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## **German Teachers to Receive Awards**

The American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) recognizes German teachers and programs for their outstanding contributions to the teaching and learning of German in the US. The 2023 award recipients will be recognized at a virtual presentation to be held on November 12.

AATG's highest honors, the **Outstanding German Educator Award** has been awarded to **Bridget Levine-West**, Assistant Professor of German at the University of Vermont, in the **University/Collegiate** category and receiving the honor for the **High School (9-12 grade)** category is **Heidi Lechner**, a teacher of German at Libertyville High School in Libertyville, IL. The **Outstanding German Educator Award** are presented in recognition of demonstrated excellence in German education and creative leadership in German language education in local, state, and national arenas.

One German program will be recognized as a **German Center of Excellence**. This designation is presented to well-established and growing German programs with demonstrated excellence in instruction and strong support from administration, professional colleagues, alumni, and students. This year's designee is the German Program at the **University High School**, Tucson, AZ.

**Charles Beattie**, German teacher at Dimond High School in Anchorage, AK, **Joshua Hurd**, German teacher at Brooklyn Technical High School in Brooklyn, NY and **Daniel Otto**, German teacher at Jasper High School in Jasper, IN, will receive the **German Embassy Teacher of Excellence Award**. The Embassy recognizes up-and-coming German teachers for excellence in teaching, creativity, and outstanding dedication.

**Amanda Beck**, German teacher at William Henry Harrison High School in West Lafayette, IN, will receive the **AATG GAPP Award**. This award honors German educators who provide opportunities for their students to study abroad on short-term exchanges to Germany through the German American Partnership Program (GAPP).

**Rae Fahrlander**, German teacher at Bellevue East High School in Bellevue, NE will be recognized with the **FL-A-CH Award** for excellence in the teaching of the language and cultures of Austria, the German-speaking areas of Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and South Tyrol. The award is sponsored by the Austrian Cultural Forum, the Embassy of Switzerland, and the Embassy of Liechtenstein.

Six educators will be recognized with the **Goethe-Institut/AATG Certificate of Merit** for their achievements in furthering the teaching of German: **Candis Carey**, German teacher at Crown Point High School in Crown Point, IN, **Peter Chase**, German teacher at The Pennington School in Pennington, NJ, **Alysha Holmquist Posner**, German teacher at Enumclaw High School in Enumclaw, WA, **Bobbette Leu-Timmermann**, German teacher at Cedarburg High School in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, **Annemarie McClung**, German teacher at Jay County High School in Portland, IN, and **Tamara Woitas**, German teacher at Williamstown High School in Williamstown, NJ.

**Michael Swellander**, Visiting Assistant Professor at Skidmore College, will receive the **Max Kade Prize for Best Article in *The German Quarterly***, for his article "Alloyed Truth: The Historiographical and Political Importance of Error in Ludwig Börne's Journalism."

Also recognized for their contributions to the scholarly publications of the AATG are **Hyouun-A Joo** (Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia) and **Lina Tuschling**, (Research Associate at TRENDS Global in Atlanta, Georgia who also teaches at Middle Georgia State University) who will receive the **Best Article in *Die Unterrichtspraxis/ Teaching German Award*** for "Tesla in Grünheide:" Growing Intercultural Competence Through Role-Play Simulation" and

**Alrik Daldrup**, a graduate student at the University of Kiel who will receive ***The German Quarterly Graduate Student Paper Award*** for "Affektive Entgleisungen. Queerer Vandalismus in Grimmelshausens Courasche", which will be published in an upcoming issue.

"With their dedication to excellence in German language instruction, these award recipients promote the transatlantic friendship between the US and German-speaking countries and foster the much-needed intercultural awareness so their students can lead successful lives in a globalized world," said Priscilla Layne, president of the American Association of Teachers of German.

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