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## **Independent Study Proposal for Semester II, 1991-1992**

**A. Purpose:** The purpose of this independent study is to examine the image of Germany in American society during the time period from 1871-1917. I will try to chart the image of Germany and Germans in this country through examining coverage of events relating to Germany during the this time period in the *Providence Journal* and in Providence's two German newspapers of the time. The *Providence Journal* is especially significant in this study, as its editor was a leading force in the campaign for the U.S. to enter the war against Germany. This independent study project fits in closely with my course of study at Brown. I am a German Studies concentrator with a strong interest in media and cultural studies. This project would draw on and contribute to my experience in both fields of study, as well as providing a topic for my *Senior Colloquium* in German Studies.

**B: Syllabus:** To create a specific syllabus for this project would be rather difficult, as the vast majority of work will involve reading through issues of the *Providence Journal* on microfilm and doing the same with the German newspapers in the library of the Rhode Island Historical Society. I will examine all articles relating to Germany from 1871-1917 in these publications, and I will do some secondary reading to provide a historical frame for my research.

### **C: Bibliography:**

#### PRIMARY SOURCES

*Providence Journal*

*Providence Anzeiger*

2. Deutsche Zeitung

#### SECONDARY SOURCES

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**D: Final Evaluation:** Evaluation of my work in this course will be based upon a final thesis of approximately 30 pages, which will set forth the results of my research and place them in their historical context, examining any changes in the American perception of Germans and Germany which may have occurred during this period.

My faculty advisor and I will meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss and analyze my research.