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EDUCATION

- 2023 – 2025 **M.A. World Language: German**
Department of World Languages & Literatures (WLL); College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS); Portland State University (PSU), Portland, Oregon
- 2021 – 2025 **Deutsche Sommerschule am Pazifik**
Five-week language immersion program. (DSaP); Portland, Oregon
- 2019 – 2023 **B.A. Social Science; World Language: German (summa cum laude)**
WLL; CLAS; PSU
- 2015 – 2017 **A.A. Direct Transfer Agreement**
Clark College (CC), Vancouver, Washington

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2025 – 2026 **Foreign Language Assistant:** Höhere Bundeslehranstalt für künstlerische Gestaltung; Linz, Upper Austria, Austria
- 2025 – 2026 **Foreign Language Assistant:** Handelsakademie und Handelsschule Eferding; Eferding, Upper Austria, Austria
- 2025 – 2025 **Administrative Assistant:** DSaP; PSU, Portland, Oregon
- 2023 – 2025 **Graduate Assistant:** WLL; CLAS; PSU, Portland, Oregon
- 2022 – 2025 **Teaching Assistant:** SPARK for German Fellowship, Goethe-Institut; Portland Kinderschule, Portland, Oregon
- 2018 – 2025 **Junior Surveyor:** Seaport Marine Surveys, Inc., Vancouver, Washington
- 2017 – 2018 **Security:** Shanahan's Pub & Grill, Vancouver, Washington
- 2016 – 2017 **Security:** Charlie's Sports Bar & Grill, Vancouver, Washington
- 2012 – 2016 **Equipment Operator:** Tidal Transport & Trading USA Ltd., Portland, Oregon
- 2010 – 2012 **Cargo Analyst:** SGS Mineral Services, Portland, Oregon
- 2007 – 2010 **Facilities Assistant:** West Coast Marine Cleaning Inc., Vancouver, Washington

FEATURED PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 "A German Student's Journey From First Year to Fulbright," Polyglot Newsletter, Summer 2025, WLL; CLAS; PSU
- 2024 *Das Abenteuer des Vögleins* co-written with Camela Hicks, Kevin Huang, Nicholas Mullaney, Christopher Suffern, and Maggie Zavgreb, By Learners For Learners; DSaP; PSU
- 2024 "Spotlight on Faculty and Graduate Students," Polyglot Newsletter, Summer 2024, WLL; CLAS; PSU

SPEAKING INVITATIONS

- 2025 „Magischer Realismus in *Sam–Ein Sachse* und die Suche nach Zugehörigkeit,“ DSaP; PSU
- 2025 Department of World Languages and Literatures Graduation Ceremony, WLL; CLAS; PSU
- 2025 “The Celtic Influence on ‚Der Froschkönig‘ and Its Evolution as a World Tale,“ WLL; CLAS; PSU
- 2024 „Das staatliche Bauhaus,“ WLL; CLAS; PSU
- 2023 “Petra Kelly: The Mother of Modern Eco-politics,“ WLL; CLAS; PSU

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2023 “SPARKing Interest in German out of the Classroom: Outreach for Students and Teachers from Elementary through Graduate School,“ COFLT; University of Oregon; Eugene, Oregon

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- 2024 – 2025 **Vice President & Founder:** Portland State University German Club (PSUGC); PSU
- 2022 – 2024 **President & Founder:** PSUGC; PSU

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Film screenings co-organized

- 2025 *Persischstunden* (2020) dir. by Vadim Perelman; Fifth Avenue Cinema (FAC); PSUGC; PSU
- 2025 *Stroszek* (1977) dir. by Werner Herzog; FAC, PSUGC; PSU
- 2024 *Nosferatu: Phantom der Nacht* (1979) dir. by Werner Herzog; FAC, PSUGC; PSU
- 2024 *Die bitteren Tränen der Petra von Kant* (1972) dir. by Rainer Fassbinder; FAC; PSUGC; PSU
- 2024 *Aus dem Nichts* (2017) dir. by Fatih Akin; FAC; PSUGC; PSU
- 2023 *Nosferatu – Eine Symphonie des Grauens* (1922) dir. by F. W. Murnau; FAC; PSUGC; PSU
- 2023 *Lola Rennt* (1998) dir. by Tom Tykwer; FAC; PSUGC; PSU
- 2023 “An Evening of Short Films” by Various Directors; FAC; PSUGC; PSU
- 2022 *Kondom des Grauens* (1996) dir. by Martin Walz; FAC; PSUGC; PSU

