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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*

## Awards & Honors

### **Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Academic Year Appointment**

-Selected by U of I’s European Union Center to receive the Department of Education’s FLAS Fellowship for year-long study in the Turkish language, including a full tuition waiver and \$20,000 stipend

*August 2022*

### **Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Summer Appointment**

-Selected by U of I’s European Union Center to receive the Department of Education’s FLAS Fellowship to support summer study in the Turkish language, including a full summer tuition waiver and \$2,500 stipend

*June 2022*

### **Ernst Alfred Philippson Graduate Research Travel Award**

-Awarded U of I’s Philippson Award for overall excellent academic achievement for a student in German and to support travel for research purposes

*April 2022*

### **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 science

*April 2021*

### **Delta Phi Alpha Scholarship for Graduate Study**

*April 2021*

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

### **M. Joseph Buehrle Prize**

*March 2021*

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

### **German National Honors Society—Member, Tau Gamma Chapter**

*March 2020—*

-Inducted into the GNHS for excellence in the German major

*present*

### **Brooks College House Marshall Fellow**

*Fall 2018*

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

*(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*

## [Research, Presentation, & Conference Experience](#)

### **University of Illinois Language Teaching Share Fair—Presenter**

*October 2022*

-Selected to give a 10-minute presentation ("Effective Warm-Ups: Building Rapport, Instilling Confidence, and Piquing Interest") on the role of the warm-up in a language classroom at the annual Share Fair, an event organized by language teachers for language teachers to share their practical tips and ideas

### **Illinois Language and Linguistics Society Graduate Student Conference—Plenary Liaison, Member of Planning Committee**

*September*

-Serve as primary contact for plenary speaker Dr. Lydia White (McGill University) in organizing international travel, dispersing honorarium, and day-of logistics for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual ILLS Conference

*2022—March  
2023*

-Send out calls for papers, review abstracts, update website to reflect current agenda

### **Education Justice Project, Campus Scan—Interviewer**

-Interview and survey formerly incarcerated people on their interactions with U of I to better understand obstacles and challenges formerly incarcerated people may have in navigating campus, and where on campus they are likely to encounter resources, support, and points of encouragement

*August 2022—  
present*

## [Study Abroad & Language Immersion](#)

### **Summer Institute for the Languages of the Muslim World, Turkish Program—Champaign, IL**

*Summer 2022*

-Attended U of I's Less Commonly Taught Languages Program, Summer Institute for the Languages of the Muslim World (SILMW), for eight weeks to study Turkish at the beginner level, as supported by the summer FLAS Fellowship from the Department of Education, participated in

Turkish cooking courses and film screenings, presented in Turkish on the multiculturalism of Istanbul at the annual SILMW showcase

**Middlebury Language School, German Program**—Middlebury, VT

*Summer 2021*

-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

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

*August—  
December 2019*

-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

**F&M in Italy**—Florence, Italy

*May—June 2019*

-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)

[Teaching Experience & Professional Development](#)

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Teaching Assistantship, German Department**

*August 2022—  
May 2023*

-Develop lesson plans based on the textbook *Vorsprung*, design student-centered activities, facilitate classroom learning through inquiry, hold office hours, and ignite a passion for the German language as the instructor for German 101 (Fall 2022, Section B) and German 102 (Spring 2023, Section D)

**Education Justice Project, Language Partners Program**—Resource Partner

*April 2022—  
present*

-Serve as pedagogical support in an ESL class for incarcerated peer instructors and their incarcerated students at Danville County Correctional Facility every other Thursday, attend planning meetings, gather educational resources

**Goethe-Institut Chicago Anti-Racism in the Classroom Workshop**

*December 2021*

-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*

**F&M Teaching Assistant**

*January—May  
2019,  
August—  
December 2020*

-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

**F&M Experiential Elementary Science Teaching Program**

*January—March  
2020*

-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

## 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 for countries of the European Union

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

*Spring 2019*

-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

Skills

- German language: fluent
- Italian language: conversational
- Turkish language: advanced beginner

Hobbies & Interests

- Partaking in U of I *Kaffeestunde*
- Crochet, knitting, and yarn arts
- Attending German Studies talks and panels
- Amateur dog training