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**Society for German-American
Studies Outstanding Achievement Award for 2007
Don Heinrich Tolzmann**

It is a distinct pleasure to announce that this year's Society for German-American Studies Outstanding Achievement Award is awarded to Don Heinrich Tolzmann. The recognition of Don's service to the field of German-American studies is long overdue. He has worked tirelessly to promote both German-American studies and the **Society for German-American Studies**. He has been president of the Society since 1981. In that capacity he has spent many hours in Board meetings and at activities both in the U.S. and abroad representing our group.

Don received an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Kentucky in 1973 and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Cincinnati in 1983. His interests in German-Americana led him to his first and current academic appointment as Curator of the German-Americana Collection at the University of Cincinnati Libraries. However, he also carried these interests further as he became the Director of the German-American Studies Program at the University of Cincinnati in 1987. He also holds adjunct appointments with the German Department at Cincinnati and the University of Kentucky, College of Library and Information Science.

Don's awards and honors are numerous. Just a few of these are: the Federal Service Cross of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1991; the Friendship Award, Federal Republic of Germany in

1986; the Ohioana Book Award for History, 1988; and German-American of the Year Award from the United German-American Committee of the U.S.A. in 2002. The list goes on, but I will not at this time.

Don's list of publications is over-whelming. It starts with articles and then a seminal book, *German-Americana: A Bibliography* in 1975 and goes on from there. Year after year, Don has produced original works as well as many valuable edited reprints and translations. This has made a large body of literature accessible to today's scholars. He was frequently asked to write forewords to publications of others in the field. And he has written many pieces for various society newsletters and newspapers. His list of book reviews is equally impressive and of great service to researchers. When television programs or film producers needed an authority on German-Americana, they sought out Don Tolzmann. Don has also been the editor or on the editorial board of at least 16 publications.

While I am sure that Don will continue to be very active in promoting German-American studies, I am also sure that his family will be pleased to gain a little more of his time since he has stepped down from the presidency of our organization.

Dolores Hoyt, Second Vice President