

# Kevin Neitzert – Curriculum Vitae

## Summary of qualifications

- Fluent command of the German language with specialty in area of linguistics/language acquisition
- Familiar with several models of language acquisition and the pedagogical issues that arise in a second language learning classroom.
- Familiar with instructing multiple age groups and levels of language ability
- Working knowledge of Internet, Microsoft Office™
- 3 years residence / 2 years work experience in Germany
- 13+ years work experience at Grand Valley State University
- Regularly attend workshops and seminars to remain current in my field

## Work experience

*2013 – Present*      *Grand Valley State University*      *Allendale, MI*  
**International House Faculty Fellow**

- Hold weekly office hours in the International House (1<sup>st</sup> floor, Murray Living Center)
- Hold weekly conversation circle in the International House
- Organize and execute intercultural activities/events (cuisine, movies, etc.)

*2017 – Present*      *Grand Valley State University*      *Allendale, MI*  
**Senior Affiliate Professor of German**

- Fulfill previous responsibilities of Affiliate Professor of German plus...
- Teach 3<sup>rd</sup> year German Composition course
- Teach 3<sup>rd</sup> year German Advanced Grammar course
- Serve as advisor to the Grand Valley State University German Club

*2009 – 2016*      *Grand Valley State University*      *Allendale, MI*  
**Affiliate Professor of German**

- Teach 1<sup>st</sup> year elementary German language courses
- Teach intensive elementary German course (Elementary I & II combined)
- Teach 2<sup>nd</sup> year intermediate German language courses
- Teach 3<sup>rd</sup> year German conversation course
- Serve as advisor to the Grand Valley State University German Club

*April/May – 2007*      *TGW-Ermanco Inc.*      *Spring Lake, MI*  
**Private Instructor of German**

- Taught elementary German course for Michigan based, Austrian owned company (Elementary I – 6-week crash course).
- Designed and implemented all materials for introductory German course (Elementary I – 6-week crash course).

2006 – 2009                      *Grand Valley State University*                      *Allendale, MI*

**Visiting Professor of German**

- Taught 1<sup>st</sup> year elementary German language courses
- Taught 2<sup>nd</sup> year intermediate German language courses
- Taught intensive elementary German course. (Elementary I & II combined)
- Designed and implemented supplementary materials for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year German courses. (Elementary I & II)
- Served as advisor to the Grand Valley State University German Club.

2005 – 2006                      *Grand Valley State University*                      *Allendale, MI*

**Adjunct German Instructor**

- Taught 2 courses per semester – daytime and evening
- Taught first semester elementary German course
- Taught 3 intermediate German courses
- Designed and implemented supplementary materials for introductory German course.
- Designed and implemented supplementary materials for intermediate German course.

2003-2004                      *Self Employed*                      *Coldwater, MI*

**Freelance Translator**

- Translate and Proofread documents on contract basis.

1998 - 1999                      *Michigan State University*                      *East Lansing, MI*

**Teaching Assistant – German Department**

- Designed and implemented lesson plans for beginning German course.
- Coordinated extracurricular group of students to promote German conversation.

1996 - 1998                      *Friedrich Schiller University*                      *Jena, Germany*

**Academic Assistant – English and American Studies (Akademische Hilfskraftstelle)**

- Designed and taught English Conversation course and English Oral Presentation course.
- Assisted in evaluating examinations in classes other than my own.
- Translated and proofread documents for university professors.

1996                      *Michigan State University*                      *East Lansing, MI*

**Language Instructor**

- Designed and taught beginning level German course for MSU evening college.

July 1995                      *Concordia Language Village*                      *Moorehead, MN*

**Credit Language Instructor**

- Designed and taught intermediate level German course for students attending language camp for the purpose of high school credit.

## Education

1998 - 1999                      *Michigan State University*                      *East Lansing, MI*

### **Graduate Student – German Studies**

- Finished course work specializing in the area of second language acquisition.
- Completed graduate comprehensive exam and acquired Master of Arts degree in German Cultural Studies with emphasis on Second Language Acquisition.

1996 - 1998                      *Friedrich Schiller University*                      *Jena, Germany*

### **Graduate Student – German as a Second or Foreign Language**

- Attended courses focused on the theory and didactics of teaching German as a second or foreign language.

1995 - 1996                      *Michigan State University*                      *East Lansing, MI*

### **Graduate Student – German Studies**

- Attended courses focused on second language acquisition theory and German literary studies.

1994 - 1995                      *Michigan State University*                      *East Lansing, MI*

### **Undergraduate Student – German Literature and Cultural Studies**

- Attended courses focused on German language, literature, and culture.
- Acquired Bachelor of Arts degree in German Life and Literature.

1993 - 1994                      *Albert Ludwig University*                      *Freiburg, Germany*

### **Undergraduate Student – General Business Administration**

- Attended courses focused on German language and business mathematics.

1991 - 1993                      *Michigan State University*                      *East Lansing, MI*

### **Undergraduate Student – General Business administration**

- Attended core courses and courses focused on accounting and economics.

## Languages

Native English, Fluent German

## Memberships and

## Professional

## Organizations

American Association of Teachers of German (AATG)

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

Edelweiss Club of Grand Rapids (German culture) – Vice President (2015 – 2017)

Edelweiss Club of Grand Rapids (German culture) – President (2017 – present)

## References

Letters of reference available upon request.