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Languages and Linguistics: German
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Education

Ph D, University of Washington, 2018.

Major: Germanics

Dissertation Title: Mind-Crafting: Anticipatory Critique of Transhumanist Mind-Uploading in German High Modernist Novels

MA, Brigham Young University, 2011.

Major: German Studies

Dissertation Title: "Giants, Dragons, and the Confrontation with 'den schrecklichen mystischen Naturkomplexen'—Apocalyptic Intertextuality in Alfred Döblin's Berge Meere und Giganten"

BA, Brigham Young University, 2008.

Major: German Literature

Dissertation Title: "'A Bridge to the Eifel': Clara Viebig and her Literary Style"

Professional Memberships

President of South Dakota Chapter, American Association of Teachers of German, South Dakota Chapter. (September 14, 2019 - Present).

American Association of Teachers of German. (May 1, 2016 - Present).

American Association of Teachers of German, Washington State Chapter. (May 1, 2016 - Present).

Vice-President of South Dakota Chapter, American Association of Teachers of German, South Dakota Chapter. (October 20, 2018 - September 14, 2019).

Modern Language Association. (May 1, 2018 - February 1, 2019).

Development Activities Attended

Seminar, "Program Building through Curricular Reform, Co-Curricular Enhancement, and Inclusion," AATG (American Association of Teachers of German, Valparaiso, Indiana, USA. (October 25, 2019 - October 27, 2019).

Conference Attendance, "SDWLA Conference 2019," South Dakota World Languages Association, Brookings, SD, USA. (September 13, 2019 - September 14, 2019).

Tutorial, "USD's Online SafeZone Training," Office for Diversity, Vermillion, SD, USA. (August 31, 2019).

Tutorial, "Online Faculty Training," Center for Teaching and Learning, Vermillion, SD, USA. (April 3, 2019 - May 3, 2019).

Tutorial, "Digital Accessibility Training," Center for Teaching and Learning, Vermillion, SD, USA. (April 16, 2019 - April 28, 2019).

Workshop, "U-CTL Special Event," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (April 24, 2019).

Workshop, "U-CTL Special Event," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (April 23, 2019).

Workshop, "CTL SOA Pedagogical Mentoring Program," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (January 16, 2019 - April 16, 2019).

Workshop, "U-CTL SOA Special Topics," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (March 27, 2019).

Workshop, "U-CTL SOA Special Topics," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (March 20, 2019).

Workshop, "U-CTL SOA Special Topics," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (February 27, 2019).

Workshop, "CTL SOA Special Topics," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (February 20, 2019).

Workshop, "CTL SOA Special Topics," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (February 13, 2019).

Workshop, "CTL SOA Special Topics," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (February 6, 2019).

Workshop, "CTL SOA Special Topics," CTL, Vermillion, South Dakota, United States of America. (January 23, 2019).

Workshop, "Faculty Rights and Responsibilities under BOR-COHE Agreement," CTL USD, Vermillion, SD, USA. (January 7, 2019).

Conference Attendance, "SDWLA Conference 2018," South Dakota World Languages Association, Custer, SD, USA. (October 19, 2018 - October 21, 2018).

Workshop, "Be SMART: Creating Inclusive Program Goals Workshop," USD Office for Diversity, Vermillion, SD, USA. (August 8, 2018).

Faculty Fellowship, "CTL Course Design Fellowship," Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), Vermillion, SD, USA. (July 30, 2018 - August 2, 2018).

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

The University of South Dakota

GER 101, Introductory German, 3 courses.
GER 102, Introductory German II, 2 courses.
GER 201, Intermediate German I, 2 courses.
GER 202, Intermediate German II, 1 course.
GER 291, IS: Intermediate German II, 2 courses.
GER 380, Deutschland Heute, 1 course.
GER 392, Top: Time and Storytelling, 2 courses.
GER 434, German Civilization II, 2 courses.

HIST 492, Top: Time and Storytelling, 1 course.
MFL 491, Foreign Language Teaching Methods, 2 courses.

Directed Student Learning

Directed Individual/Independent Study, "Wie die Europäische Union die Einstellung zu Einwanderer in Deutschland verbesserte," A&S. (August 26, 2018 - December 12, 2018).
Advised: Megan Bartels

Awards and Honors

AATG Seminar for Program Building through Curricular Reform, AATG. (September 5, 2019).

CTL Travel Grant, Center for Teaching and Learning, USD. (August 27, 2019).

CTL Course Design Fellowship, Center for Teaching and Learning. (June 14, 2018).

Manfred Bansleben Award for Excellence in Teaching 2018, University of Washington. (June 3, 2018).

RESEARCH

Presentations Given

Bates, N. J. (Presenter Only), GETVICO, "„Hat der Deutschunterricht eine Seele?": Erfahrungen eines uneingeweihten Deutschlehrers mit Studierenden von Lakota und Dakota." ("Does German as second language instruction have a soul?": the Experiences of a Rookie German Teacher with Students of Lakota and Dakota)," AATG and Goethe Institute, New York City (online). (September 28, 2019).

