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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University **Columbus, Ohio, United States**

Ph.D. Candidate, Germanic Languages and Literatures

In progress

Specialization – Second Language Studies and Applied Linguistics

Dissertation – *Wer werde ich?: A Systemic Functional Linguistic Approach to English L1 Use in the Undergraduate German L2 Classroom*. Institutionally approved human subjects study under Protocol # 2023E1132.

The Ohio State University

Columbus, Ohio, United States

M.A., Germanic Languages and Literatures

August 2021

Specialization – Minority Literature

Exam – *Dritter Raum: A Case Study of Postcolonial Subjectivity in Contemporary Austrian Migrant Literature*

The University of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois, United States

A.B. with General Honors, Germanic Studies – Minor in Human Rights

June 2019

Thesis – *Sieben Rosen: Auffinden der Kanarischen Inseln im germanischen Kulturbild*

Universität Wien

Vienna, Austria

Exchange Student, Bachelor Studies, Faculty of History

Autumn 2017

Schlussarbeit – *Das politische System Österreichs: Wirkung, Ergänzung von Kompetenzen und Beziehung zur Europäischen Union*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Systemic Functional Linguistics; Applied Linguistics; Second Language Acquisition; Code-switching, language mixing, and translanguaging; L1 use in the L2 classroom and associated attitudes, identities, and ideologies; Social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion in the L2 classroom

LANGUAGES

Spanish: native, English: native-equivalent, German: native-equivalent, French: low intermediate, Italian: conversational, Portuguese: conversational.

APPOINTMENTS

The Ohio State University

Columbus, Ohio, United States

All appointments at 50% or 0.5 FTE

President, Council of Graduate Students

May 2022 – present

Graduate Teaching Associate, Dept. of Germanic L&L

August 2020 – May 2022

Grader, Dept. of Germanic L&L

May 2020 – August 2020

Graduate Teaching Associate, Dept. of Germanic L&L

August 2019 – May 2020

COURSES TAUGHT

As Instructor of Record

GER 1101.01 (German 1) – SP22

GER 1102.01 (German 2) – AU19, SP20, SP21, AU21

GER 1103.01 (German 3 Accelerated Pace) – AU20

GER 1101.61 (German 1 Distance Learning Self-Paced) – SU21

GER 1102.61 (German 2 Distance Learning Self-Paced) – SU21

GER 1103.61 (German 3 Distance Learning Self-Paced) – SU21

As Grader

GER 3252.02 (The Holocaust in German Literature and Film) – SU20

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Council of Graduate Students (CGS)

As President

Chair <i>ex officio</i> , Executive Committee, CGS	May 2022 – present
Member <i>ex officio</i> , Graduate Council, The Graduate School University Senate	May 2022 – present
Member <i>ex officio</i> , Steering Committee	May 2022 – present
Chair, Graduate Associate Compensation and Benefits Committee (GCBC)	May 2022 – present
Member, Faculty Cabinet	May 2022 – present
Observer, Faculty Council	May 2022 – present
Member, Allocations Subcommittee, Council on Student Affairs (CSA)	May 2022 – August 2022
Search Committees	
Provost and Executive Vice President, Office of Academic Affairs	November 2023 – ongoing
University Advisory Subcommittee, President of the University	February 2023 – August 2023
Vice Provost of International Affairs, Office of International Affairs	April 2023 – August 2023
Assoc. Dean for Excellence in Graduate and Postdoctoral Training	April 2023 – July 2023
Vice Provost of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Diversity and Inclusion	January 2023 – September 2023
Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School	March 2022 – May 2022
Office of Academic Affairs	
Free Speech Policy Advisory Group	January 2023 – April 2023
Doctoral Funding Task Force	June 2022 – September 2022
Framework 3.0 Scenario Planning; Planning, Architecture and Real Estate (PARE)	January 2023 – May 2023
Public Safety Advisory Committee, Department of Public Safety	May 2022 – present
Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy Committee, Office of Student Life	May 2022 – present
Judge, Ray Travel Award	2022, 2023

