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**Max Kade
Institute** 
FOR GERMAN-AMERICAN STUDIES
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Exploring the story of immigrants from German-speaking lands to America

For more than three centuries immigrants from German-speaking lands have come to America, settled in rural and urban communities, and established German-language churches, schools, and businesses. They introduced social customs, traditions, and organizations that have shaped and been shaped by the American way of life. Join us in examining America's diverse heritage through the lens of immigration.

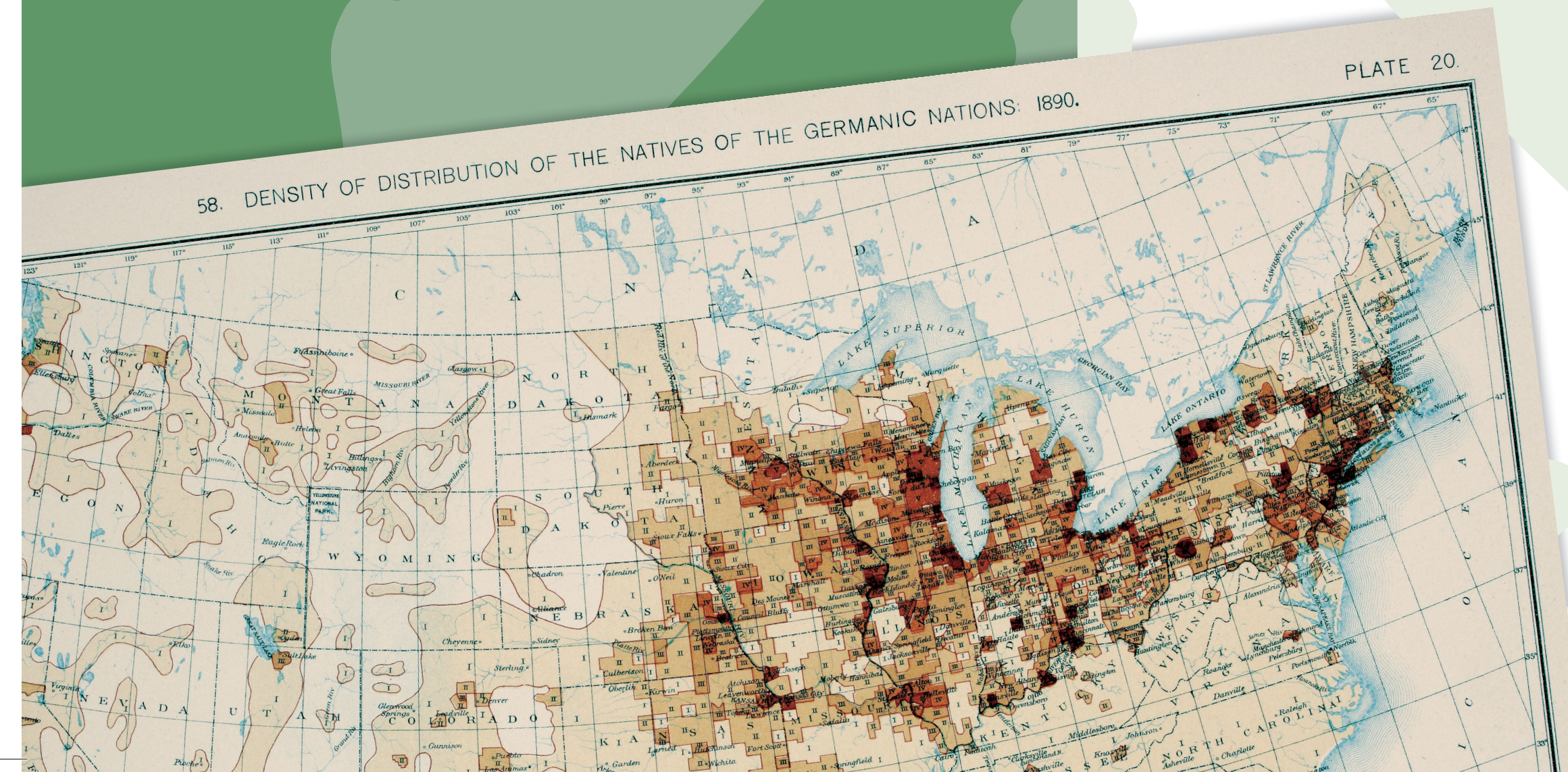
THE MAX KADE INSTITUTE IS DEDICATED TO

- **Researching** the story of German-speaking immigrants and their descendants in a global, multicultural, and interdisciplinary context.
- **Preserving** American print culture and personal documents in the German language and making them part of America's story and historiography.
- **Sharing** the Institute's resources through publications, community outreach, and educational programming.

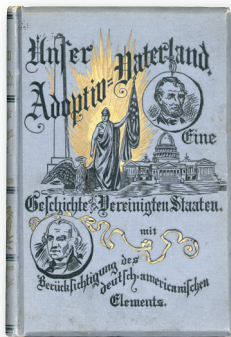


RESEARCH

MKI is an interdisciplinary institute at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Our resources are used by students and scholars in many fields, from across the nation and around the world. In addition, by encouraging the public dissemination of scholarly research, we serve as a bridge between the University and the community in the spirit of the Wisconsin Idea.



LIBRARY & ARCHIVES



Our Library/Archive, open to the public, includes one of the largest collections of German-language materials published in North America, as well as a growing number of primary source documents such as letters, diaries, and photographs. It also houses the North American German Dialect Archive, which contains several thousand hours of

recordings of immigrant German dialects from the mid-1940s to the present.

Donations of German-language books, family histories, and primary source documents are greatly appreciated. MKI can scan documents that families wish to keep. Contact the MKI Librarian/Archivist!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION



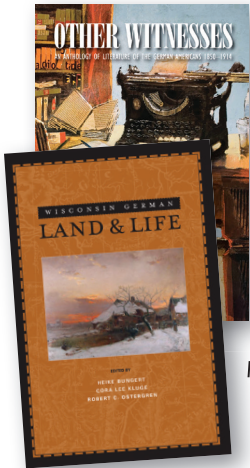
