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## EDUCATION

***Legal Studies***, October 1999 – July 2003

University of Münster, Münster, Germany

- Completed all certificates and internships for admission to the first state exam, *Oct. 2002*

***Doctor of Philosophy in German Studies***, February 1992 - January 1997

New York University, Graduate School of Arts & Science (G.S.A.S.), New York, NY, USA

- Thesis: Theories in Use: A Comparison of Reading Models, their Application to the Classroom and their Influence in German Reading Textbooks at the Intermediate Level of Language Instruction (Michigan: UMI, 1997)

***Master of Arts in German Studies***, October 1990 - February 1992

New York University, Graduate School of Arts & Science (G.S.A.S.), New York, NY, USA

***Summer Semester Abroad***, May-September 1989

New York University in corporation with the Sorbonne University, Paris, France

***Bachelor of Arts in French and German Literature***, September 1986 - May 1990

New York University, College of Arts and Science (W.S.U.C.), New York, NY, USA

- Minor: Math and Computer Science

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

***Fachspezifische Fremdsprachen Ausbildung (American Legal Certificate)***, 1999 - 2001 University of Münster, Münster, Germany

- 2-year program in American Law;
- Grade: 1,7 (1,0 being the best)

***ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Oral Proficiency Interview Workshop***, November 14-17, 1994

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

## EXPERIENCE

**UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER, English Department**, Münster, Germany, 2008 - present

- ***Adjunct Instructor for the TEFL Chair***, SS 2013 until present
  - Currently teach and have taught BA Introductory Courses, BA and MA Seminars also for the Masters of Ed. Program (see list of courses).
- ***Adjunct Instructor in Linguistics***, WS 2010-11 & SS 2011
  - Taught Language Courses, BA Introductory Courses (Intro to Linguistics), BA Seminars (American Dialects) as well as Medical English and in the Masters of Ed. Program.
- ***Language Lecturer in American Studies***, WS 2008-09 - SS 2010
  - Taught Language Courses, BA Seminars, Advanced Masters Language Courses (MA NATS & BAPS), Master's Seminars for the Masters of Ed.
- Developed curricula as well as teaching materials and created and corrected exams;
- Trained new staff members to ensure continuity in various different departments;
- Mentored and supervised 100+ MA and BA theses over the last 10 years (as first and as second reader), prepared and lead oral assessments of BA and MA oral exams as well as *Modalabschlussprüfungen* (old and new *LPOs* in written as well as oral form).

**UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER, SPRACHENZENTRUM, Münster, Germany, Oct. 1999 - 2010**

- **Language Instructor:** taught language courses for medical students, law students as well as business students at various levels (see list of courses).
- **Examiner:** Created and conducted the UNCert-III exams for the Medical School as well as for the Business School in cooperation with Dr. Birgit Beile-Meister. Developed and executed the FFA final exams as well as conducted and created the FFA oral exams for the FFA certificates, Oct. 2002- 2010.
- **ERAMSUS Coordinator:** Coordinated the German teachers for the 2-week orientation phase for the new ERAMSUS students: Oct. 2002, April 2003, Oct. 2003, April 2004.
- **Language Instructor:** Taught ERASMUS students German on various levels.

**FREELANCE TRANSLATOR, Münster, Germany, 1997 - 2018**

- Translator of various technical documents for various Institutes of the University of Münster (Biology, Music, English Seminar, Medical School and Law School), Euregio, Landschaftsverband Westfalen-Lippe (euro net, in Brüssels), SAP Systems Integration AG, Ruhrkohle AG Dortmund, Benedict Language School (ExpertText), DiaMed (Medical Consultation Company) and more.

**ST. FRANZISKUS HOSPITAL, Nutritional Medicine, Münster, Germany, 1998 - 2009**

***Coordinator of the English Program***

- Developed and taught classes as well as coordinated teachers for the 50-hour training period per graduating class.
- „Englisch im Klinikalltag“ taught additional language courses for the nurses on staff (4-6 six-week sessions per year (2007-2010); see list of courses).

**FACHHOCHSCHULE MÜNSTER, Nursing Department, Münster, Germany, 1998 - 2000**

***Coordinator of the English Program***

- Coordinated instructors and taught various language courses designed for Nursing Managers and Nursing Pedagogues (see list of courses).
- Coordinated the cooperation with UCSF (University of California, San Francisco). Created the Study Abroad Program with Prof. Dr. Regina Lorenz-Krause.

