



**Predeparture Orientation Workshop
Amerika Haus Munich
June 09, 2010**



Agenda

- 9:15 - 9.45** **Registration**
- 9.45 – 10.45** **Welcome and Introduction**
Ines Jaehnert, Bavarian American Center at Amerika Haus Munich
Getting There – Mentally
Ines Jaehnert prepares for transatlantic intercultural differences
- 10.45 – 11.00** **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 – 12.00** **Visa Information with Question & Answer Session**
USA: Chief Nonimmigrant Visa Section and Visa Assistant, U.S. Consulate General, Munich
Canada: Ines Jaehnert
- 12.00 – 12.15** **Coffee Break**
- 12:15 - 13.00** **Studying in North America: A Professor's Point of View**
Prof. Dr. Taylor Hagood, Florida Atlantic University, USA
- 13.00 – 14.00** **Lunch Break**
- 14.00 – 15.30** **Panel Discussion with Former and Present Exchange Students**

Issues:
1. Travelling to/within Canada and the U.S.: transportation, driver's license, and more
2. Housing: on/off campus, lease, utilities, telephone
3. Money and Banking: bank account, credit cards, cost of living, car, books
4. Health Care: insurance, vaccinations
5. Academics: undergraduate/graduate and postgraduate
6. Social: extracurricular activities, shopping, sports
7. Cross-Cultural Differences
8. Internships & Working in North America: during/after studies
Other: social security number, computer, gender, and more
- 15:30 – 16.00** **Farewell Adress**
Kathryn Crockart, Consul of Public Affairs, U.S. Consulate General, Munich
Alan Minz, Consul, Canadian Consulate, Munich
- 16:00** **Reception**