MKI sponsors lectures, exhibits, workshops, and academic and public conferences. Our staff travels throughout the Midwest and beyond to give presentations in local communities and works with students and teachers.

We share our resources through our Web site (mki.wisc.edu), and free publications such as the

“How German is American?” poster and booklet, and the “German-Words – American Voices” CD and booklet.

Our blog (maxkade.blogspot.com) and our Facebook page (Max Kade Institute) are forums for current topics in German-American studies and events.

PUBLICATIONS



The MKI monograph series features new research in German-American studies, translations from German, and reprints of historic German-American publications. Titles include: *Other Witnesses: An Anthology of Literature of the German Americans, 1850–1914* and *Wisconsin German Land and Life*. MKI also publishes a feature newsletter for members of its Friends organization, which appears three times a year.



PROJECTS

MKI engages in a wide range of research and outreach activities that make use of our Library and Archives. Ongoing projects include:

- the Milwaukee German Theater Project, which explores the rich and unique history of Milwaukee’s German theater and its role within the community, the state, and the nation;

- the Pennsylvania Dutch Documentation Project, which aims to document and research Pennsylvania Dutch, a North American language related to German that is still spoken today by America’s growing Amish and Old Order Mennonite communities;
- the German Immigrant Oral History Project, which records and preserves the personal stories of first-generation immigrants from German-speaking Europe.

GENEALOGY

The stories of your German-speaking ancestors are important to us. We can help you with your family research by offering general information on the immigrant experience, maps to help locate European towns and villages, and a local referral list for transcription and translation services.



SUPPORT

The Max Kade Institute operates almost entirely on donations and grants. You can support the work of the Institute by

- Donating to the MKI gift fund (1243967) at the University of Wisconsin Foundation. You can make your donation online at mki.wisc.edu.
- Donating German-American publications, documents, and family histories to the MKI Library/Archive.
- Joining the Friends of the Max Kade Institute.



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