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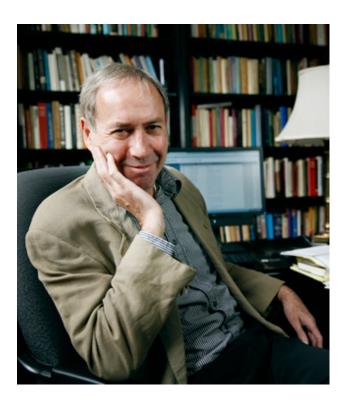
Co-Conveners: Duke University, Dept. of History, UNC-Chapel Hill, Dept. of History, and UNC- Chapel Hill Center for **European Studies**

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5:30–7:00 pm I UNC–Chapel Hill I FedFx Global Center 4003

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The German Atlantic: Recovering an Invisible World

Atlantic history, the history of the great interactions that took place between Europe, Africa and the Americas, has emerged since the 1980s as a dynamic field of study that has generated its own programs, textbooks, essay collections, book prizes and online list-serve. The German presence in the Atlantic world remains largely hidden because of the absence of a German nation state before 1871. Settlers, merchants, mining engineers, missionaries and scientific travelers from the German lands did not fly under a German flag. We have to look for them in the empires established by others, whether Spanish, Dutch, British or French. This lecture, drawn from a larger project on "Germany in the World, 1500-2000", tries to recover this invisible German presence and shows that Germans played a greater role than we think, often as major brokers or intermediaries.

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