“Rafting Web 2.0 with Huck Finn. Transatlantic Dialogues on the Mississippi Valley as a Transregional Space”

A collaborative international course, summer semester 2010

Live(s) on the Mississippi:
Field trip to the U.S: July 24 - August 14, 2010

The course:

- The Mississippi Valley: A contact zone of different (his)stories, cultures and cultural practices
- The cultures of the Mississippi Valley and ‘America’
- Culture as process: ‘Encounters’ and ‘locations’
- Globalization, cultural history, cultural studies, cultural theory
- Culture and spatiality: Space, place, region
- Literature, music, film, cultural history, and more

Special features:

- Shared e-learning platforms and exchanges
- Shared lectures and team-teaching
- Collaborative student projects with Saarland students (course) and Saarland and Bradley students (trip)
- Classes and workshops at Bradley University (trip)
- Shared investigations and discussions—intercultural collaboration and learning as conversation and dialogue

The trip:

- 5 faculty from 3 universities
- Approx. 25 students from 3 universities
- Itinerary (highlights):

  Chicago, IL
  Peoria, IL
  Dubuque, IL
  Nauvoo, IL
  Hannibal, MO
  Ste. Genevieve, MO
  Cairo IL,
  Memphs, TN
  Clarksdale, MS
  Natchez, MS
  New Orleans, LA
  Vicksburg, MS
  Memphis, TN
  St. Louis, MO
  Peoria, IL

  Classes on Bradley campus
  National Mississippi River Museum
  The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
  Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum
  Great River Road Interpretive Center
  Confluence Ohio & Mississippi
  National Civil Rights Museum, Graceland
  Delta Blues Museum
  Natchez Trace Parkway, Frogmore Plantation, Grand Village of Natchez Indians
  French Quarter, Hurricane Rebirth Tour, Austrian Center (Univ. of New Orleans)
  Civil War memorial site
  Sun Studio
  Gateway Arch, Jefferson National Museum of Westward Expansion, Cahokia Mounds State Park
  Workshops on Bradley campus

- Distance traveled: Approx. 2800 miles
- Cost: Approx. 1000 Euros (excl. airfare to and from Chicago)