**RECHT UND SPRACHEN e.V. (FFA-Program), Münster, Germany, 1999**

***Director***

- Administration and coordination of daily procedures for the association. Planned the *Continuing Legal Education Conference (30.09 – 02.10.1999)*, which made it possible for US attorneys residing in Germany to acquire the necessary certificates for the American Bar Association.

**VOLKSHOCHSCHULE MÜNSTER (Adult School), Münster, Germany, Oct. 1997 - 2000**

- **Language Lecturer:** Taught various language courses (German and English), as well as Medical English and participated in MOVE, a program designed by the Employment Office in Münster.
- **Simultaneous Translator:** (German, French and English) for the *Transnational Meeting of the Key Skills Group*, a subdivision of the *AGIR 2000*, an international commission that coordinates various projects to combat redundancy across Europe.

**BERLITZ, Münster, Germany, 1997 – 2000**

***Language Instructor***

- Taught various language courses (in English and German) using the BERLITZ-Method.

**INSTITUT FOR PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNOLOGY, Münster, Germany, 1997**

***Academic Assistant***

- Translated research projects, doctoral theses and edited publications which were to be published internationally as well as in Europe.

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, German Department, New York, NY, USA, 1991 - 1996**

***Assistant to the Language Coordinator***

- Designed and lead the inter-departmental teacher-training courses developed for new teaching assistants starting at the university.
- Developed and taught language courses on all levels in German: introductory language courses, intermediate and advanced language courses, additionally master's seminars geared toward perfecting certain competencies (see list of courses).

**BURDA MEDIA, INC., New York, NY, USA, 1992 – 1996**

***Editor***

- Wrote articles, coordinated photo shoots, requested photos for various articles, researched and suggested new topics for articles in *Focus*, *German Forbes*, *ELLE*, *Bunte*, *Holiday*, *Freundin* and *Transmedia* (= a daily internal publication).

**DEUTSCHES HAUS (i.e. GOETHE INSTITUTE, NY), New York, NY, USA, 1991 – 1993**

***Language Instructor***

- Started as an intern (1991) and was then hired to teach language courses on all levels to adults working together with instructors who had been trained in Germany.

**MONTCLAIR PARKS DEPARTMENT, Montclair, NJ, USA, 1987 - 1997**

***Voluntary Ski Instructor***

- Instructed children (grades 1 – 12) in various ski resorts in New Jersey, USA.
- Received a *Five-Year Outstanding Community Service Award* in 1992 for my work with the children.

**ACADEMIC POSTIONS**

**UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER, Münster, Germany**

- ***Deputy Mid-Level Faculty Representative*** (*Stellvertretende Mittelbauvertreterin*), English Seminar, Oct. 2016 - 2018

**PUBLICATIONS**

Padberg-Schmitt, B. (2019). “Bridging the Gap: Motivating Young Readers using Audiobooks in the EFL Classroom” (under consideration)

Padberg-Schmitt, B. (2019). “The State of Affairs – Germany’s Educational System: An American Perspective” in *The Language Educator* (a Publication for ACTFL). (under consideration)

Padberg-Schmitt, B. & Jansen, L.(2013).Englisch-Deutscher Sprachvergleich. In H. Leontiy (Ed.), *Multikulturelles Deutschland im Sprachvergleich (TransLIT. Sprach-, Literatur- und Kulturkontraste*, pp. 74-76), Münster: LIT Verlag.

Padberg-Schmitt, B. & Fernandez Cuenca, S.(2013). Spanisch-Deutscher Sprachvergleich. In H. Leontiy (Ed.), *Multikulturelles Deutschland im Sprachvergleich (TransLIT. Sprach-, Literatur- und Kulturkontraste*, pp. 233-254), Münster: LIT Verlag.