As Delegate, Germanic Languages & Literatures

August 2019 – August 2020, August 2021 – May 2022	
Appointee, Graduate Council, The Graduate School	August 2021 – May 2022
Alternate, University Conduct Board	August 2021 – May 2022
Internal Committee Member, International Student Affairs	August 2021 – May 2022
Internal Committee Member, Diversity and Inclusion	August 2019 – August 2020
Internal Committee Member and Judge, Ray Travel Award	August 2019 – August 2020

Germanic Graduate Students Association (GGSA)

Representative, Graduate Advisory Committee, Dept. of Germanic L&L	August 2023 – present
Representative, Departmental Council, Dept. of Germanic L&L	April 2021 – August 2023
Treasurer	April 2021 – May 2022
Executive Board, 14 th Annual GGSA Conference	April 2021 – May 2022
Organizing Committee, 14 th Annual GGSA Conference	April 2021 – May 2022
Representative, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Germanic L&L	August 2019 – May 2021

Migration and Global Mediterranean Forum

Vice President	August 2019 – May 2020
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PRESENTATIONS

- Opposition Testimony, HB 151/SB 83, Higher Education Committee, Ohio House of Representatives, May 2023.
- “Subverting the Literary Tradition.” *Traditions: 14th Germanic Graduate Student Association Conference*. The Ohio State University, February 2022.
- “Penalising Queerness: The Lasting Impact of § 175 StGB.” *Becoming Visible: 12th Germanic Graduate Student Association Conference*. The Ohio State University, January 2020.

ROUNDTABLES AND PANELS

- Student Leaders Panel, 52nd Annual Graduate & Professional Student Orientation & Networking Reception. *Office of Diversity and Inclusion*. The Ohio State University, August 2023.
- Student Leaders Panel, 51st Annual Graduate & Professional Student Orientation & Networking Reception. *Office of Diversity and Inclusion*. The Ohio State University, August 2022.
- First Things First: First-Generation Young Alumni Panel. *Office of College Admissions*. The University of Chicago, August 2020.

EXPERIENCE

The University of Chicago – Office of College Admissions

Chicago, Illinois

Community Outreach Mentor

January 2018 – July 2019

- Posted at John Hancock College Preparatory High School on the West Side of Chicago.
- Consulted students and parents in English and Spanish on college applications, career planning, standardized testing, personal statements, etc. in a 90 % + Hispanic, low-income community.
- Leveraged institutional knowledge and personal experience to render higher education visible to underprivileged, systemically disadvantaged students.

Government of Spain – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation

Vienna, Austria

Permanent Mission to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

Collaborator

June 2018 – September 2018

- Represented Spain before the OSCE and the European Union in meetings pursuant to the OSCE mandates of the First and Second Dimensions (Politico-Military Affairs, Economic and Environmental Affairs), national and regional security, cybersecurity and cybercrime, drug trafficking and other international relations topics, under the direct supervision of Adjunct Permanent Representative Luis Manuel Cuesta Civiés.
- Wrote speeches and interventions in English for the Ambassador-Permanent Representative M^a Victoria González Roman based on concept notes, internal Ministry documents, and other reference materials.
- Translated official documents from Spanish to English or German, including, for example, a letter from the Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez.
- Prepared classified diplomatic cables based on attendance of meetings and intelligence collection procedures, translating information from English and German to Spanish to be used as reference material for Ministries of Government in Madrid and abroad, including Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence, the Department of National Security-DSN and Policía Nacional.

The University of Chicago – Harris School of Public Policy

Chicago, Illinois

Human Resources Assistant

March 2018 – June 2018

- Designed professional development ROI surveys to track staff fulfillment and satisfaction.
- Managed and redesigned internal HR website and e-mail newsletter to provide up-to-date information.
- Negotiated and procured proposals from vendors to carry out on-site training and wellness events.

