

Nov. 7, 2023, 6 p.m.

Hybrid event

Philosophikum S 63 and via Zoom*

Info Session: Graduate Studies in the U.S.

Academic Year 2024/25

University of Rochester, New York

Union College, New York

Programs offered by the VDAC

* **Zoom Registration:**
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Jun.-Prof. Dr. Judith Rauscher
American Literature & Culture
Department of English I



Agenda

- Welcome, JProf. Dr. Judith Rauscher (U of Cologne)
 - Rochester Exchange Program, Verena Wurth (U of Cologne)
 - VDAC Graduate Programs, Mike Pilewski (VDAC)
 - Graduate and TA-ship Program, Prof. Dr. Michele Ricci Bell (Union College)
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A wide-angle photograph of the University of Rochester campus during autumn. The scene is framed by large trees with vibrant yellow and orange foliage on the left and right. In the center, a large, light-colored building with a prominent dome and classical columns stands on a green lawn. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text "Exchange Program: University of Rochester, NY" is overlaid in a white, serif font across the upper half of the image.

Exchange Program: University of Rochester, NY

COORDINATED BY JUN.-PROF. DR. JUDITH RAUSCHER & TEAM

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Rochester



University of Rochester, NY



- Private research university
 - 12,000 students
 - Exchange since 1957
 - Cooperation with the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures
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Studying in Rochester (August – May)

WHAT YOU GET

- M.A. in Comparative Literature
- Tuition waiver (~60.000\$)
- Stipend (2000 \$/month)
- Experience American university life and culture

WHAT YOU DO

- Transfer Credit term paper (10pp.) at the University of Cologne
 - 1. Semester:
 - MLC Research Seminar, 2 Comp. Lit. courses + course in teaching foreign languages
 - 2. Semester
 - 3 Comp. Lit. courses + M.A. exam
 - Teach a German course as Graduate Student Language Instructor
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Financial Considerations

- Flight
 - Visa (~ 500\$)
 - Health Insurance (including your German health insurance)
 - Security Deposits for room, possibly first two rents in advance (August and September)
 - Books and supplies
 - Stipends (travel & cost of living):
 - [PROMOS](#) (International Office, deadline: 30.04.2024),
 - [Fulbright](#) (deadline: 01.02.2024)
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Application (Cologne)

- Prerequisites:
 - native-like proficiency in German (teaching German as a foreign language)
 - enrolled in a master's program by July 2024
 - Interest in American Literature and Culture
and in one area of the Comparative Literature program
(indicate in letter of motivation)
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Application (Cologne)

- Documents to hand in:
 - Letter of Motivation (1-2 pages; area of study & courses offered)
 - Academic CV
 - Transcript of Records (copy, printed from Klips)
 - PDF file: "last name_name_Rochester2024_25" to **vwurth1@uni-koeln.de**
 - Deadline: Nov. 30, noon
 - Notifications 2nd Round (via email): by Dec. 8
 - Interviews (Zoom): Dec. 14
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Questions?

