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Studies: English - Second Language Studies

Why did you choose Purdue?

Because of the great faculty in the Second Language Studies program - Tony Silva, April Ginther, Margie Berns, Shelley Staples, Dwight Atkinson. All of these professors are great scholars and I was looking forward to working with them.

What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

It has a clapping circle, but I'm not sure the circle works. Many people believe it does. Amelia Earhart used to coach female pilots here.

Please briefly describe your research:

The focus of my studies is writing in a second language: how can we do it well? What makes people good writers? What does it mean to be a good writer, especially in another language?

Name one to three words that best describes your work?

Fun, engaging, surprising.

Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

Heavilon Hall (The English Department) and HSSE - Humanities Library.

If you have free time, how do you spend it?

I spend my time reading books and watching TV, skypeing with my family in Poland.

Current mobile device/computer:

HTC Desire, iPad Mini first generation, Dell XPS L502x.

What apps, software, or tools can't you live without?

Basecamp, Outlook, Microsoft Word.

What's your workspace setup like?

I either work at home at my desk or in HSSE or Stewart library. English graduate student offices are crowded and have desks that are not adjusted to 21st century work (with a computer).

What's your favorite to-do list manager?

Basecamp.

Besides your phone and computer, what gadget can't you live without?

iPad Mini.

What do you listen to while you work?

Spotify - Release Radar, NPR, Polish Radio, My cat meowing.

I'd love to see _____ answer these same questions.

Kayne West.



What are you currently reading, or what is the last thing you read (aside from academic reading)?

Marina Abramovic's new biography.

What's your sleep routine like?

Night Owl.

How do you recharge physically and/or mentally?

I typically go hiking or watch TV.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

Structure your environment to support your work.

What is (are) your career goal(s)?

Graduate in 5 years and get a good position where I will be fulfilled.

Where can we find you on social media?

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