United States Senate – Office of Senator Richard J. Durbin

Chicago, Illinois

Casework Intern

June 2017 – August 2017

- Liaised constituent cases before the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) under the supervision of the Director of Constituent Services.
- Conducted research and drafted memorandums on Arab-American immigrant communities in the Midwest and the feasibility of reducing smoking areas in VA health facilities.

United States House of Representatives – Office of Rep. Ted Deutch (21st Dist.)

Boca Raton, Florida

Junior Legislative Assistant

June 2016 – August 2016

- Researched legislative priorities of federal immigration advocacy groups such as the ACLU, drafted and presented resulting reference memorandums for the Congressman and developed a contact database on immigration advocacy groups.
- Carried out site visits, community outreach and delivered remarks on behalf of Rep. Deutch in public housing communities funded by the Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Graduate Associate Leadership Award, The Graduate School, The Ohio State University, 2023 (declined).
- Duration of Study Funding, Dept. of Germanic Languages and Literatures, The Ohio State University, 2019-present.
- Vienna Civilization Studies Study Abroad Grant, The University of Chicago/Universität Wien, 2017.
- Romberg Travel Grant, Department of Germanic Studies, The University of Chicago, 2017.
- Berlin Consortium for German Studies Exchange Grant, Columbia University/Freie Universität Berlin, 2017-2018 (declined).
- Public Sector Summer Internship Funding (competitive), The University of Chicago Institute of Politics, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- QuestBridge Scholar, The University of Chicago, 2015-2019.
- Odyssey Scholar (low-income, first-generation), The University of Chicago, 2015-2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Clavo Abbass, Jorge Ernesto and Stephanie Alejandra Ortega. "Incertidumbre: The Venezuelan Asylum Crisis in Peru." *The Venezuelan Migration Crisis*, Jun. 2019. Spotify, <https://open.spotify.com/episode/7ou8JN5RoNI0T6qKN068p8>

Clavo Abbass, Jorge Ernesto and Stephanie Alejandra Ortega. "Sabor: an exploration of food, diaspora, and belonging." *The Venezuelan Migration Crisis*, Mar. 2019. Spotify, <https://open.spotify.com/episode/5d1wsVbkz1kl4ujHD67iMd>

"University to Offer Theater and Performance Arts Ph.D." *The Chicago Maroon*, 25 Jul. 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/7/25/university-offer-theater-performance-art-ph/>.

"Build Coffee Founders Talk Community Engagement." *The Chicago Maroon*, 27 Jun. 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/6/27/build-coffee-founders-talk-community-engagement/>.

"FIJI House Vandalized in Wake of Racism Allegations." *The Chicago Maroon*, 19 May 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/5/19/vandalism-fiji-house-wake-racism-allegations/>.

"University Hosts Student-Led Free Speech Conference." *The Chicago Maroon*, 12 May 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/5/12/university-hosts-student-led-free-speech-conferenc/>.
"FIJI Responds to Allegations of Racism at Construction-themed Party." *The Chicago Maroon*, 10 May 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/5/10/fiji-responds-allegations-racism-construction-them/>.

"Dorms to Have All-Gender Bathrooms, Starting Next Fall." *The Chicago Maroon*, 1 May 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/5/1/dorms-gender-bathrooms-starting-next-fall/>.

"Lambda Pi Chi Welcomes Largest Intake Class." *The Chicago Maroon*, 2 Mar. 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/3/2/lambda-pi-chi-welcomes-largest-intake-class/>.

"Bettencourt Named First Pritzker Director for the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation." *The Chicago Maroon*, 27 Feb. 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/2/27/bettencourt-named-first-pritzker-director-mansueto/>.

"At Panel on U.S.–Mexico Relations, Experts Talk Border Wall, Deportations, Trade." *The Chicago Maroon*, 9 Feb. 2017, <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/2/9/panel-u-relations-mexico-experts-talk-border-wall/>.

"Stanford Art Curator Named New Head of Smart Museum." *The Chicago Maroon*, 12 Jan. 2017, www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2017/1/12/art-curator-stanford-named-new-head-smart-museum/.