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Professor Bodo Nischan
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Dear Professor Nischan:

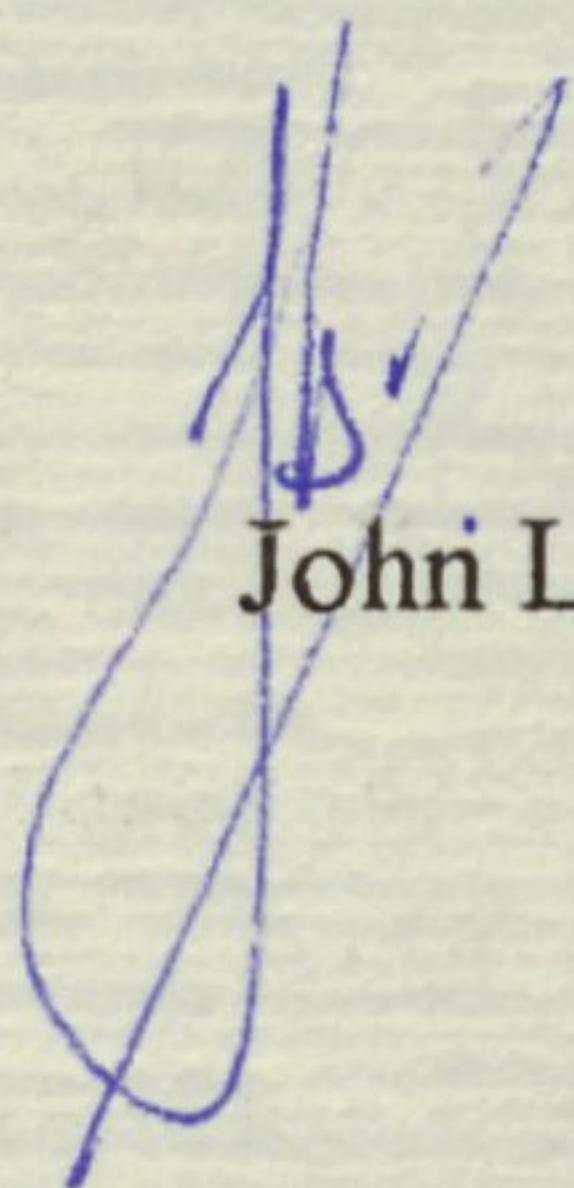
We certainly enjoyed hosting the first FNI Conference at Duke! Thanks to Max Reinhart for conceiving the topic and working so hard to make it a reality. It was particularly pleasing for me to see the excitement and interest generated among you by this topic and in the process for me to get to meet and enjoy so many of you who were here for the event. The Duke resources, anchored by the Jantz Collection, make Duke a natural place for holding such an assembly and maybe even a permanent home for the **Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär**.

Knowing that you would like to continue contacts with many friends that you made while at the conference, I am enclosing a copy of the address list of the participants. I hope you will stay in touch so that within the next several years we can plan another such gathering. Believe me, you have my support to help bring it about.

Finally, a favor. If you enjoyed the conference and would like to see us host it again, please let me know so that I can lay the foundation by gathering administration support in the wake of our first efforts.

If I may be of assistance with resources here at Duke, please let me know. With every good wish,

Sincerely,



John L. Sharpe III