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EDUCATION

- 2015–Present** **Ph.D. in German Studies**
University of Washington, Department of German Studies
Dissertation: *Crisis and Catastrophe: An Analysis of Nineteenth-Century German Disaster Narratives* (Estimated completion June 2023)
Dissertation Chair: Jason Groves (PhD, Yale University)
- 2013–2015** **M.A. in German Studies**
Florida State University, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics
Thesis: *An Analysis of Light Metaphors in Goethe's Faust*
- 2009–2013** **B.A., Double Major in German Studies and Classical Civilizations**
Florida State University, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017–Present** **Graduate Student Language Instructor**
University of Washington, Department of German Studies
- Summer 2021 *Instructor:* “Intensive First-Year German” (Online/Distance Instruction)
Spring 2021 *Instructor:* “First-Year German” (Online/Distance Instruction)
Fall 2020 *Instructor:* “Basic German Review” (Online/Distance Instruction)
Summer 2020 *Instructor:* “Intensive First-Year German” (Online/Distance Instruction)
Spring 2020 *Instructor:* “Second-Year German” (Online/Distance Instruction)
Winter 2020 *Instructor:* “Second-Year German”
Fall 2019 *Instructor:* “First-Year German”
Summer 2019 *Instructor:* “Intensive First-Year German”
Spring 2019 *Instructor:* “Second-Year German”
Winter 2019 *Instructor:* “Second-Year German”
Fall 2018 *Instructor:* “Second-Year German”
Summer 2018 *Instructor:* “Intensive First-Year German”
Spring 2018 *Instructor:* “First-Year German”
Winter 2018 *Instructor:* “First-Year German”
Fall 2017 *Instructor:* “First-Year German”

2019–2020**German Language Instructor**

Language Strides, Seattle

Summer 2020

Instructor: “Intensive German for Beginners” (Beginner, A.1.1–1.2)

Spring 2020

Instructor: “Deutsch 6” (Beginner, A 2.1)

Winter 2020

Instructor: “Deutsch 5” (Beginner, A 1.2)

Fall 2019

Instructor: “Deutsch 4” (Beginner, A 1.2)**2016-2017****English Language Instructor**

Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Sprachenzentrum

Summer 2017

Instructor: “Academic Writing”*Instructor:* “Debating in English”*Instructor:* “Language Skills for the Humanities and Social Sciences”

Winter 2016/17

Instructor: “Academic Writing”*Instructor:* “Debating in English”*Instructor:* “English Conversation for the Humanities and Social Sciences”**2013–2015****Graduate Language Instructor**

Florida State University, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics

Summer 2015

Instructor: “Elementary German I”

Fall 2014

Instructor: “Intermediate German”

Summer 2014

Instructor: “Elementary German I”

Spring 2014

Instructor: “Elementary German I & II”

Fall 2013

Instructor: “Elementary German I”**2012–2014****Intern and Substitute Instructor**

German School of Tallahassee, Tallahassee, Fl

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Eighteenth-Century Philosophy and Literature, Nineteenth-Century Philosophy and Literature, Büchner Studies, Catastrophe Studies, Comparative Literature, Critical Theory, Environmental Humanities and Ecocriticism, Goethe Studies, Intellectual History, Kleist Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2021–2022

Graduate Student Representative

Arts and Sciences Advisory Council for Students

2020–2021

Lead Teaching Assistant for the Language Program

Department of German Studies, University of Washington

- 2020–2021** Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Department of German Studies, University of Washington
- 2019–2021** Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, Department of German Studies, University of Washington
- 2019–2021** Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of German Studies, University of Washington
- 2019–2020** Graduate Student Representative to the Diversity Committee, Department of German Studies, University of Washington
- 2017–2020** *Co-Organizer*: Kaffeestunde – weekly meeting of German language students for general discussion in target language
- 2018–2019** *Co-Organizer*: Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Studies Graduate Research Cluster – a monthly meeting of graduate students whose research intersects in the period from 1700–1899
- 2018–2019** Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Department of German Studies, University of Washington
- 2015–2016** *Co-Organizer*: Germanics Film Series – bi-weekly screenings of German language films centered on varying themes

PUBLICATIONS

- Articles** “Kleist, Rousseau, and *Das Erdbeben in Chili*: Catastrophe as the Road to Reconciliation.” In: *Lessing Yearbook/Jahrbuch* 2021 (forthcoming Fall 2021)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- April 9–11, 2021** *Lead Organizer*: “Conceiving the (Un)quiet Mind: Representations of Mental Health in Literature, Media, and Art.” Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- November 8, 2020** Goethe Society of North America Dissertation Workshop

- January 10, 2020** *Presenter: “Irony and Colonial Subversion in Goethe’s Faust.”*
MLA Annual Conference, Seattle, WA
- October 3–6, 2019** *Presenter: “‘Zuckungen’ and ‘Gefühlsader’: The Desire and Impossibility of Literary Realism in Georg Büchner’s Lenz.”* GSA Annual Conference, Portland, OR
- April 5–6, 2019** *Co-Organizer: “Residues and Remnants: (re)Presenting Cultural Memory, Contamination, and Destruction.”* Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- December 7–9, 2018** *Participant: “DaF in den USA: Grundzüge und Perspektiven.”* DAAD-Fortbildungskurs, University of California, Berkeley, CA

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

- 2020–2021** Antoinette Wills Endowed Scholarship
Organized by the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington
- 2020** Gloria Flaherty Scholarship
Organized by the Goethe Society of North America
- 2019–2020** Joff Hanauer Fellowship for Excellence in Western Civilizations
Organized by the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington
- 2015–2016** Max Kade Foundation Fellowship
Organized by the Department of German Studies at the University of Washington
- 2015** Sauerlander Scholarship Award
Organized by the Department of German Studies at the University of Washington
- 2015** Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics Graduate Student Excellence Award
Organized by the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at Florida State University
- 2013** Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics Community Service Award
Organized by the Department of Modern Language and Linguistics at Florida State University

MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Teachers of German
English Goethe Society
German Studies Association
Goethe Society of North America
Modern Languages Association

LANGUAGES

English
German
Latin

REFERENCES

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