**TALKS AT CONFERENCES**

“Employing Portfolios to Promote Learner Autonomy” with Dr. Stephan Gabel, ***Sprachpraxis Tagung: Anglistik/Amerikanistik Münster***, University of Münster, Münster, Germany, September 25, 2017

“Fostering Learner Autonomy to Promote Internal Differentiation” with Dr. Stephan Gabel, ***TEFL Day: Refugees & Diversity: Inclusion Strategies for ELT***, University of Münster, Münster, Germany, February 16, 2017

“A critical look at reading and SLA theory with respect to transferable skills from native to foreign/second language reading instruction,” ***Challenging Reading: English-Language Education with Children and Teenagers (International Conference)***, University of Münster, Germany, February 10-12, 2016

“Theories in USE: How to use what we know in the classroom- reading made simple,” ***Lecture Series: Hotspots in Literary/ Cultural Studies and Linguistics***, University of Münster, Germany, December 2010

"The Use of Video in the Proficiency Oriented Classroom," ***The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages***, New York, NY, USA, April 4, 1996

"The Ph.D.: To Be or Not To Be Completed (alternatives for PhD candidates in today's market)," ***Modern Language Association Conference***, Chicago, Illinois, USA, December 27-29, 1995

"Outlining the Reading Process" (Chapter One from "Theories in Use"), ***German Graduate Student Dissertation Colloquium***, New York University, New York, NY, USA, April 17, 1995

"Pre-reading Activities That Facilitate Cross-Cultural Readings of Literary Texts," ***The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages***, New York, NY, USA, April 6-9, 1995

## CONFERENCES

Planning Committee, ***TEFL Day: Kompetenzorientierter Fremdsprachenunterricht***, University of Muenster, Münster, Germany, February 15, 2018

Planning Committee, ***Sprachpraxis Tagung: Anglistik/Amerikanistik Münster***, University of Muenster, Muenster, Germany, September 25, 2017

Planning Committee, ***TEFL Day: Refugees & Diversity: Inclusion Strategies for ELT***, University of Münster, Münster, Germany, February 16, 2017

Planning Committee, ***Challenging Reading: English-Language Education with Children and Teenagers (International Conference)***, University of Münster, Germany, February 10-12, 2016

Planning Committee, ***TEFL Day: Teaching Children's and Teen Literature & Film***, University of Münster, Münster, Germany, March 10, 2016

Planning Committee, ***TEFL Day: Media in the EFL Classroom***, University of Münster, Münster, Germany, February 19, 2014

Planning Committee, ***NYU Graduate Student Association Conference***, New York University, New York, NY, USA, 12.-14.02.1993 und 26.-27.04.1996

## VOLUNTEER WORK

**SCHILLER GYMNASIUM/ KREUZSCHULE**, Muenster, Germany, 2012 – today

- Have had various posts in the schools (as parent-teacher representative at elementary as well as now in the secondary schools) to help coordinate work between teachers, parents and instructors in the various sections of the teacher training process in Germany (practical work in the classrooms as well as theoretical training at the university).

**DEMOCRATS ABROAD**, Muenster Chapter, Muenster, Germany, 2015 - today

**GERMAN GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**, New York University, NY, NY, 1990-97

- Organized two conferences (2/12-14/1993 and 4/26-27/1996).

**DELTA PHI EPSILON INTERNATIONAL SORORITY, NY, NY, USA, 1993-1994, *Mentor***

- Supervised and advised sorority after completion of degrees for three additional years (served as Treasurer & Vice President during my university years and as Pledge Class President).

**MEDIA APPEARENCES**

“Limettenduft und Mandelsplitter – Eine Kuchenreise durch das Münsterland,“ **WDR Television Station**, West German Broadcasting Company, Münster, Germany, March 30, 2018

“Kuchenrezepte: American Apple Pie,“ **WDR LOKALZEIT**, West German Broadcasting Company, Münster, Germany, March 23, 2018

“Education in America,” live interview on **RADIO Q**, Münster, Germany, January 12, 2018

“The Day AFTER the Election: Trump Special“ special guest (live interview) on **WDR LOKALZEIT**, West German Broadcasting Company, Münster, Germany, November 9, 2016

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Modern Language Association (MLA), American Association of University Women (AAUW)

**COMPUTER SKILLS:** Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook and Excel), BSCW, Learn web, Zotero, LexisNexis, Operating Systems (Microsoft Windows, Mac OSX, Unix)

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:** Bilingual English and German speaker, highly proficient in French and very basic knowledge of Spanish and Japanese.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Mannheim, Germany on May 6, 1968. Naturalized (USA) in May 2003.

