

Torsten Kathke

Education

- Oct. 2006 – present Doctoral student, Amerikanische Kulturgeschichte (American Cultural History). Amerika-Institut, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Prof. Michael Hochgeschwender).
- July 2006 Magister Artium (1,31).
Thesis: *The Origin of Species and Intelligent Design: Science vs. Creationism in Present-Day America.*
- Mar. 2004 Participated in Exchange Seminar *American Environmentalism*, Instituto Universitario de Investigación de Estudios Norteamericanos, Universidad de Alcalá, Alcalá, Spain.
- Oct. 2001 – Jul. 2006 Studied Amerikanische Kulturgeschichte, Amerikanische Literaturgeschichte (American Literary History), Theaterwissenschaft (Drama) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität.
- Mar. – Apr. 1997 Attended Council Rock High School, Newtown, Pennsylvania.
- Aug. 1990 – Jul. 1999 Attended Gymnasium Ulm-Wiblingen (now Albert-Einstein-Gymnasium). Completed Abitur (1,9).
- Aug. 1986 – Jun. 1990 Attended Grundschule am Tannenplatz II, Ulm.

Work Experience

- Jan. 2008 – present Educational Specialist, Department of Education and Exchange, Amerika Haus Munich.
Responsibilities include: advising customers on exchange opportunities in US and Canada; organizing and hosting informational events; preparing and giving presentations on educational exchange topics.
- Nov. 2007 – present Assistant professor, Amerika-Institut, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität. Chair of Prof. Christof Mauch.
- Oct. 2006 – Sep. 2007
and
Oct. 2003 – Feb. 2005 Teaching assistant, Amerika-Institut.

- Sep. 2002 – present Student Educational Specialist, Section Education and Exchange, Amerika Haus Munich.
- Sep. 2000 – Sep. 2001 Reader,
Free X movie and TV screenplay development agency, Munich. Responsibilities included evaluating screenplays and developing client and author relations.
- Sep. 1999 – Aug. 2000 Compulsory Civil Service (Zivildienst),
Sektion Informatik in der Psychotherapie, Universität Ulm.
- Aug. 1999 Internship at Free X.

Other

- Dec. 2006 Founder and administrator,
graduierenforum Amerikanistik (graduierenforum.de), internet platform for Ph.D. students in American Studies.
- Oct. 2004 – Oct. 2005 Student representative to the faculty council,
(Fachbereichsrat der Fakultät 13/14), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität.
- Apr. 2004 – Oct. 2005 Student body representative (Fachschaftsvertreter),
Fachschaft Amerikanistik, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität.
Co-organized academic and cultural exchange events, liaison to Canadian government sponsors.

Language Skills

- German native speaker
- English native proficiency; Mar. 2007 TOEFL score: 118 of 120 points
- French working proficiency; 7 years of schooling, continuing personal interest
- Finnish elementary proficiency