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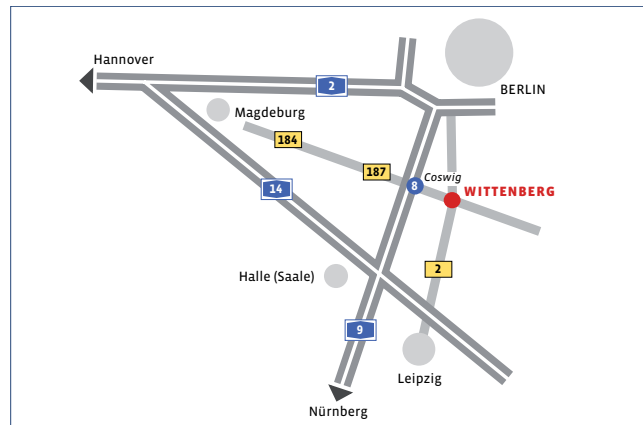
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## VIII HALLE AMERICAN STUDIES SEMINAR



# Reform and Reform Movements in American History and Culture

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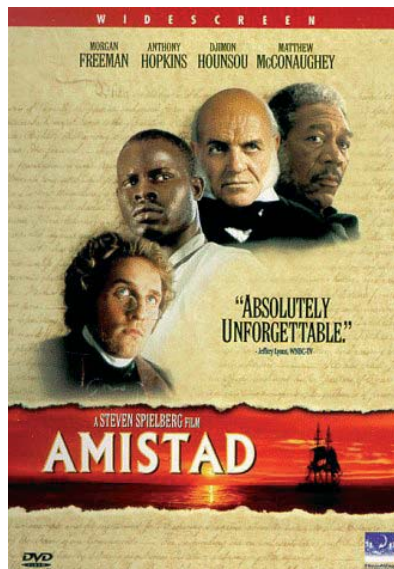
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**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

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- 15:30 Arrival and Registration
- 16:00 **Welcome and Introduction**  
Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Grabbe,  
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, ZUSAS  
Stephanie Brancaforte,  
Embassy of the United States, Berlin
- 16:20 **Seminar Organization and Procedure**  
Dr. Julia Lippert, ZUSAS  
Dipl.-Angl. Carsten Hummel, ZUSAS
- 16:30 **“To Set This World Right”: Unsung Heroes and  
Everyday Reform in Antebellum America**  
Prof. Dr. Sandra Petrulionis,  
Pennsylvania State University/  
Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 17:30 **Tour of the Library**  
Anton Hieke, M.A.
- 18:00 Dinner
- 19:00 **Screening of “Amistad”**  
(USA, 1997)



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**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

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- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 **Reforming the Objective of the Civil War:  
The Transformation of Emancipation**  
Prof. Dr. Gary Edwards,  
Arkansas State University/  
Free University of Berlin
- 10:00 Coffee
- 10:15 **Changes in the American South since the Civil  
Rights Movement (1970–present)**  
Prof. Dr. Steve Estes,  
Sonoma State University/University of Erfurt
- 11:30 **Guided Tour through Wittenberg**
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Parallel Workshops:**
- I. Reforming America: Reconstruction, 1863–1877**  
Anton Hieke, M.A.
- II. The Challenges of Implementing Reforms:  
Desegregation in American Public Schools**  
Dipl.-Angl. Carsten Hummel
- III. The Anti-slavery Movement: Fact and Film—  
The Case of the Amistad**  
Dr. Julia Lippert  
Prof. Dr. Sandra Petrulionis
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 **Study Period/Consultations**
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:00 **Screening of “Iron Jawed Angels”**  
(USA, 2004)

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**SUNDAY, MAY 9**

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- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 **Study Period/Consultations**
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 **Student Presentations/Discussion**
- 13:00 Lunch
- Departure

