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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—The German Section of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature (MCLL) will hold its second annual Illinois Wesleyan German Undergraduate Research Conference on Friday and Saturday, April 5-6. The conference will be held in a number of rooms in the Memorial Center (104 University St., Bloomington).

Vance Byrd, assistant professor of German at Grinnell College, will deliver the conference's keynote address titled, "Ecocriticism und Annette von Droste-Hülshoffs *Judenbuche*."

The event, which will be held in German, will welcome students from universities in seven different states. The conference will begin with a poster session on Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Turfler Room, followed by a welcome German dinner. The conference will continue on Saturday at 9 a.m. with four student panels.

"Student presentations will range from East German fairy-tale films, German-Turkish rap music and the sounds of Germany, to the portrayal of women in select 19th century texts," said co-organizer Sonja Fritzsche, associate professor of German and Eastern European Studies at IWU.

The conference, which is sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the IWU German club, IWU Student Senate and funds associated with the Isaac Funk Professorship, will allow students engaging in German studies to present their research and also receive feedback in an academic setting. Students will have the opportunity to network with fellow German studies researchers and discuss their academic and study abroad experiences with peers who attend other universities.

"We try to provide a venue where students can engage in a meaningful exchange of ideas and realize that by studying German they are part of a large, nation-wide community of scholars," said co-organizer Adam Woodis, visiting assistant professor of German at IWU.

For additional information about the conference, [visit the website](#).

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