

**Berlin Program Alumni Roundtable
at the 32nd Annual GSA Conference
October 2 - 5, 2008 in St. Paul, Minnesota**

**Making the GDR: Constructing a Socialist Society in the East After 1945
Saturday, October 4, 2008, 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM Governors Hall 1**

This panel examines the challenges of rebuilding German society after twelve years of Nazism and six years of war. Participants will discuss their current research on the reconstruction of social and cultural institutions in postwar East Germany. Specific themes that will be addressed include music, labor, food, and historical memory. This session will explore connections between postwar society and the new political order in the GDR; the continuities that extended across the caesura of 1945; internal debates that transpired among the Germans; and the role of the occupiers in the rebuilding process.

Moderator: Brian Puaca, Christopher Newport University, Berlin Program Fellow 2002-2003

Musical Remigration: Schoenberg's 'Survivor from Warsaw' in Postwar Europe

Joy Calico, Vanderbilt University, Berlin Program Fellow 1997-1998

Memory Restoration and the Socialists' Cemetery in Berlin-Friedrichsfelde

Jon Olsen, George Mason University, Berlin Program Fellow 1999-2000

Music for the Masses: The Musical Landscape of East Germany in the First Postwar Decade

David Tompkins, University of Tennessee, Berlin Program Fellow 2000-2001

**'Wiederaufbaufütterung' and the German Past: The Meanings of Feeding Workers
for Reconstruction, 1945-1949**

Alice Weinreb, University of Michigan, Berlin Program Fellow 2006-2007