

Education

Calvin University- Grand Rapids, MI

Bachelor of Arts, April 2022

- Major in Linguistics with Honors
- Major in Japanese
- Minor in Psychology

GPA: 3.974; Dean's List all semesters

Japanese Center for Michigan Universities- Hikone, Shiga Prefecture, Japan

Study Abroad Program, December 2019

Research

Student Research Fellow

September 2020-May 2021

Calvin University English Department

- Collaborated one-on-one on research with a linguistics professor during weekly meetings
- Designed a sociolinguistic study based on knowledge from literature review regarding social support in an online at-risk mental health community
- Collected and annotated post and comment data from an online community to create a sample of over 42,000 words
- Analyzed data using the Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC) program
- Prepared to submit a research paper for publishing by January 2022

Presentations

Neri, L. M. (2021). Emotional Support in an Online Suicide Support Community. *2nd Annual Handong-Calvin Global Linguistics Conference*. Oral presentation.

Professional Development

Japanese Drill Instructor

April 2020 – April 2022

Calvin University Japanese Department, Grand Rapids, MI

- Teach supplementary lessons on Microsoft Teams and in-person to JAPN-201, JAPN-202, JAPN-301, and JAPN-302 classes of four students each
- Adapt lesson plans to fit individual student needs
- Schedule and manage online meetings and student messages to organize lessons according to student concerns

Correspondence Translator

July 2021 – July 2022

Endipity Team, Colorado Springs, CO

- Research Japanese business email etiquette and use literacy in the Japanese language to research availability and requirements of graphic designers based in Japan and Korea
- Implement knowledge in Japanese language and culture to rapidly generate accurate and appropriate translations of emails

Private Tutor

January 2019 – December 2020

Calvin University Japanese Department, Grand Rapids, MI

- Tutored an 11-year-old girl in Japanese conversation and vocabulary to enable communication with her non-English speaking family members
- Developed lessons and organized materials using PowerPoint with cultural videos and language textbooks

Student Teacher

October 2019 - November 2019

Japan Center for Michigan Universities, Hikone, Shiga Prefecture, Japan

- Created and presented PowerPoints in English for Kawase High School and Middle School's Japanese students
- Guided classes of approximately 35 students in English exercises to procure grammatically and lexically correct sentences
- Instructed 22 students individually and in small groups during club activities for the school's English society

International Experience

Semester Abroad in Japan

August 2019 - December 2019

- Adapted rapidly to an unfamiliar environment and embraced cultural differences
- Balanced advanced Japanese language courses with cultural immersion activities and a student teacher internship
- Pursued individual immersion in the language and culture of Japan
- Communicated interculturally in Japanese
- Developed flexibility to interact with English as a foreign language speakers of varying proficiency

Awards & Scholarships

Calvin Student Research Fellowship, September 2018 - April 2022

- Selected for a highly competitive program in which 25 out of over 100 students chosen to be interviewed were accepted
- Elected students received a stipend to join an existing research group on campus or to conduct individual research under a professor of their choice

Calvin Honors Program, September 2018 – April 2022

- Chosen for a program where students are required to complete at least 6 honors courses and must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher

Lifework Scholarship, September 2021- April 2022

- Granted to students who complete three years of a career class that prepares students in vocation, career-readiness, financial literacy, life skills, and leadership

Entrada Scholarship, September 2018 - April 2022

- Graduate of the pre-college Entrada Program for minority students where students took a one month 3-credit course while attending a daily college preparatory workshop and completing diversity acceptance activities

Provost's Scholarship, September 2018 - April 2022

- Awarded for high academic achievement in high school based on GPA and SAT scores

Sievert, Dena M. Scholarship, September 2018- May 2019

- Awarded to freshman Northern American ethnic minorities with a strong record of volunteer work

Mosaic Award, September 2018 – April 2022

- Received for supporting a campus culture of welcome, respect, and achievement through attending a diversity-focused orientation week their freshman year

Skills And Competencies

Languages

- English (Native)
- Japanese (Advanced Intermediate)

Technical Skills

- LaTeX
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Google Suite
- Adobe Suite
- Praat Phonetics Software
- Jamovi Statistical Software
- R Statistical Software
- Python 3