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I hope this letter finds you well and managing as best you can the ups and downs of another turbulent year in world history.

STUDENT MOBILITY

As operations at the University of Waterloo slowly return to normal, activity at the Waterloo Centre for German Studies has been picking up as well. It was a happy day this past spring when we contacted **45 undergraduate students** from across Canada to let them know that they had each **received travel awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,000** to support their participation in study abroad programs. Canadian institutions such as the Université de Montréal and St. Mary's University offer excellent summer programs in Germany, and it's just fantastic seeing students being able to take part in them once again. The generosity of the **Stork Family and Marga Weigel** in sponsoring these scholarships is greatly appreciated.

WCGS BOOK PRIZE

Every year I am blown away by the quality of the nominations for our **prize recognizing first books by German studies scholars**, and this past year was no exception. The work being done in all areas of German studies is outstanding, and my only regret is that we have to limit ourselves to one winner when so many books are deserving of wider recognition. **Tiffany N. Florvil** from the University of New Mexico won for her 2020 publication *Mobilizing Black Germany. Afro-German Women and the Making of a Transnational Movement*, an illuminating story of how Black German women began organizing themselves at the grassroots level to fight discrimination in the 1980s and 1990s. We recorded an interview with Prof. Florvil as well as with the other shortlisted authors, and you can find those on our website.

FOR BOOKS PUBLISHED
IN 2020

27 nominations
6 shortlisted books



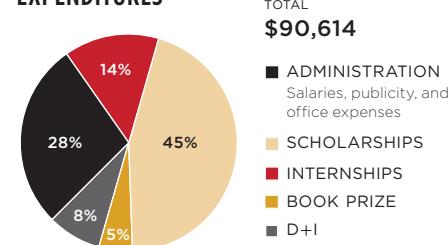
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GRANTS

We have continued our **Diversity and Inclusion Grants program**, and this year we've expanded it to include graduate student research projects. The goal of these grants is to facilitate the good work being done by colleagues across Canada to make students aware of the diversity of German-language society and culture. This is important work and we're so happy to be able to support it.

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The Centre continues to support numerous other projects. We're proud of how **Lori Straus**, a former employee here at WCGS, continues to organize a **Reading Group** with community members, and this past year they even met virtually with a reading group in Germany to discuss one of the novels. Our administrative assistant **Misty Matthews-Roper** does a wonderful job connecting and informing German studies scholars from around the world via our **social media** channels. Misty and I are in the midst of updating our website to the new University of Waterloo "look and feel," and we think it will become an even better space for communicating the vigour of German studies today.

EXPENDITURES



Thanks for your interest in and support of the Waterloo Centre for German Studies. Please visit our website – **wCGS.ca** – for information on all of our activities.


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