



## ASL RESEARCH BASH

Have you ever wondered what it is like to do research in American Studies? To give you some insights, ASL is reviving the Research Bash, an informal event in which two of the institute's scholars discuss both their present research interests and their scholarly biographies. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions related to doing research yourself.

The next Research Bash will take place on:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 5 PM - 7 PM**  
**AT GWZ 2 5.16**

The speakers will be:

**Dr. Sophie Spieler**

Sophie Spieler is assistant lecturer at the Institute for American Studies at Leipzig University. She received her PhD at the Graduate School of North American Studies (John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie Universität Berlin) in 2017 with a dissertation on competing epistemologies of elite education in the US. She is currently working on a second book project, tentatively titled "Fun in Postbellum American Literature and Culture."

**Steffen Wöll**

Steffen Wöll received his master's degree at Leipzig University in 2016 with a thesis titled "American Spaces: Renegotiations of Cultural Geographies and Counter-Drafts to Spatial Master Narratives of the American West in Jack London's Short Stories." He is currently employed as a research fellow at a Leipzig research center, pursuing a PhD that explores discursive spatialization processes concerning the American West in nineteenth-century US literature.