Lectures co-organized

- 2025 Verena Hutter (University of Portland [UP]), “Resistance In/Against Nazi Germany: Possibilities of Agency in a Totalitarian System,“ PSUGC; PSU
- 2024 Steven Fuller (PSU), “The Collapse of the German Coalition,“ PSUGC; PSU
- 2024 Verena Hutter (UP), “Implicated Subjects: German Colonialism in the Pacific,“ PSUGC; PSU

- 2023 Carrie Collenberg-González (PSU), “Tales of the Dead and the German Gothic,” PSUGC; PSU
- 2023 Verena Hutter (UP), “Criminality and Tattooed Performers in Imperial Germany,” PSUGC; PSU
- 2022 Carrie Collenberg-González (PSU), “He Loves Me – He Loves Me Not,” PSUGC; PSU
- 2022 Matt Straus (UP), “Spring Awakening,” PSUGC; PSU

Book Readings co-organized

- 2022 *Irmina* by Barbara Yelnin, PSUGC; PSU

CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

Performance Experience

- 2025 »Papageno« in *Die Zauberflöte, K. 620*, opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and libretto by Emanuel Schikaneder, DSaP; PSU
- 2024 »Die Prinzessin« and »Wiesener« in *Der gestiefelte Kater*, play by Ludwig Tieck, DSaP; PSU

Set Design Experience

- 2024 *Der gestiefelte Kater*, play by Ludwig Tieck, DSaP; PSU
- 2017 *Night of the Iguana*, play by Tennessee Williams, CC
- 2016 *The Iceman Cometh*, play by Eugene O’Neill, CC

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

- 2026 – 2026 **Intern:** German American Society of Portland, Portland, Oregon
- 2022 – 2025 **Intern:** Goethe-Institut; Portland Kinderschule, Portland, Oregon
- 2018 – 2019 **Volunteer:** Humane Society for Southwest Washington, Vancouver, Washington

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2025 **German American Society Scholar Award:** German American Society of Portland; DSaP
- 2025 **US Teaching Assistantship Program of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education (BMB) Award Finalist:** Austrian-American Educational Commission
- 2025 **Germany English Teaching Assistant Award Finalist:** Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- 2022 – 2025 **Presidential Award for Service to the University Nominee:** WLL; CLAS; PSU (3 times)
- 2022 – 2025 **Certificate for Excellence in Academic Achievement and Leadership:** Student Activities and Leaders Programs (SALP); PSU (6 times)
- 2023 – 2024 **SPARK for German Fellowship:** Goethe-Institut; DSaP (2 times)
- 2022 – 2024 **Educational Leadership Service Awards Scholarship:** SALP; PSU (2 times)
- 2023 **Summa Cum Laude:** 3.92 GPA, CLAS; PSU

2023 **Phi Sigma Iota International Foreign Language Honor Society:** Membership
in Nu Nu Chapter, PSU
2021 – 2022 **Deutsche Sommerschule am Pazifik Scholarship:** DSaP; PSU (2 times)
2021 – 2022 **President’s List:** PSU (2 times)
2019 – 2020 **Dean’s List:** PSU (2 times)

LANGUAGES

English Native speaker
German B2

ORGANIZATIONS

2025 – **German American Society of Portland - (GAS)**
2022 – **Women in German - (WiG)**
2022 – 2025 **Portland State University German Club**
2022 – 2025 **Confederation in Oregon for Foreign Language Teaching - (COFLT)**
2022 – 2025 **Student Activities and Leadership Program - (SALP)**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Fairytales, folktales, folklore, legends, and mythology; Weimar, New German, and Contemporary Film; social sciences, Revolutions of 1919, Thomas Mann