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Education:

Ph.D. Student, German Studies, *University of California, Irvine*
Graduate Emphasis: Visual Studies / Graduate Feminist Emphasis (GFE) Current

M.A., German Studies, *University of California, Irvine* June 2016

B.S., Business Administration September 2004
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Computer Information Systems (CIS), Web Concentration

B.A., German June 1999
B.A., International Relations
University of California, Davis

Research Interests:

German contemporary literature, Weimar culture, utopias, romanticism, pop culture, film, feminism, border studies, German-Americans and German in the Latin American realm. Digital Humanities, STEM / MINT integration and computer mediated communication (CMC) in second language (L2) learning.

Principal Investigator, *Project V-LIFe: Virtual Language Immersion in Foreign Language Courses through Massively Multiplayer Online Gaming Communities*, UC Irvine, 2015-Present

Presentations:

2016 (Upcoming) "Virtual Language Immersion through World of Warcraft," AATG/ACTFL, Boston, MA, USA

2016 (Upcoming) "WoW! It's Immersive: Designing Language Learning Experiences in World of Warcraft," Digital Media and Learning Conference (DML), UC Irvine, CA, USA, (Co-presenter)

2016 "Utilizing Virtual Language Immersion in Foreign Language Courses through Massively Multiplayer Online Gaming Communities: Project V-LIFe," MDP Symposium, UC Irvine, CA, USA, (Co-presenter)

2016 "More German Music: Pop, Rock and Hits," SoCal German Day, UC Irvine, CA

2015 "German Music: Pop, Rock and Hits," SoCal German Day, UC Irvine, CA

Honors & Awards:

- 2016 **Elvira Schumacher Memorial Fellowship**, School of Humanities, UC Irvine
- 2016 **STEM / MINT – Fortbildungskurs mit Schwerpunkt Forschung und Lehre**, AATG/ Transatlantik-Programm der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Herder Institute University Leipzig
- 2015 **MDP Fellow Mentor**, Multidisciplinary Design Program (MDP), UROP, UC Irvine
- 2014 **Dean’s Fellowship**, School of the Humanities, UC Irvine
- 2014 **Diversity Recruitment Fellowship (DRF)**, Graduate Division, UC Irvine
- 2013 **Honorary Member, Delta Phi Alpha**, German Hon. Society, Θ M Chapter, UC Davis
- 2010 **Living Our Values Award**, UC Irvine (Presented by Chancellor Michael V. Drake)
- 2007 **KUDOS Staff Award**, UA, UC Irvine (Presented by Vice Chancellor Thomas J. Mitchell)
- 2004 **Dean’s List**, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- 2003 **Dean’s List**, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- 2002 **President’s List**, Mt. San Antonio College

Service:

Assistant Book Review Editor, Telos Press, 2016-Present

Co-Organizer, Fall Film Series “*Kino Abend*” German Department, UC Irvine, 2015

Social Media Outreach, German Department, UC Irvine, 2015-Present

Member, Digital Humanities Working Group, UC Irvine, 2014-2015

College Radio DJ, Volunteer, German Radio Broadcast, KUCI 88.9FM, UC Irvine, 2012-Present

Co-Chair, Chair, Education and Enrichment Committee, UCI Staff Assembly Council, UC Irvine, 2013-2014

Board Member, UC Irvine Study Abroad Center Advocacy Board, UC Irvine, 2012-2013

Chair, Interim Chair, Member, Passion and Community Team (PACT) Committee, University Advancement, UC Irvine, 2010-2012

Industry Advisor, for student team in UC Irvine’s Informatics 117 “Project in Software System Design” course, 2011

Peer Advisor, UC Davis Education Abroad Center, UC Davis, 1999

Peer Advisor, EAP Orientation Leader for new students in Germany, Göttingen, Germany, 1998

Teaching Experience (Single Instructor):

Teaching Assistant, European Language Studies (ELS), UC Irvine, Irvine, CA, 2015-Present

German 1C: Fundamentals of German, UC Irvine, Spring 2016

German 1B: Fundamentals of German, UC Irvine, Winter 2016

German 1A: Fundamentals of German, UC Irvine, Fall 2015

Substitute Teacher, Grades K-12, Bonita Unified School District, San Dimas, CA, 2002-2004

Professional Organizations:

Student Member, German Studies Association (GSA)

Student Member, American Association of Teachers of German (AATG)

Student Member, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

Student Member, International Game Developers Association (IGDA)

National Member, American Association of University Women (AAUW)

International Experience:

Human Resources Praktikum II, Hewlett-Packard GmbH, Böblingen, Germany, 1999-2000

Human Resources Praktikum I, ZAV - Zentralstelle für Arbeitsvermittlung /
Studentenvermittlung, Frankfurt, Germany, 1999-1999

Exchange Student, Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany, 1997-1998

Digital Experience:

Internet, programming, spreadsheets, and processing (X/HTML, CSS, SEO, SQL, PHP, JavaScript, Classic ASP, ASP.NET, RSS, SSI, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, PhotoShop, Image Ready, WordPress, Cascade, MySQL, MSSQL and Access). Additional skills in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Google Drive.

Director of Web & Online Services, University Advancement, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA 2014

Web & Online Services, Web Dev., University Advancement, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA 2011-2014

Web Developer, University Advancement, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA 2007-2011

Web Developer, YMCA of Orange County, Tustin, CA, 2004-2007

References:

Reference list provided upon request.