

July 4, 2023
4-8 p.m.
P 1 & Philowiese
Philosophicum

4th of July Obama Summer Lecture & Get-together

4-6 p.m. | Guest Talks

The Social Fabric of the U.S. Senate

Professor Sean Theriault

The University of Texas at Austin



Professor Theriault, who is fascinated by congressional decision-making, is currently researching the effect of interpersonal relationships within the U.S. Congress. He has published five books: *Congress: The First Branch* (with Mickey Edwards; Oxford University Press, 2020), *The Great Broadening* (with Bryan Jones and Michelle Whyman; University of Chicago Press, 2019), *The Gingrich Senators* (Oxford University Press, 2013), *Party Polarization in Congress* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), and *The Power of the People* (Ohio State University Press, 2005). He has also published numerous articles in a variety of journals on subjects ranging from presidential rhetoric to congressional careers and the Louisiana Purchase to the Pendleton Act of 1883.

Selling "The American Way of Death"

PD Dr. Jan Logemann

JGU Mainz/Uni Göttingen



Dr. Logemann studies modern American history in transnational perspective with a special focus on questions of migration, knowledge transfers, and economic relations. His most recent book project explored the role of European immigrants and emigres in shaping transatlantic transfers in marketing, commercial design, and consumer psychology since the interwar years. He has published on the history of consumer credit, retailing and urban space, on forms of public consumption and on elite migration. Currently, he is preparing a new research project on the development of funeral markets and businesses in Germany and the United States since the 19th century.

6-8 p.m. | Get-together

Summer get-together
with food and drinks

(Graduate) Student Exhibition

Posters and performances by students from
Dr. Bailey Moorhead's courses

What might the 4th of July mean to Americans and foreigners in general and especially in 2023?

From insights into the U.S. Senate's social fabric to an "American Way of Death" to students' takes on the meaning of the holiday: Join us in discussing the day's importance and possible criticism but also in celebrating an informal Obama Institute summer get-together of students, faculty, and friends.

Snacks and drinks will be provided!