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December 2024 Newsletter

President's Corner

Dear Members and Friends of AHEA,

I am happy to announce that given the holiday crunch, the deadline to submit an abstract for our upcoming conference has been extended to **January 10!** Click here for the [CFP](#) and the link to [submit your abstract](#). All presenters will be notified by January 31, 2025.

In more good news, I am thrilled to announce that thanks to our donors' generosity during our recent Giving Tuesday campaign, we created **three new Presentation Awards**, in addition to the two already sponsored by the Board. This marks a significant milestone in our efforts to recognize outstanding scholarly work within AHEA. In addition, Helena History Press continues to generously sponsor a **Scholarship Award** with meaningful impact. Details and applications for all the awards will be available on the [conference website](#) in January.

Last but not least, it's time to renew your membership for 2025, so please navigate to our website before January 1: <https://ahea.net/members/membership-information>

As the year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the members and the board of AHEA for their unwavering support, their countless hours of volunteer work, and their generous financial contributions!

I wish you all a joyful holiday season filled with love and peace! Áldott Ünnepeket!

Helga Lenart-Cheng
President, AHEA



AHEA 2025 Call for Papers

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 10

CALL FOR PAPERS

AHEA — American Hungarian Educators Association
49th Annual In-Person Conference
June 19-21, 2025
University of Pécs, Hungary

The American Hungarian Educators Association (AHEA) will hold its 49th Annual Conference in person at the University of Pécs in Pécs, Hungary. We welcome participation by academics, independent scholars, and graduate students interested in Hungarian culture, history, literature, linguistics, sociology, anthropology, political science, education, folklore, fine arts, music, and other related disciplines.

This year's conference theme is:

Transatlantic Insights: Scholarship in Hungarian and American Contexts

Presentations should report the results of original research. Proposals can address a broad range of topics dealing with Hungarian culture, including interactions between Hungarians and Americans, as well as life in the Hungarian diaspora. We also welcome presentations on methodology and those that provide directions for future research.

EXTENDED abstract submission deadline: JANUARY 10, 2025.

Presenters should expect to hear from the Program Committee by January 31, 2025. Applications for travel scholarships will open in January.

Abstracts (200-250 words) should be submitted through [THIS FORM](#).

[Submission guidelines:](#)

- The official languages of the conference are English and Hungarian. Abstracts and presentations in either language are welcome.
- Only one “Individual Presentation” per author will be considered. A presenter’s name can appear max. twice in the program.
- All authors must be AHEA members. Information on joining or renewing membership may be found on the [AHEA website](#).

We invite abstracts in the following categories:

- Individual presentations describe original research by the author. Altogether the total time allotment is 30 minutes (15-20 minutes for the presentation and 10-15 for questions and discussion)
- Panel discussions are for interactive discussion of a topic among a panel of experts. Typically, a panel of two or three speakers makes introductory remarks. The audience is then invited to make comments and question the panel.
- Roundtable discussions are intended for informal discussions of pressing current topics important to scholars in the field and to provide a venue to both share with and learn from each other. Each submission should have no less than three participants knowledgeable in the discipline.
- Book Presentations: Recently published books are invited for presentation either by the author or by an interested reader. These offer a short, max. 10-minute synopsis of a book published within the last year and of potential interest to members of AHEA.

MAGYAR VERZIÓ

Az Amerikai Magyar Tanáregyesület évente megrendezi tudományos konferenciáját, amelynek témája a magyar kultúra, történelem, irodalom, nyelvészet, szociológia, antropológia, politológia, pedagógia, néprajz, szépművészet, zene és más kapcsolódó tudományágak.

49. éves konferenciánk helyszíne a Pécsi Tudományegyetem, Pécs (Magyarország). A konferencia témája:

Transzatlanti perspektívák: a magyar és amerikai tudományosság kontextusai

Az előadások nyelve angol, de örömmel fogadunk magyar nyelvű előadásokat is. Szeretettel várunk konferenciánkra minden kollégát, érdeklődőt. Akik a fenti témához kapcsolódva a jelzett területek bármelyikéről előadást szeretnének tartani, kérjük, hogy absztraktjukat 2024. december 15-ig [ONLINE adják be](#).

Az absztraktok elfogadásáról a szervezők **2025. január 31-ig** jeleznek vissza.

Program Committee Chair: Prof. Helga Lenart-Cheng, President, AHEA

Local Organizing Committee Chair: Prof. Mónika Fodor, Head of Department of Literatures and Cultures in English, University of Pécs

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Member Spotlight

AHEA is a scholarly organization connecting a diverse set of educators, researchers, professionals, independent scholars and academics who come from many walks of life. Each month we highlight the academic and professional career of a different AHEA member.



This month's featured member is **Thomas Szigeti**,
New York University

Please tell us a little bit about your career arc, especially how you came to focus your research on Compromise-Era Hungary?

After completing my undergraduate studies at Ohio State University, I ended up in Budapest, where I spent a few years working as a journalist and translator. I never lost my interest in history, though, and I ultimately ended up at NYU for my PhD research. I'd always been interested in the Dualist Era as a somewhat overlooked period of massive cultural, political, and economic significance. My previous research had focused on the public memory of this era, and while I still find issues of remembrance and memory politics to be fascinating, my own thinking slowly moved toward more concrete, material questions. In particular, my current research came about while reading a number of Dualist era politicians' memoirs, letters, and speeches—I began to notice that these Hungarian elites, living thousands of miles from London, kept mentioning England, over and over, as a point of reference, as a model to follow, as a “brother in constitutionalism.” This led me down the rabbit hole that I find myself in today—hopefully it will lead to a dissertation sometime in the relatively near future.

