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North American Dissertations
1886-2008:
One Hundred Twelve Years of Goethe Research in North America
The 2009 compilation of North American Goethe Dissertations brings together all of the citations from the original 1982 bibliography (*Goethe Yearbook* 1 [1982]: pp. 177-196) and the subsequent supplements in Vol. 5 (1990), pp. 293-303 and Vol. 10 (2001) 263-275 into a single list that now incorporates dissertations concerning Goethe from 1886 to 2008. The compilation updates, reformats, re-numbers, and corrects previous errors and interpolates new and missing citations in order to present the most complete bibliography possible.

As in previous supplements, we have documented the volume and page numbers primarily through *Dissertation Abstracts International* (DAI). Over the last ten years many citations from older sources have been incorporated into this one resource. Still, not all citations are available through DAI or the on-line licensed site at University Microfilms International ([www.lib.umi.com/dissertations](http://www.lib.umi.com/dissertations)) but may be found through other available resources.

Our study has revealed a continuing trend among doctoral dissertations on Goethe: many do not focus on Goethe exclusively but rather include him as an important secondary support. As a result, we have included dissertations that at first glance do not appear to bear on Goethe at all; yet the abstracts clearly show that they deal with the author. For our purposes, if Goethe serves as a formative influence on the dissertation subject matter, or if his thought and works are related and discussed substantively, we have listed the dissertation. Some dissertations, for example, devote a chapter to him, his thinking, or his works. DAI also includes a small number of foreign titles that bear on Goethe. Although we previously have regarded foreign dissertations as outside the traditional scope of materials from academies in North America, we believe that the substance of such foreign dissertations is more important than mere geographical distinction and warrants inclusion in this bibliography in order to more fully demonstrate the breadth and depth of Goethe’s influence in modern scholarship.
The original Goethe bibliography was based on the Comprehensive Dissertation Index 1861-1972, vol. 29: Language and Literature, A-L (Ann Arbor, Michigan: Xerox University Microfilms, 1973); the Internationales Verzeichnis der Goethe Dissertationen, ed. Ehrhard Bahr and Walter K. Stewart (Ann Arbor, Michigan: University Microfilms International, 1978); and on Dissertation Abstracts and Dissertation Abstracts International along with other sources. The sources used for this compilation are indicated by their respective symbols below. As always, we realize that addenda and corrigenda may be required for completeness and therefore welcome the assistance of our readers.

Lastly, Professor Ehrhard Bahr, who first conceived of this bibliography, stepped down from active participation with the compendium in 2000 but has continued to support the effort as an Emeritus and wise counselor. I am sure all GSNA members share my deep gratitude for the work he has done these many years on the bibliography and for the contributions that he continues to make to The Goethe Society of North America.

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