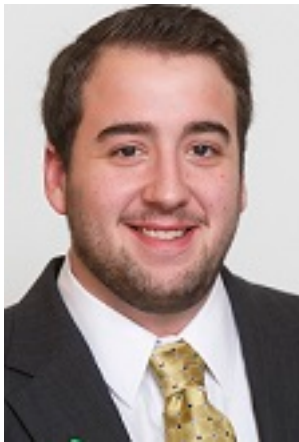


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Whether in the business world, politics, or post-graduate degree programs, both stateside and abroad, these are just a few of our students who are putting their German studies to good use. Are you using your German skills as part of your job, internship, or in academia post-graduation? If so, we'd love to hear your story! Please let Dr. Anna Souchuk ([asouchuk@depaul.edu](mailto:asouchuk@depaul.edu)) know how you're integrating German into your life outside of the classroom, either during your years at DePaul or after graduation. *Vielen Dank!*



**James Dittrich, '12**

James graduated from DePaul with a double major in German and Political Science (and a minor in German Studies) in 2012. His knowledge of the German language and of European politics - largely honed during his experience with DePaul's study abroad program to Bonn, Germany - was essential to his acceptance in the Master of European Studies Program at the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) at the Universität Bonn. This program focuses on the economics, politics, and law of the European Union, and was supplemented by excursions to EU institutions, as well as to Frankfurt and Berlin. James' Master's thesis synthesized his knowledge of US and EU politics and addressed the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership - with the foundation being the experience and knowledge attained in the DePaul German program. From there, James found work at a German think tank, the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC). The German program at DePaul was essential to his post graduate success: knowing German allowed James to live in Germany, increased his academic options by making affordable graduate programs more available, and enabled him to find part-time work in Germany to supplement student living costs. Moreover, since James' career ambitions are focused on Transatlantic affairs and German-American relations, his knowledge of German culture, history and politics has been a real asset. Without the diverse topics covered in various German program courses and the experience from study abroad, James would not have been able to do so much since leaving DePaul.



**Mark Brown, '10**

Mark was determined to make German part of both his educational and professional careers. As he was completing his German major at DePaul in 2010, he applied for an internship with a German publishing company (Langenscheidt), and was offered instead a full-time position. Not only did Mark distribute German educational materials as part of his position, but German was also the main language of communication in the office, as most of his colleagues were based in Germany. From there, he transitioned to a position within an international relocation services firm. Although he does not focus exclusively on German, he is responsible for managing multiple German language group programs for German multinational companies. Between hiring instructors, designing curriculum, and general communication with the contacts at these companies, Mark continues to need and use his German language skills on a daily basis. The experience and education he received through DePaul's German program has been invaluable, and remains one of the best decisions and investments he has made.



***Alyssa Henrickson, '12***

Alyssa graduated from DePaul University in 2012 with a BA in Political Science and a minor in German. During her time at DePaul she studied German business, the works of Franz Kafka and other literary works. She also travelled abroad to Austria, studying turn of the century Vienna with an emphasis in the era's language, literature and history. Upon graduation she interned at the U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt, Germany working primarily in the Federal Benefit Unit at the Social Security Administration. Alyssa now works as an executive assistant at a German-based, fine-precision tool company. The company handles international trade mainly between the U.S, Mexico, Canada and Germany, but also deals with sister companies in Poland, India and Thailand. Correspondence between subsidiaries is conducted in both German and English. She thanks DePaul's German program for its vital role in preparing her for these post-graduation opportunities.



***Alexandra Felber, '11***

Alexandra graduated from DePaul in 2011 with a double major in German and Political Science. During spring 2010, Alexandra studied at the Universität Bonn through DePaul's study abroad program. While in Bonn, Alexandra took advantage of the extracurricular activities offered by the international office at the Uni Bonn, such as volunteering at a primary school once a week throughout the semester. She was a German tutor in the Department of Modern Languages during her senior year, and was awarded the 2011 Senior Award for Academic Excellence in the German Program. In 2013, Alexandra moved to Incheon, South Korea, to teach English for a year. While in Korea, Alexandra found her knowledge of German useful for networking within Korea's ex-pat community. She visited the Goethe-Institut Seoul and participated in foreign language reading events at international schools within Seoul, where she translated German language children's books into English for an audience of students. Following her year in Korea, Alexandra was accepted to the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, where she will work towards obtaining her Master's degree in Development Economics and International Studies in Fall 2014. Following this program, Alexandra hopes to obtain employment in the public or private sector working toward creating policy fostering economic development and cooperation.



***Nick Keener, '13***

Nick graduated from DePaul in 2013. He studied Communications and German. Upon graduating, he received a job as a Product Manager at Wünsche Firmengruppe: Euro Centra. Based in Hamburg, Germany, but with a U.S. office location outside of Chicago, Wünsche Firmengruppe focuses on global sourcing and international trade. The main client of its US office is Aldi, a Germany-based supermarket that is growing rapidly across America.



***Erthel Oruma, '12***

Erthel received a BA in Public Relations and Advertising with a minor in German in 2012. During her time at DePaul, she took part in the Bonn, Germany study abroad program and spent a semester at the Universität Bonn. After graduating, she worked as a Consulting Services trainee for the German American Chamber of Commerce in Chicago, where she used her German language skills in a professional setting while learning more about Transatlantic trade. She is able to further utilize her international experience in her current position with the Churchill Centre.



***Brendan Witry, '14***

Brendan Witry graduated from DePaul in Spring 2014, with a double major in Management and German. During his time at DePaul, he was selected to participate in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a public diplomacy exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Congress and the Bundestag in Germany. He studied German and Business in Cologne and Saarbrücken and worked for a consulting and technology firm in Saarbrücken, assisting in translating documentation. The courses he took at DePaul not only helped his language skills, but also helped him better understand German culture and history.



***Kevin Cole, '15***

Kevin Cole is a senior at DePaul studying German and Spanish. During his time at DePaul he has provided translation services from German to English for clients such as the French Consulate of Chicago and various businesses in the service industry. In the summer of 2014 Kevin completed an internship with German publishing company Klett-Langenscheidt, and is currently working as a private consultant for this firm where German language proficiency is a critical component of day-to-day business. After graduation in spring of 2014, Kevin hopes to complete a dual Master's in Social Science between the Middle Eastern Technical University of Ankara, Turkey and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, focusing on the Turkish-German relationship.