

Wittenberg Teacher Academy
November 13 – 15, 2025



Leucorea Foundation
Lutherstadt Wittenberg

STORYTELLING IN THE TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY USA

Thursday, 13 Nov. 2025

- 15:00 Arrival and Check in
- 16:30 **Welcome and Introduction**
The Organizers, Representatives of the Muhlenberg Center for American Studies, and Representatives from the Institute for English and American Studies at Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
- 17:00 Keynote
Teaching with Katniss: Critical and Ethical Literacy in *The Hunger Games Trilogy*
Maxi Albrecht (Universität Siegen)
- 18:30 Snack Buffet (Leucorea)
- 20:00 Workshop
Improv Night
Schoko mit Gurke, Freies Improvisationstheater, Halle

Friday, 14 Nov. 2025

- 8:00 Breakfast (Leucorea)
- 9:00 Workshop I
Reading Nature and Youth in Contemporary Picturebooks
Amanda Halter (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena)
- Workshop II
'We tell ourselves stories in order to live': Teaching the Vitality of Poetic Diction
Lucy Cheseldine (University of York)
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 Workshop I + II continued
- 12:30 Off Time
- 14:00 Lecture
Teaching Graphic Narrative
Birte Wege (JFKI/Freie Universität Berlin)
- 15:00 Lecture
Challenging Democracy in the Digital Age: Corporations, Civil Rights, and Intersubjectivity in Jennifer Haley's *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom*
Johanna Hartmann (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 Discussion Groups
Conversation Groups with Speakers
- 19:00 Roundtable with Speakers and Thanksgiving Dinner (Best Western Stadtpalais)

Saturday, 15 Nov. 2025

- 8:00 Breakfast (Leucorea)
- 9:00 Lecture
Indigenous Storytelling
Erik Redling (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 Discussion Groups
Exchange Forum for Teachers
Julia Nitz and Jiann-Chyng Tu (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)
- 12:30 **Feedback and Farewell**
- 14:00 Tour of Lutherstadt Wittenberg



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