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OBJECTIVE

- As a foreign language instructor with a deep love of grammar and as budding self-taught programmer, I am looking for professional experience in the development of NLP applications. I am especially drawn to Workhuman's effort to model the subtle semantic distinctions that result in varied workplace outcomes in human-human and human-computer linguistic interactions.

EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill, NC 2019 - 2021
Teaching Assistant Professor, German and Russian

- Developed and delivered daily lessons on complex aspects of German and Russian grammar, syntax, semantics, and culture.
- Examined and organized best-practice methods of vocabulary and grammar retention, often via comparison to English grammar.
- Successfully guided students from the novice to advanced-intermediate level of language proficiency, inspiring many to join UNC's Russian Language Flagship Program.

UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University - Chapel Hill; Durham, NC 2012 - 2019
Instructor/Researcher/Writer

- Led semesterly courses on German language and literature from beginner to early advanced level, winning awards for language instruction at two institutions.
- Coordinated with stakeholders and experts to ensure quality of research outputs.
- Published a short translation work from Danish into German.
- Edited the work of foreign and local colleagues for clarity, mechanics, and style.
- Wrote book-length thesis on German literature and presented findings publicly.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars - Washington, DC 2010 - 2011
Research and Office Intern

- Identified, reviewed, and summarized relevant materials for research on language survival and death in the North Caucasus.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in German Studies, DUKE UNIVERSITY and UNC-CHAPEL HILL 2019

M.Phil. in Comparative Literature, TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, Dublin, Ireland, First-Class Honors with Distinction 2012

B.A. in Political Science, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK at BUFFALO, GPA 3.99, Summa Cum Laude (Study abroad at Moscow State University and the Freie Uni. Berlin) 2011

SKILLS

- Foreign languages: German (near native), Russian (advanced), French and Danish (reading).
- Translation, Teaching, Excel
- JavaScript, HTML, CSS, React, Redux, NodeJS, Express, Axios, Mongoose, Python
- Exposure to Natural Language Processing concepts via Codecademy.com's Python NLP module.
- Consistent, attentive to detail, excited to learn about Workhuman's NLP annotation tools.