

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

Publications

Neri, L. M. (2022). Emotional Support in an Online Suicide Support Community. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Calvin University. Manuscript in preparation for journal submission.

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

- Japanese

Technical Skills

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