# Ruth Zinsmeister

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# Education:

### **Illinois Institute of Technology**

Chicago, Illinois

#### Master of Science

Expected Graduation Spring 2013

• M.S. in Information Architecture (IARC)

# University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minnesota

# Honors College of Liberal Arts

Graduated May 2008

• Magna Cum Laude: Cumulative Grade Point Average – 3.8

### Bachelor of Arts: Double Major and Double Minor

- Major in Global Studies and German: *emphasis Linguistics and Philology*
- Minor in Mass Communication and Teaching English as a Second Language

# **Albert-Ludwig's University**

Freiburg, Germany

Study Abroad in Freiburg Germany

September 2006 - August 2007

# Work Experience:

#### **Illinois Institute of Technology**

Chicago, Illinois

**Teaching Assistant** 

August 2011 – Present

- Provided corrections and feedback on weekly writing assignments
- Assisted students individually with written work

### AmeriCorps- City Year, Chicago Public Schools

Chicago, Illinois

#### **Dulles School of Excellence**

<u>Literacy Coordinator</u>

*September 2010 – June 2011* 

- Promoted literacy through parent and student initiatives
- Provided in classroom instruction support and tutoring
- Planned lessons for and coordinated after school programming

# AmeriCorps- VISTA Program, Volunteer Minneapolis Public School (MPS)

Minneapolis, Minnesota

# **Homeless and Highly Mobile Student Services**

Research Assistant

August 2009 - August 2010

- · Researched effectiveness, accessibility and coverage of after-school programming in high-poverty schools
- · Developed and facilitated trainings for new volunteers and staff to raise awareness of homelessness
- Provided clerical support for research project, assisted coordinator as needed and managed donations

# School Board of Lower Austria

Austria

English Language Teaching Assistant

October 2008 - May 2009

- Taught in the U.S. Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship Program at Austrian Secondary Schools, administered by the Fulbright Commission for the Austrian Ministry of Education
- Led discussions and worked with students on communication skills
- Prepared lessons, quizzes and activities for students and taught in a bilingual classroom

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# Community and University Involvement:

#### Adult Basic Education

ESL Volunteer Tutor/Classroom Assistant

- Worked one-on-one and in small groups with advanced and beginning language learners from varying backgrounds
- Taught computer skills and supported staff in classroom materials preparation

# **Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless**

Intern

• Developed trainings to educate and increase awareness of homelessness statewide

# World Vision (Vienna, Austria)

Volunteer

Clerical work, filing, letter translations, and data entry

#### **International Teaching Assistant Program- English Conversation Partner**

Volunteer

# Essentreff im Dreikoenigshaus (Soup Kitchen in Freiburg, Germany)

Volunteer

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

Spring Break Build Volunteer

#### Awards:

Certification of Merit: The Department of German, Scandinavian & Dutch Studies

For Superior Achievements in the Study of German Language, Literature and Culture

Received 2006-2007

Samuel Kroesch Scholarship: The University of Minnesota German Department and the Deans Scholarship Board

Awarded Based on Merit Received 2007-2008

**Rotary Scholarship:** Awarded for graduating 3<sup>rd</sup> from Portage High School, WI Received 2004-2008

 IAPD Scholarship: Awarded based on scholarly merit and community involvement
 Received 2005, 2006 and 2007

**Bill Hiatt Scholarship:** Awarded for scholarly merit and community activities Received 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007

### Skills:

Computer Skills: Learning:

- XHTML, CSS, XML, HTML5, JavaScript (Standards compliant and responsive design)
- Drupal
- Camtasia (Used for usability testing)

#### Proficient:

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Used MS Access extensively

**Proficient in German**: Reading, Writing, and Speaking