

# Brendan Carey Ryan

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## Profile

- Seeking intercultural-focused employment following three semesters of extensive work and study in Germany

## Summary

- Devoted University of Wisconsin-Madison honors undergraduate with demonstrated passion for language and culture
- Accomplished worker with education abroad, international research and internship experience
- Language skills: native fluency in English, advanced study of German (Goethe-Zertifikat C1) and Turkish (ACTFL OPI Advanced Low); intermediate study of French and Spanish; beginning study of Yucatec Maya, Menominee and American Sign Language
- Linguistic analytic experience: Syntax and sociolinguistics in Turkish-German/Kiezdeutsch (2014), Field Methods of Yoruba and Ukrainian (2014-2015), Japanese loanword phonology (2015 – presented at Workshop in General Linguistics 12), Menominee particles and transcription (2012, 2015)

## Education

Master of Arts in European Linguistics 2015-2017  
*Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg, Germany*

- Awards: Finalist for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation international student scholarship (2015)

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and German, Certificate in European Studies 2011-2015  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, USA*

- Honors in the Liberal Arts
- Awards: Foreign Language and Area Studies (2015), Dr. Karl Oscar and Theodora Pisk Award (overall excellence in German studies; 2015), Delta Phi Alpha – National German Honorary 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. Wetenkamp Scholarship (2011-2013)
- Extracurricular: Secretary of Linguistics Student Organization (2014-2015), Radio Host of *Coup du Monde* (2012), Member of German Club, Participant of Spanish Conversation Table, Founding Member of Electronic Music Production

Exchange Program: Academic Year in Freiburg 2013-2014  
*Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg, Germany*

- Attended a top 100 world university (ranked highly in linguistics, modern languages, German, English)
- German university courses in linguistics (semantics, conversation analysis, etc.), modern languages (Turkish, German, English), linguistic research (Turkish-German youth variety, applied linguistics), etc.
- English language volunteer – Lernhaus Gutach (Gutach, Germany)

High School Diploma 2007-2011  
*Menomonie High School, Menomonie, Wisconsin, USA*

- Awards: Presidential Education Award (2011); World Language Department Award (2011); Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction (2010, 2011); Junior State of America Distinguished Speaker (2009)
- Junior State of America summer school participant (Princeton University, 2008; Stanford University, 2009)
- Extracurricular: President of the Teen Advisory Board; Member of the National Honors Society,

Forensics (speech), theatrical productions; Badger Boys' State elected official (2010); Manager of *The Laces* (musical group)

Nursing Aide Certification 2009  
*Williston State College, Williston, North Dakota, USA*

## Employment History and Accomplishments

University Ambassador (Studienbotschafter), Baden-Württemberg State Ministry of Science, Research and Art; *Baden-Württemberg, Germany* 2015-2017

- Presented high school students and teachers with resources about different post-secondary educational tracks available in Germany and abroad

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

- Worked directly with students and professional university staff to organize and implement procedures for current degree-seeking returned study abroad students
- Directly impacted the functioning of study abroad services based on research in the field and through analysis (projects include career integration, health and safety, etc.)

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

- Worked directly with students and university professional staff in matters of money transactions, information dispersal and mailings
- Linked students to greater university services and handled limited-emergency situations

Intern, United States Embassy-Berlin; *Berlin, Germany* Spring 2013

- Worked with high level diplomats to advance the interests of America abroad
- Dealt with sensitive information, drafted memos and reports and assisted in tasks which represented the American people

AmeriCorps Member, WISPIRG Energy Service Corps (300+ Hours); *Madison, Wisconsin, USA* Summer 2012

- Community outreach organizer to city of Monona, Wisconsin
- Held contact with government officials, community leaders, other non-profit organizers and residents
- Helped reach goals of educating 1000 K-12 students about energy efficiency and assessing 1000 homes for energy waste
- Produced weekly newsletter, updated webpage, managed social media and worked with GIS technology to map community area

Crew Member, University Housing-Dining, University of Wisconsin-Madison; *Madison, Wisconsin, USA* 2011-2012

Volunteer, Menomonie Public Library; *Menomonie, Wisconsin, USA* 2007-2011

Warehouse Worker, I. Keating Furniture World; *Williston, North Dakota, USA* Summer 2011

Certified Nurse Aide, Richardton Health Center; *Richardton, North Dakota, USA* Summer 2010

Camp Counselor, Camp Rokiwan; *Spiritwood Lake, North Dakota, USA* June 2010