



**11th Biennial Graduate Conference in Germanic Studies (GCGS 2026)**  
*German-Texas Heritage Society – 507 E. 10th st., Austin, TX, 78701*

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7:45 - 8:15	<b>Arrival at the Conference Venue , Registration &amp; Breakfast</b> <i>Bagels &amp; Coffee from Rockstar Bagels</i>	
8:15 - 8:25	<b>Opening: Welcome and brief history of the German Free School</b>	<b>Bradley Barr</b> <i>President, GAGLS</i>
8:30 - 9:00	<i>Translating a Sicilian Requiem: Rosa Balistreri's Forty-Minute Protest Song and the Global Fight Against Femicide</i>	<b>Amanda Pascali</b> <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>
9:05 - 9:35	<i>Elsa Porges-Bernsteins „Dämmerung“: Die Musikszene der Moderne als naturalistischer Schauplatz gesellschaftlicher Kritik</i>	<b>Lukas Pielenhofer</b> <i>University of Georgia</i>
9:40 - 10:10	<i>Cultural Translatability in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Purple Hibiscus: Navigating Igbo Cultural Elements in German Translation</i>	<b>Joshua Amanam</b> <i>University of Georgia</i>
10:10 - 10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:30 - 11:00	<i>“You Dance on My Living Room Table?”: Questioning Citizenship and Belonging in German Coming-Out Film Comedies</i>	<b>Anne Wooten</b> <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>
11:05 - 11:35	<i>Vergleich der Darstellung des Fremden vor dem historischen Hintergrund des Nationalsozialismus' und des Neuen Deutschen Films</i>	<b>Helena Hirsch</b> <i>University of Georgia</i>
11:35 - 12:35	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Tacos from Tacodeli</i>	
12:35 - 1:05	<i>Operation Backtalk and the Amerikahäuser as Instruments of Re-Education in Postwar West Germany</i>	<b>Victor Adereti</b> <i>University of Georgia</i>

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1:10 - 1:40     *East German Studies in the Twenty-first Century Classroom*     **Jared Maul**  
*Michigan State University*

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1:45 - 2:15     *Language and Gender Ideologies: Linguistic Politeness*     **Shallom Ogungbade**  
*Florida State University*

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2:15 - 2:35     **Coffee Break**

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2:35 - 3:05     *Triangular Pedagogies- Mediating Language And Culture For American Learners As A Nigerian Instructor Of The German Language*     **Veronica Adeloje**  
*Florida State University*

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3:10 - 3:40     *Cognate facilitation and processing in English-speaking learners of German*     **Kaitlin Young**  
*University of Texas at Austin*

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3:45 - 4:15     *From Gemini to Confidence: AI Prep Talks for Novice Students of German (AiVE)*     **Bastian De Monte**  
*The Ohio State University*

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4:30 - 5:30     **Keynote: Working Memory and Second Language Acquisition Over the Lifespan: The Quest**     **Prof. David Birdsong**  
*University of Texas at Austin*

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05:30 - 05:35     Closing remarks     **Bradley Barr**  
*President, GAGLS*

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6:00     **(Optional) Farewell gathering at Scholz Garden**  
*Food & drinks at participants' own expense*

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