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Studies: Comparative Literature

Why did you choose Purdue?

I chose Purdue because it has one of the top-ranked Comparative Literature programs in the nation.

What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

Purdue's Online Writing Lab, known as OWL, attracts users from around the world. I first came into contact with Purdue when I used the OWL in Germany.

Please briefly describe your research:

My research focuses on German literature of the long eighteenth century and on metaphor studies. My dissertation, entitled "The Romantic Roots of Cognitive Poetics: A Comparative Study of Poetic Metaphor in Herder, Novalis, Wordsworth, Coleridge, and Shelley," has been supported by a competitive year-long grant from the Purdue Research Foundation.

Name one to three words that best describes your work?

German & Comparative Literature.

Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

In my office in Stanley Coulter or in the HSSE library.

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

I like going for runs and walks in nature, doing yoga, and going swimming. I also enjoy watching good movies, especially German Cinema.

Current mobile device/computer:

Samsung Galaxy Light, HP ENVY.

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

Since an essential part of my work is writing, Microsoft Office.

What's your workspace setup like?

I usually work at my desk in my office or at home. My desk is often packed with books for my research, and you will most likely also find a cup of coffee or tea and a candle or fresh flowers there.

What's your favorite to-do list manager?

I like to keep my to-do list as a living document on my computer. That way, I can easily access it while working.

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

My reading lamp because I love to read in bed!

What do you listen to while you work?

I like to listen to jazz, bossa nova, and classical music while working. When I am writing, I prefer silence.

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

Herder, Novalis, and E.T.A. Hoffmann.



What's your best time saving shortcut or life hack?

I have come to really appreciate audio books. By listening to books while walking to campus, running, and doing housework, I managed to listen to over fifty books last year in addition to those that I read.

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

I just started reading Philip K. Dick's "The Man in the High Castle."

What's your sleep routine like?

I am both a night owl and an early-riser.

How do you recharge physically and/or mentally?

I regularly do yoga and meditate.

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

"Was du heute kannst besorgen, das verschiebe nicht auf morgen!" It's a German saying meaning that you should not put off till tomorrow what you can do today. I also like the English equivalent: "A stitch in time saves nine."

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

To become a professor to continue to teach, research, and be actively involved in a campus community.

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