

# Germanic Languages and Literatures 2020 DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

**Elena Akers** (German, Geography, International Studies) the DIETER CUNZ AWARD FOR *OUTSTANDING SENIOR* 

> Kassi Burnett Graduate Associate Service Award

Jessica Kavinsky (German, International Studies) Wolfgang Fleischhauer Award

Sarah Stradling (German, History, International Studies) Undergraduate PROJECT AWARD - GERMAN

Altan Turkoglu (German, Physics, Astronomy and Astrophysics) Undergraduate Project Award – ENGLISH

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# CONGRATULATIONS to our 2019-20 graduates ! Wir wünschen Euch für die Zukunft viel Glück !

# German Majors!

AU 19

Maggie Borders

#### SP 20

Elena Akers, Ian Cordeiro, Brennan Corrigan, Rebecca Gill, Sean Glass, Kate Greer, Greg Levay, Evan McMillin, Hayden Michael, Young Na, Lauren Schefsky, Ethan Shenhar, Sarah Stradling, Ashley Van Doren, Megan Wadas, Mitchell Walker

# **German Minors!**

#### AU 19

Logan Braum, Kyle Campbell, Benjamin Connor, Sherman Cunningham, Nate Gerjets, Ryan Giavasis, Emma Lloyd, Zachary Purcell, Abbey Sanders

#### SP 20

Delaney Appel, Alyssa Baynes, Michael Benzinger, Colleen Bradley, Kristen Buzaki, Noelle Daumeyer, Jacqueline Green, Alison Hager, Skylar Harris, McKenzie Hartman, Wesley Henkel, Melissa Herzog, Rani Hinnawi, Xiaomin Huang, Emory Klann, Brooklyn McGue, Jordan Mathew, Olivia Minnie, Jon Meyers, Chloe Nelson, Nathan Nguyen, Zachary Oncale, Oliver Rudmann, Skylar Sible, Miles Sibley, Jonathon Snell, Haleigh Staugler, James Taylor, Cody Terrill, Nick Turner, Emily Udelhoven

# **Undergraduate Achievements**

### **Our Fulbright Winners!**

**Elena Akers** won both a Germany Fulbright and a USTA Austria. (International Affairs scholar, double major in German and international Studies)

#### Kate Greer won a Germany Fulbright.

(International Affairs scholar, President of the Undergraduate Student Government and double major in German and History)

#### McKenzie Hartman won a Germany Fulbright.

(International Affairs scholar and double major in International Studies and Economics with minors in German and Spanish)

**Greg LeVay** won a USTA Austria. (Double major in German and Mathematics)

**Young Na** won a Germany Fulbright. (Honors German major with a minor in Linguistics)

**Ethan Shenhar** won a USTA Austria. (Double major in German and History)

**Sarah Stradling** won both a Germany Fulbright and a USTA Austria. (Honors triple major in German, international studies, and History with a minor in Philosophy)

**Megan Wadas** won a Germany Fulbright and a USTA Austria. (Honors German major with minors in Linguistics and Media in Society)

# Scholarships and Fellowships!

Alison Jennings (German, Biology) DAAD RISE scholarship at the Universität zu Köln

**Ethan Shenhar** (German, History) CBYX (Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals) Fellowship Alternate

#### Wolfe Scholarships

Sarah McCaslin (German) Anthony Kuenzli (Aero & Astronautical Engineering)

#### Huntington International Fellowships

**Emily Needham** (History, Philosophy, Politics & Economics majors and German, Dance minors) **Michala Stewart** (International Studies major and German minor)

### Denman Research Forum!

**Megan Wadas** (German/Linguistics/Media in Society) took top honors in the Education and Languages category for her work on "Stereotypes and Language Attitudes: Examining the Perception of German 'Harshness,'" mentored by Professor Carmen Taleghani-Nikazm.

**Kate Greer** (German/History) placed first in the *Human Experiences* category with her study on "Falk Richter's *I am Europe*: Challenging German Identity and Eurocentric Elitism in the Era of Mass Migration,"

mentored by Professor John Davidson.

**Elena Akers (German/International Studies)** placed third in the *Human Experiences* category with "Nature Metaphors in Contemporary German Right-Leaning Immigration Discourse on Twitter,"

mentored by Professor Matthew Birkhold.

#### **Undergraduate Research Theses!**

**Elena Akers**, "Avalanches, Waves, and Floods: How Metaphors Shape Conservative German Immigration Discourse on Social Media, 2015-2020" Advisor: Prof. Birkhold

**Brennan Corrigan**, "The Polyglossic Situation of Swiss German Social Media: Standard German, Dialect, and English" (International Research Grant recipient) Advisor: Prof. Grotans

**Kate Greer**, "Falk Richter's *I am Europe*: Challenging German Identity and Eurocentric Elitism in the Era of Mass Migration" Advisor: Prof. Davidson

**Young Na**, "Unerhörte Begebenheiten:" Breaking Gender Norms in Heinrich von Kleist's *Die Marquise von O*" Advisor: Prof. Fischer

**Ethan Shenhar**, "From the Reich to the Republic: The Spanish Civil War and the German Antifascist Movement, 1936-1939" Advisor: Prof. Judd

**Sarah Stradling,** "The Guest Worker Myth: How Turkish Immigrant Communities Rebuilt West Berlin (1961-1989)" Advisor: Prof. Judd

**Megan Wadas**, "Stereotypes and Language Attitudes: Examining the Perception of German 'Harshness'" (Undergraduate Research Scholarship recipient) Advisor: Prof. Taleghani-Nikazm

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