

University Alliance Ruhr Newsletter | December 2020



Dear UA Ruhr Alumni and Friends,

We hope that our newsletter finds you in good health!

At the end of a challenging year, we would like to reach out to you and thank you for your unwavering support. Some of you helped us develop new programs and organize events while others provided resources that enabled us to get new projects off the ground. So many of you participated in our virtual events as presenters and guests to discuss with us the impact of the current pandemic on our cities, new advances in artificial intelligence in medicine and healthcare, the future of work, the latest research in urban sound, and sustainable systems of transportation, to name just a few. Thank you all so very much!

With this newsletter, we would like to tell you a bit about what we have been up to in New York and at our three UA Ruhr universities - Ruhr University Bochum, TU Dortmund University, and the University of Duisburg-Essen. We will provide you with a sneak preview of some upcoming events. And we will feature members of the UA Ruhr community in our UA Ruhr Up Close column. We would like to introduce you to some of our researchers, students and folks like yourself - the members of our impressive group of dedicated Transatlantic Ruhr Ambassadors. If you would like to be included and share your Ruhr story, please contact us!

Happy Holidays to all of you and our very best wishes for 2021!

Yours,
Peter

Peter Rosenbaum
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Upcoming Events

New Year's Mixer

January 14, 2021 | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (EST) | Virtual Event



We would like to invite alumni and friends of UA Ruhr to our traditional New Year's event. Guests include David Gill, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in New York, and musician Eleanor Dubinsky. This event is by invitation only. If you are an alumna, an alumnus or a friend of UA Ruhr and would like to participate, please reach out to us via [e-mail](#). [More](#).

"Shaken, Not Stirred!" James Bond in the Spotlight of Physics

February 1, 2021 | 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (EST) | Virtual Event



Have you ever wondered about why James Bond prefers his vodka martini shaken rather than stirred? Find out from Metin Tolan, Professor of Physics at TU Dortmund University and author of "Shaken, Not Stirred! James Bond in the Spotlight of Physics." Fasten your seatbelts and join our event. [More](#).

European Career Fair 2021

February 25, 2021 | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (EST) | Virtual Event



Visit us at the European Career Fair (ECF) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and find out about career paths, funding opportunities, and job openings at UA Ruhr. Organized by members of MIT's European Club, this career fair is the largest of its kind in the U.S. with up to 100 attending companies. [More](#).

News

Andrea Musacchio Receives the 2020 Leibniz Prize



Professor Andrea Musacchio receives the 2020 Leibniz Prize of the German Research Foundation for his pioneering work in structural biology with a particular focus on chromosome segregation in cell division. Musacchio is Director of the Dept. of Cell Biology at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology in Dortmund, and an honorary professor at the University of Duisburg-Essen. [More](#).

Call for Applications: CAIS Fellowships



Are you studying the social, political, economic, media-related or cultural effects of digitalization? Apply to become a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS). The next deadline for applications is April 12, 2021. [More](#).

Jobs at UA Ruhr



On our UA Ruhr website, we keep you updated on job offers for Postdocs and senior researchers at our universities. Every Friday, we tweet the #JobsOfTheWeek with our most recent openings and calls for application. If you are interested in continuing your career at UA Ruhr or spend some time as a research fellow, check out the "Job Openings" on our website and follow us on Twitter @uniallianz. [More](#).

UA Ruhr Up Close

New Rector in Dortmund



Professor Manfred Bayer was elected to lead TU Dortmund University as its new Rector. He succeeded Rector Professor Ursula Gather on September 1, 2020. Manfred Bayer has been at TU Dortmund University since 2002 when he became Professor of Experimental Physics. Find out more [here](#).

Transatlantic Ruhr Fellows 2020

When the COVID-19 pandemic brought many international fellowship and study abroad programs to a grinding halt this past summer, UA Ruhr New York leveraged their partnership with Lehigh University, the German American Chamber of Commerce New York, the Hasso Plattner Institute New York and other organizations to develop an online version of the 2020 Transatlantic Ruhr Fellowship



Program. Read about our fellows and the program [here](#).

Meet Ruhr Fellowship Alumnus Jeb King



Jeb King was one of our Ruhr Fellows in 2018. After graduating from Harvard University, he moved to Pittsburgh where he started his career as a software engineer. Long Do Hoang, intern at UA Ruhr New York, talked to Jeb about his time in the Ruhr area, his internship at ista, and how he is doing during the current pandemic. Read the full interview [here](#).

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