Bates, N. J., (Un)told Stories: Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Research Conference, March 12-14, 2019, "The Artificial Mind of Irmgard Keun's The Artificial Silk-Girl: The Boundedness of Representing the Mind in German High Modernist Novels," University of South Dakota, MUC, 2nd Floor, USD. (March 12, 2019).

Media Contributions

Newspaper

Volante. (February 26, 2019).

Contracts, Grants and Sponsored Research

Grant

Bates, N. J. (Principal), "CTL Travel Grant," Sponsored by Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of South Dakota, \$740.00. (September 27, 2019 - May 1, 2020). Funded.

Research Currently in Progress

"Alfred Döblin's Berlin Alexanderplatz: the Adaptability of the Mind in the Narrative Simulation" (Writing Results).
I plan to publish this chapter from my dissertation in the near future.

"Pinpointing the Black(w)hole: The Singularity of Schlegel's New Mythology, Schellings God, and Campbell's Inner Reaches of Outer Space" (Writing Results).

I am preparing this article for submission. It examines the call for a new mythology by Jena Romantic philosophers Friedrich Schlegel and Friedrich Wilhelm Schelling. I argue that the sense of lack surrounding this call at the dawn of the nineteenth-century parallels the sentiments of mythologist Joseph Campbell at the end of World War II.

"The Artificial Mind of Irmgard Keun's The Artificial Silk-Girl: The Boundedness of Representing the Mind in German High Modernist Novels" (Writing Results).

Paper and presentation submitted to (Un)told Stories: Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Research Conference, March 12-14, 2019.

In this paper, I argue that the indistinctness of fatigue in the mind of the protagonist of Irmgard Keun's "Das Kunstseidene Mädchen" engages with the modernist Zeitgeist of representing the mind in novels, and, by so doing, builds upon my preliminary theory on the indistinctness of the representation of the mind in the novel.

"The Figure of the Schlafwandler in Modern German Culture" (Planning).

A tracing of the role and evolution of the figure of the sleepwalker in German culture and literature. Beginning with "Der deutsche Michel" and continuing through to Hermann Broch's trilogy, "Die Schlafwandler." The figure represents a political and social attitude that has been neglected in literary studies in lieu of an occult or esoteric interpretation. I offer an alternative reading of the sleepwalker as a persistent representation of the nationalistic spirit in German culture.

SERVICE

Department Service

Event Organizer, Kaffeestunde: German Conversation Hour. (September 12, 2018 - Present).

German Collaborative Program with SDSU. (August 26, 2019 - September 27, 2019).

Committee Member, MLL Secretary Search Committee. (September 10, 2019 - September 23, 2019).

Committee Member, Coyote Commitment Scholarship Committee. (August 20, 2019).

Committee Member, MLL Secretary Search Committee. (July 18, 2019 - July 29, 2019).

Driver, Drove French Instructor Candidate to Airport. (June 14, 2019).

Attendee, Meeting, 2019 French Instructor Teaching Demonstration: Julie Crohas Commans. (June 13, 2019).

Attendee, Meeting, 2019 French Instructor Search Dinners. (June 12, 2019 - June 13, 2019).

Attendee, Meeting, 2019 French Instructor Teaching Demonstration for Scot Moyer. (June 12, 2019).

Attendee, Meeting, International Club Mother Language Day. (February 21, 2019).

Staff, Information Specialist, MLL Information Table. (August 22, 2018 - December 14, 2018).

Attendee, Meeting, Language & Linguistics Students Appreciation Day! (November 6, 2018).

Attendee, Meeting, Day of the Dead Celebration. (October 24, 2018).

Attendee, Meeting, Native American Cultural Center. (October 2, 2018).

College Service

Attendee, Meeting, A&S Majors Fair. (September 7, 2019).

University Service

Program Organizer, Kaffeestunde: German Conversation Hour. (September 12, 2018 - Present).

Attendee, Convocation, New Student Convocation. (September 23, 2019).

Volunteer, New Student Move-In Day. (August 21, 2019 - August 23, 2019).

Professional Service

Officer, President/Elect/Past, South Dakota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), South Dakota. (September 15, 2019 - Present).

Officer, Vice President, South Dakota Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), Vermillion, SD. (October 22, 2018 - September 15, 2019).

Public Service

Program Organizer, Wunderbar Together: 2019 German Campus Week at USD, Vermillion, SD. (June 1, 2019 - December 12, 2019).

Program Organizer, Oktoberfest German Embassy Activity, Vermillion, SD. (June 1, 2019 - September 28, 2019).

Program Organizer, Shaping Germany: 2018 German Campus Week at USD, Vermillion, SD. (August 22, 2018 - December 1, 2018).

Staff, information specialist, Oktoberfest MLL Information Table, Vermillion, SD. (September 28, 2018 - September 29, 2018).

Awards and Honors

Service, Community

German Embassy Grant for Shaping Germany Campus Week, 2018, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. (August 10, 2018).