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EDUCATION

- 2015–Present** **Ph.D. in Germanics**
University of Washington, Department of Germanics
Dissertation: Title to TBD
- 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 Germanics
- Summer 2020 *Instructor: “Intensive First-Year German”*
Spring 2020 *Instructor: “Second-Year German”*
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–Present** **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

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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2020–2021 Lead Teaching Assistant for the Language Program
Department of Germanics, University of Washington

2017–2020 *Co-Organizer:* Kaffeestunde – weekly meeting of German language students for general discussion in target language

2019–2020 Graduate Student Representative to the Curriculum Committee,
Department of Germanics, University of Washington

- 2019–2020** Graduate Student Representative to the Diversity Committee, Department of Germanics, University of Washington
- 2019–2020** Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, Department of Germanics, University of Washington
- 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 Germanics, University of Washington
- 2015–2016** *Co-Organizer:* Germanics Film Series – bi-weekly screenings of German language films centered on varying themes

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- November 8, 2020** Goethe Society of North America Dissertation Workshop
- October 1–4, 2020** *Presenter:* “‘*Ordentlich* ist heute die Welt’: Moral Crisis and Natural Disaster in and Beyond Kleist’s *Das Erdbeben in Chili*.” GSA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
[Delayed until GSA Annual Conference 2021 as a result of Covid-19]
- 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.” University of Washington Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, Seattle, WA
- December 7–9, 2018** *Participant:* “DaF in den USA: Grundzüge und Perspektiven.” DAAD-Fortbildungskurs, University of California, Berkley, CA

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

- 2020** Gloria Flaherty Scholarship
Organized by the Goethe Society of North America
- 2020–2021** Antoinette Wills Endowed Scholarship
Organized by the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington
- 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 Germanics at the University of Washington
- 2015** Sauerlander Scholarship Award
Organized by the Department of Germanics 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
 American Comparative Literature Association
 American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
 Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment
 German Studies Association
 Goethe Society of North America
 Modern Languages Association

LANGUAGES

English

French (reading knowledge)
German
Latin

REFERENCES

Assoc. Prof. Klaus Brandl, University of Washington	206.543.6887 brandl@uw.edu
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Asst. Prof. Ellwood Wiggins, University of Washington	206.543.4189 wiggins1@uw.edu