

Brendan Ryan

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Language Proficiency

English: Native Speaker; German: C1 (Goethe-Zertifikat)

Turkish: B2 (ACTFL OPI Advanced Low)

French: intermediate, Spanish: intermediate, Portuguese: intermediate

American Sign Language: novice, Yucatec Maya: novice



Education

Master of Arts: European Linguistics/Europäische Sprachwissenschaft
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg; *Freiburg im Breisgau*

2015-2017

- M.A. thesis on discourse analysis of political speech regarding the Greek bailout referendum
- Academic prizes: Finalist for an international student scholarship from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (2015), the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (2015) and the German Academic Exchange Service (2016)
- Internship on Critical Discourse Analysis at the University of Warwick (Coventry, UK) and attendance of international academic conferences
- Linguistic Analytic Experience: foreign-language education with regards to variation and migration, multilingualism, structure of Finnish, grammar of Slavic languages
- Extracurricular: Founding member of the Academic Year in Freiburg Alumni & Friends e.V., regular participant of the Colloquium politicum, German-Turkish tandem partner

Bachelor of Arts: Linguistics, German Studies; Certificate: European Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison; *Madison, Wisconsin, USA*

2011-2015

- Graduate with Honors in Liberal Arts
- Graduate with Distinction
- Academic Prizes: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Turkish, 2015), Dr. Karl Oscar and Theodora Pisk Award (German Studies, 2015), Delta Phi Alpha – German National Honors Society (2015), Thomas W. Parker Scholarship (2015), Dean's List (2014), Max Kade Scholarship (2013), Great People Scholarship (2013), Worldwide Internship Program Grant (2013), Alpha A. Wetenskap Scholarship (2011-2013)
- Linguistic Analytic Experience: syntax of Turkish-German, particles in Menominee, loanwords in Japanese, field methods
- Extracurricular: host of the radio program *Coup du Monde*, secretary of the Linguistic Student Organization, member of the German Club and Spanish conversation table

Study Abroad: Academic Year in Freiburg
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg; *Freiburg im Breisgau*

2013-2014

- University courses and research in linguistics, modern languages and political science
- Extracurricular: English tutor at the Lernhaus Gutach, regular participant of the Colloquium politicum and the Freiburg-Madison-Gesellschaft, German-English tandem partner

High School Diploma
Menomonie High School; *Menomonie, Wisconsin, USA*

2007-2011

- Academic Prizes: Presidential Education Award (2011), World Language Department Award (2011), Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction (2010, 2011), Junior State of America Distinguished Speaker (2009)
- Political Engagement: selected participant of Badger Boys State (Ripon College, 2010) and Junior State of America Summer School (Princeton University, 2008; Stanford University, 2009)
- Extracurricular: President of the Teen Advisory Board of Menomonie Public Library, member of the National Honors Society and German and French Clubs

Other Qualifications

Certified Nursing Aide 2009
Williston State College; *Williston, North Dakota, USA*

Practical Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Germanic Linguistics 2018-Present
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen; *Göttingen, Germany*

- IT support of the psycholinguistic and German Sign Language laboratories
- Course instruction regarding technology in academic study

Proofreader (freelance) 2017-Present
Jorge Welsh Works of Art; *London, UK and Lisbon, Portugal*

- Editing and proofreading of English-language texts on art history for publication in annual catalogues

Research Assistant, Collaborative Research Center 948: Heroes, Heroizations, Heroisms 2015-2017
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg; *Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany*

- Editing of English-language literary and academic texts from the social sciences and liberal arts and translation of these texts from German to English preceding their publication in a journal or online
- Support for the everyday operation of an academic environment (conferences, conventions, etc.)

Student Assistant, Academic Year in Freiburg 2015-2017
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg; *Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany*

- Cultural and academic mentoring of American students during their exchange year at Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
- Design and updating of the academic program's website in order to effectively communicate with American and German target audiences
- Technical support of the Program Director in an intercultural setting

Study Ambassador (Studienbotschafter) 2015-2017
Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts; *Baden-Württemberg, Germany*

- Collaboration with teachers and college students from all fields in order to inform high school students about higher-education opportunities in the state of Baden-Württemberg
- Presentation for and small-group sessions with high school students

Teacher (volunteer), English for Migrants 2015-2017
Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg; *Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany*

- English-language instruction on a voluntary basis for university students, working adults as well as newly arrived refugees and social workers working with refugees
- Preparation, instruction and evaluation of beginner and advanced language courses

Intern, International Academic Programs 2014-2015
University of Wisconsin-Madison; *Madison, Wisconsin, USA*

- Collaboration with university students and staff to plan and facilitate programming for returning students
- Practical application of current study-abroad research and analysis

Staff, University Housing Desk Services 2012-2013
University of Wisconsin; *Madison, Wisconsin, USA*

- Collaboration with university students and staff to facilitate money transactions, event planning and mail delivery
- Connecting students to greater university services and handling limited-emergency situations

Intern, Political Section 2013
United States Embassy-Berlin; *Berlin, Germany*

- Collaboration with international and American diplomats to advance the interests of the United States abroad
- Production, handling and analysis of various reports and memoranda regarding foreign policy

AmeriCorps member (volunteer)

2012

WISPIRG Energy Service Corps; *Madison, Wisconsin, USA*

- Collaboration on a voluntary basis with government employees, residents, community and non-profit leaders as community outreach organizer to Monona, Wisconsin, USA with the goal of energy independence in the United States
- K-12 educational programming about energy efficiency and home energy assessments
- Production of the weekly newsletter, updating of the organization's website, social media management and leveraging GIS technology to map community area

University Teaching Experience

German Studies

- Grundlagen des psycholinguistischen experimentellen Arbeitens [Foundations of psycholinguistic experimental research] (Winter Semester 2018/19)
- LaTeX: Einführung in das Textsatzsystem [LaTeX: Introduction to the type-setting system] (Summer Semester 2018)

English Studies

- English for Migrants (Winter Semester 2015/16, Winter Semester 2016/17)

Publications and Presentations

Ryan, B. & O'Connor, R. (2015, April). *The Phonology of English-to-Japanese Loanwords: The Case of Oita-ben*. Paper presented at the Workshop in General Linguistics, Madison, Wisconsin, USA.