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Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master of Arts in German

Champaign, IL
-GPA 4.0

*August 2021—
May 2023
(expected)*

Franklin & Marshall College, Bachelor of Arts —Majors: German Literature & Culture, English-Creative Writing, Minor: Italian Lancaster, PA

-GPA 3.97, Honors List, *summa cum laude*

-Honors Thesis, German Department (April 2021): “Witch Without End: Examining Depictions of Witches in the Contemporary German Novel”

-Honors Thesis, English Department—Creative Writing (May 2021): “Human Resources”

*August 2017—
May 2021*

Teaching Experience and Professional Development

Goethe-Institut Chicago Anti-Racism in the Classroom Workshop

-Took part in Dr. Natasha A. Kelly’s (University of Rhode Island) workshop on combatting structural racism in spaces of learning and society at large, with focus on her new book, *Rassismus: Strukturelle Probleme brauchen strukturelle Lösungen*

December 2021

F&M Teaching Assistant

-Taught lessons for a first-year writing seminar on urban studies, a third semester German course, and a fourth semester German course. I led classroom warm-ups both virtually and face-to-face, gave academic presentations to students, conducted writing workshops, and held weekly, well-attended office hours

*January—May
2019,
August—
December 2020*

F&M Experiential Elementary Science Teaching Program

-Taught one science lesson a week to first graders at George Ross Elementary School, developed age-appropriate lesson plans about conductivity and the scientific method

*January—March
2020*

Awards & Honors

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Departmental Fellowship

-Awarded \$25,000 academic fellowship in the Germanic Languages and Literatures department for the 2021-2022 academic year for outstanding academic merit

August 2021

U.S. Teaching Assistantship in Austria (declined)

-Awarded a competitive assistantship to teach English at an Austrian secondary school for the 2021-2022 academic year

April 2021

Betty Jones Scholarship

-Awarded \$9,625 scholarship for German study at the graduate level at Middlebury College's six-week German Language Summer School

Spring 2021

Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society—Member, Theta Chapter

-Inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor society for outstanding academic merit in the liberal arts and sciences

April 2021

Delta Phi Alpha Scholarship for Graduate Study

-Awarded \$1000 scholarship by the Board of Directors of Delta Phi Alpha, the National German Honorary Society to support graduate study in German

April 2021

M. Joseph Buehrle Prize

-Awarded Franklin & Marshall College's M. Joseph Buehrle Prize, given to an outstanding graduating senior for excellence in the study of German

March 2021

German National Honors Society—Member, Tau Gamma Chapter

-Inducted into the GNHS for excellence in the German major

*March 2020—
present*

Brooks College House Marshall Fellow

-Awarded \$4,000 grant to study the works of German-speaking Jewish poet Mascha Kaléko in Marbach and Berlin, Germany

*Fall 2018
(completion
postponed due to
COVID-19)*

Phyllis C. Whitesell Prize Winner

-Won the F&M Writing Center Whitesell Prize for my essay "Iphigenia is Not a Hero; She's a Heroine: The Other Half of the Hero's Journey"

Spring 2018

[Study Abroad & Language Immersion](#)

Middlebury Language School: German Program—Middlebury, VT

-Attended Middlebury College's six-week German Language Summer School for study of the German Language at the graduate level, earning three courses' worth of credit. Courses included Diversifying the German Curriculum (Prof. Christina Frei, University of Pennsylvania), The Weimar Republic (Prof. Bettina Matthias, Middlebury College), and German Academic Writing (Prof. Marita Meyer, Freie Universität Berlin)
-GPA 3.89

Summer 2021

I.E.S. Abroad Berlin — Berlin, Germany

-Studied German for one semester in Berlin, lived with a host family, excelled in immersive German language courses, joined I.E.S. student council, planned Thanksgiving for all exchange students

*August—
December 2019*

F&M in Italy — Florence, Italy

-Awarded a full scholarship to study Italian in an immersion setting for six weeks in Vicchio, Florence, and Rome, Italy with Professors Scott and Giovanna Lerner (F&M) and Professor Valeria Castelli (NYU)

May—June 2019

Employment History

The Phillips Museum of Art—Museum Aide, Gallery Attendant

-Translated authentic German texts from the 1500s and Pennsylvania Dutch baptism certificates for museum records, catalogued and researched high-market value photographs, prepared labels and installed works for exhibitions, such as the Käthe Kollwitz: *Bauernkrieg/Peasant War* exhibition (2018)

August 2017—
May 2021

Simone Garzella International Book Scouting—Scouting Intern

-Summarized, evaluated, and assembled reports on three books a week to determine their fitness for international markets and publication

May—August
2018

Leadership & Community

University of Illinois Filmabend Committee—Member

-Organize and coordinate movie nights for students in the German department, including films with focuses on human rights and social justice (*Willkommen bei den Hartmanns*, *Er ist wieder da*, etc)

October 2021—
present

Houstonfest and Texas State German Contest—Judge

-Judged sight-reading and prose recitation of 45 high school German students at both Houstonfest and the Texas State German Contest

February 2022

F.L.E.X. Abroad & Y.E.S. Abroad—Applicant Evaluator

-Evaluated and scored applications for the U.S. State Department's study abroad programs for high school students, determining their fitness for a year's study in Muslim-majority countries and Eastern Europe

Winter 2022

University of Illinois European Union Center—Member

-Promote and attend meet and greets at Urbana's Bakelab as well as cultural events around campus

September
2021—present

Brooks College House Congress—President

-Spearheaded the first-year mentorship program, created the position of Diversity and Inclusion Chair, oversaw and allocated a programming budget of \$4,000, penned open letters to administration, headed weekly meetings, devised and prioritized agendas

August 2020—
May 2021

F&M German Club—President

-Coordinated virtual and in-person events for student engagement such as Oktoberfest and weekly German-language screenings of *Der Tatortreiniger*, invited as a panelist to a study abroad presentation at the German department's weekly *Kaffeestunde*, assisted lower-level German students in their studies of the language

January 2020—
May 2021

Emerging Writers Festival Committee—Faculty Appointed Member

-One of ten creative writing majors appointed by English department faculty to run the annual E.W.F., publicized the event to the student body, shadowed fiction author Martin Riker virtually and introduced him before his craft talks and readings

*November
2020—March
2021*

Tenure Track Search Committee—Member, German & English Departments

-Interviewed potential tenure-track hires through department-sponsored lunch outings, participated in mock-classroom settings for interviewees, submitted evaluations on potential hires for departmental review

Spring 2019

Skills & Abilities

- German language: fluent
- Italian language: conversational
- Leadership under pressure
- Written communication
- Public speaking

Hobbies & Interests

- Partaking in U of I *Kaffeestunde*
- Crochet, knitting, and yarn arts
- Attending German studies talks and panels
- Dog training

References

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