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As a freshman at Valparaiso University, I was certain of one thing: I would study abroad in Germany. My experience in Reutlingen in Spring 2001 was everything I hoped; in addition to the new friends and countless memories, it solidified my German major and opened my eyes to broader career possibilities in international relations.

After graduation from Valpo in 2002, I returned to Germany as a Fulbright Teaching Assistant at the Kurfürst Friedrich Gymnasium in Heidelberg. I taught English and American studies to German secondary students and was an advisor for the Model United Nations Club. I also continued studying under Wolf Brixner, a long-time professor of the Reutlingen program, at the teacher's college in Heidelberg.

Following my Fulbright year, I moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a job in international relations. I quickly found a position working for U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar (R-IN) who was Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and had spoken at my Valpo commencement.

From 2003-2008, I worked for Senator Lugar in a series of positions that included substantive press and legislative work on issues such as energy, nonproliferation, international education, and efforts to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic. I helped develop legislation that passed the U.S. Senate and had opportunities for organization and participation in high profile hearings in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Throughout this experience, I had the opportunity to meet German delegations as they visited Capitol Hill. One highlight was organizing a press conference for Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building.

After five years on Capitol Hill, I returned to school to pursue a Master of Business Administration at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. My studies are motivated by a desire to build a strong understanding of markets and business strategy in addition to the skills necessary for future leadership in public service.

At Kellogg, I have continued to further my interest in international relations through participation in the Global Health Initiative at Northwestern, a project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. At the same time, my interest in energy policy has continued to grow as the U.S. Congress debates climate change legislation and companies prepare for regulation of greenhouse gas emissions. During the summer of 2009, I worked at the Chicago Climate Exchange, a voluntary cap-and-trade system and leading financial exchange for environmental products, and I am especially excited by new career possibilities in sustainability.

Since studying abroad, I have traveled to 22 countries spanning four continents. I maintain the goal of visiting a new country each year and have traveled recently to Uganda, Russia, China, and Brazil. In many ways, my German studies opened the door to these interests and the curiosity to learn about new places, people and issues which continues to motivate me.