

## Two German majors receive teaching Fulbright for 2013-14

The Department of Modern Languages is happy to recognize Ashley Enyeart and Chelsea Patton, German majors, who have received Teaching Fulbrights for 2013-14 in Germany. Ashley and Chelsea join the ranks of 35 Modern Language majors and minors (three students declined) who have been awarded the prestigious Fulbright scholarship since 2004-05. Twenty three of these awards have been in teaching or researching German, which attests to the very strong advising and teaching given by the German section of the Department.

Elizabeth Clodfelter, coordinator of the Fulbright process, upon reviewing the list of OU recipients states: "The Modern Language students have done a fantastic job of earning Fulbright awards. [DML] students have won more awards than students in any other department, which is really a testament to the excellence of the language preparation and insight into the cultures that you and your colleagues provide."

This year's recipients:

Ashley Enyeart was a double major in German and English and was a participant in the Modern Languages study abroad program in Salzburg, Austria. During her senior year Ashley served as both the president of German Club and the German national honor society Delta Phi Alpha. In addition, Ashley completed a minor in Spanish. At the moment, she is spending her Fulbright year teaching English in the German Hanseatic City of Rostock on the Baltic Sea.

Chelsea Patton was a double major in German and Creative Writing. As a senior Chelsea served first as the departmental German tutor and then as the teaching assistant on the department's study abroad program in Salzburg. Like Ashley, Chelsea is spending her Fulbright year far away from the Alpine south where she studied through Ohio University. She is teaching English in the north-western city of Cloppenburg, close to the Dutch border and the North Sea.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of these German students, and add their names to a long list of Fulbright winners from the Department of Modern Languages.

For the full story as posted in Compass, please go to:

[http://www.ohio.edu/compass/stories/13-14/11/OHIO-Fulbright.cfm?utm\\_source=Athens+Faculty+2013-14&utm\\_campaign=c673e1844a-Compass\\_Monday\\_Dec\\_2\\_2013\\_Athens\\_Faculty&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6aa57cf8b1-c673e1844a-40375729](http://www.ohio.edu/compass/stories/13-14/11/OHIO-Fulbright.cfm?utm_source=Athens+Faculty+2013-14&utm_campaign=c673e1844a-Compass_Monday_Dec_2_2013_Athens_Faculty&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6aa57cf8b1-c673e1844a-40375729)

Previous German Fulbright winners from 2011-12:

(For the full story: <http://www.ohio.edu/compass/stories/10-11/4/fulbright-matzen-wagner-998.cfm>)

Eric Geyer was a double major in German and psychology with a minor in history. Eric Geyer spent his Fulbright year as an English teaching assistant at a secondary and vocational school (Berufliches Schulzentrum für Gastgewerbe "Ernst Lößnitzer") in Dresden. Currently, he is working as a Classroom Behavioral Therapist at the Lerner School for Autism at Cleveland Clinic Children's in Cleveland, Ohio.

Learose Pinkham was a double major in German and linguistics who made arrangements with the high school that she attended to run an ongoing video blog initiative between her future English students in Germany and U.S. high school students.

Luke Slager completed a double major in German and History. He used a variety of landmark U.S. films from various historical periods to encourage his students to discuss U.S. and German cultural issues. At the same time he helped them improve their conversational English skills.

"Chrissy Matzen's proposed research into the motivations and backgrounds of female concentration camp guards garnered a Fulbright award as well as an impressive amount of interest and support from German scholars during the application process," said Clodfelter. Matzen majored in history, minored in German and pursued certificates in Women's Studies, Jewish Studies and European Studies.

Journalism major Mathew Wagner earned a special Fulbright award to Germany, the Beginning Professional Journalism Award. He focused on if and how having multicultural players on the national soccer teams impacts German national identity.

"The only previous Ohio University recipient of that award had several years of professional journalism experience by the time of application, so to receive this opportunity as an undergraduate is a real honor for Matt and a credit to the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism," Clodfelter said.

Clodfelter gave credit to the German language faculty for the students' successful Fulbright applications.

"The German professors in the Department of Modern Languages are clearly inspiring their students to learn more about German culture and to have ambitious German language learning goals," Clodfelter said.