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Education

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|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1993-2001 | University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin | Ph.D. in German Literature, May 2001
Internal Minor: German Philology
External Minor: Second Language Acquisition
M.A. in German Literature, May 1994 |
| 1989-1990 | Gesamthochschule Paderborn
Paderborn, Nordrhein-Westfalen | Fachbereich Germanistik |
| 1987-1991 | St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minnesota | B.A. in German
Minor: English
Concentration: Education
Secondary Education Certification |

Dissertation

Functions of Humor in German Holocaust Literature: Edgar Hilsenrath, Günter Grass, and Jurek Becker, Advisor: Hans Adler

Publications

- "Jurek Becker's *Jakob der Lügner*: from DEFA to Hollywood," *The Journal of the M/MLA*. Spring 2008.
- "Damit der liebe Gott weiterschaukeln kann": The Psalms of Bertolt Brecht," *Brecht Jahrbuch: Young Mr. Brecht Becomes a Writer*, Volume 31, 2006.
- "A First-Day Realia Activity: 'Was ist in dem Umschlag?'" *Die Unterrichtspraxis*, Fall 2004.
- Review of *Ethics and Remembrance in the Poetry of Nelly Sachs and Rose Ausländer* by Kathrin M. Bower, *Monatshefte*, Summer 2002.
- "Using Group Role-Play to Test Speaking: Setting Up a *Wohngemeinschaft*," *Die Unterrichtspraxis*, Spring 2001 (with Julia Karolle).

Conference Papers

- "The P-A-C-E Approach: Teaching Grammar through Guided Participation," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2009
- "Station Learning for Vocabulary Acquisition and Review," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2008
- "False Friends or Long-Lost Cousins? Teaching Etymologies to Boost Vocabulary," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2006
- "*Theaterfest*: A Cooperative Venture between the High School and the University," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2005 (with Tim Malchow).
- "The Figure of God in the Psalms of Bertolt Brecht," German Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 2005.
- "Leaving the Path: German and American Illustrated Versions of Little Red Riding Hood," Midwest Modern Language Association, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2004.
- "Jurek Becker's *Jakob der Lügner*: from DEFA to Hollywood," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, April 2004.
- "Using Images in the German Classroom: Inspiring your Students to Talk," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2003.
- "Fighting Words: The Linguistic Aggression of Edgar Hilsenrath's *The Nazi and the Barber*," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, April 2003.
- "Multi-kulti': Turkish-German poems for the Beginning and Intermediate Classroom," Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2002.
- "Humor and the Holocaust: Jurek Becker's *Jakob der Lügner*," Graduate Student Colloquium,

Madison, Wisconsin, October 1999.

“Jurek Becker’s *Bronsteins Kinder: The Search for the Narratee*,” Midwest Graduate Student Conference in German Studies, Chicago, Illinois, May 1996.

Invited Lecture

“Humor and the Holocaust: Jurek Becker’s *Jacob the Liar*”

John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio, March 2004

Professional Experience

Valparaiso University, Assistant Professor, 2001-2007; Associate Professor, 2007-2008

First through Third Semester German
German Composition and Conversation I and II
Contemporary German Language in the Mass Media
Professional German
German for Science and Technology
German Film Studies
Selected Readings in German Literature since 1800
Senior German Seminar
The Teaching of Foreign Languages
German Drama Practicum

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Teaching Assistant and Lecturer, 1994-2001

First through Fourth Semester German
German Composition and Conversation I
Writing-intensive sections of German Life and Civilization
Speech Composition

Awards, Scholarships, and Honors

2005 **Summer Research Fellowship**
Valparaiso University
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Valparaiso University
1999 **University Dissertation Fellowship**
University of Wisconsin-Madison
1998 **Suhrkamp Fellowship**
Washington University
1991 **Fulbright Teaching Assistantship**
Gymnasium Petrinum
1991 **Phi Beta Kappa**
St. Olaf College

Academic Service

2005-2008 Member of the Committee to Enhance Learning and Teaching
2004-2006 Member of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
2002-2006 Member of the Courseware Selection Study Group (TLTR)
2002-2005 Member of the Lilly Fellows Selection Committee

Professional Memberships

Modern Language Association
American Association of Teachers of German
Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association