How did you find out about AHEA, and what brought you to join?

Having grown up among Cleveland's Hungarian-American community, AHEA has been a place where my professional and personal lives have come crashing together in a remarkable way. I first heard about AHEA through a friend and colleague at NYU, Mátyás Mervay, who encouraged me to present at the 2019 conference in Pittsburgh. It was only when I got to Pittsburgh and ran into people at the conference who I've known since childhood, that I realized what an interesting mix AHEA really is.

What impact has your involvement with AHEA made on your career and/or your work?

Presenting at AHEA conferences has provided me with useful feedback on my research and has helped send it in new and unexpected directions. AHEA has also

brought me into contact with some truly exciting and interesting scholars from all over the world--people who've given me great advice, and have been great company over a glass of wine (or three).

Tell us, please, what you're working on right now.

I'll be in Budapest from January to September of next year as a Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellow. While there, I'll be primarily focused on archival research, while also writing a few more sections of my dissertation. Currently, I'm working on a chapter that examines the Francocentric thinking of the remaining hardline Kossuthists of the Dualist era, and the ways in which they were ultimately disillusioned by France's turn towards Russia at the end of the 19th century.

Help us Document AHEA History!

A call for memories, materials, anecdotes, stories, trivia

As part of our celebration of AHEA's 50th Anniversary, the Membership Development Committee, with the guidance of the Executive Board, is undertaking an **institutional history project**. We hope to preserve our organization's unique past by collecting contributions from its members.

We welcome anything that comes to your mind, but in particular:

- Photos / scans of AHEA **materials** (conference programs, meeting minutes, newsletters, etc.) and photos of AHEA gatherings
- Your **memories** of AHEA conferences and other events
- **Stories** that you want to be saved for future generations
- **Recollections** of colleagues who are no longer with us

Please send everything to **Andrew Behrendt** (behrendta@mst.edu) or aheanews@gmail.com. You are welcome to use whatever medium you like: text, audio, or video. We can also arrange for physical mail!

Along with your submission, please let us know whether you'd feel comfortable letting us quote you in items that might be shared with the public.

No contribution is too small or too large. Nothing is "unimportant" or "boring." Every moment you help us archive is snapshot of AHEA history -- and the history of Hungarian studies -- that you help save from being forgotten!

AHEA Early Career Network

The AHEA Board is pleased to announce the formation of the **AHEA Early Career Network**.

The goal of the group is to provide international networking opportunities, mentorship, and resources to students and early-career scholars in Hungarian studies as they navigate the

challenges of publication, grant writing, job searches, independent scholarship, as well as contingent faculty positions.

We welcome PhD students and scholars **within 10 years** of receiving their PhD. Please [fill out this form if interested](#).

The network was launched at the May 2024 AHEA Conference at Rutgers University.

Questions and suggestions regarding the new group are welcome and may be directed to Sarah Lucas at sarah.lucas@tamuk.edu

Have a New or Upcoming Publication?

We would love to help share news of the impressive and diverse work that AHEA members are doing! If you have a recent book, article, or other scholarly/artistic work you would like your fellow members to know about, send a brief description/promotional blurb and a link to further information to aheanews@gmail.com. Requests will appear in the order in which they were received and may be edited for space.

Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Program

*This third-party announcement is included for the benefit of our readers.
AHEA is not directly affiliated with the program described below.*



The new application round of the Hungarian Diaspora Scholarship Programme is now open!

- Application deadline: **31 January 2025** (14:00 CET)
- Call for Applications: <https://diasporascholarship.hu/en/apply/call-for-application/>
- Website of the Programme: <https://diasporascholarship.hu/>
- Online application system: <https://apply.diasporascholarship.hu/>

Thank you for spreading the word about the new Call for Applications in your local diaspora community so that potential applicants and their families get to know about this opportunity.

- Promotional materials you can use for this (currently being updated, versions with the new dates will be uploaded in the coming days): <https://diasporascholarship.hu/hu/media/>

The new Call for Applications is for higher education studies in Hungary starting in the Academic Year 2025/26:

- undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programmes leading to a degree (years of training)
- 5-10 months exchange (partial study) programmes,
- other types of programmes, such as one-year Hungarian language preparatory courses.

Summer university courses (summer of 2025) are expected to be available for application again. Further information on this can be expected during the winter. We are happy to let you know that **the eligibility criteria are more flexible now**, compared with the previous application rounds, including:

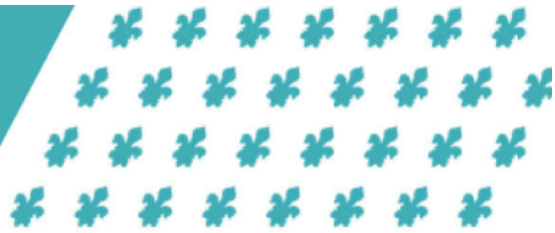
- 5 years spent abroad before applying is sufficient (instead of the previous 10 years),
- finishing secondary school abroad is sufficient (instead of the 4 years of study abroad previously required), and
- those who only turn 18 years old after August 2025 can apply, in line with the details specified in the Call.

Save the Date! As in previous years, online information events about the new Call will be organised this year as well. Dates planned:

- for applicants and their families: 10 December 2024 and 14 January 2025.
- for diaspora organisations and other partners: 21 November 2024.

We would like to thank you in advance for all your support throughout the new application round!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at diasporascholarship@tpf.hu.



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MORE INFORMATION

 <https://international.pte.hu/diaspora>

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 Deadline: January 31, 2025



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