic Change**

Malou Meckel

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

1.30 pm [Lunch](#)

3.00 pm **Cultural Program**

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