

German Studies Brown Degree Days



What can I do with my degree in German Studies?

Come find out what our alumni have done with their degrees.

**Friday, April 3, 2009
@ 3pm
Library, 190 Hope St.**

MEET...



Barbara Platzer graduated with honors from Brown University in 2003 with concentrations in German Studies and International Relations. She currently serves as coordinator of the Africa Regional Program at the International Research Institute for Climate and Society at Columbia University. Supporting international collaborations and partnerships, reporting on program activities, developing grant proposals and helping to manage project timelines, contracts and budgets, Barbara serves as a point of contact for all Africa regional activities within the IRI and travels extensively to partners in Africa and Europe. Prior to joining the IRI, Barbara served as Assistant Director for the Risk Analysis Group of the Columbia Business School and has been working at Columbia University since 2004. She holds a Masters of International Affairs from the University of Chicago and has worked on both the Kerry and Obama campaigns.



Elizabeth Winograd-Cort is a third year PhD student in the Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Department (MCDB) at Yale. Her thesis work, generally speaking, is on plant immune systems, the fundamental biology of how plants defend themselves from things like fungus, virus, bacteria, and insects. Specifically, she is studying one type of resistance to one type of virus in one type of plant, but the broader goal is to use this knowledge to help protect plants we humans find important, like crops grown for food or textiles. She lives in New Haven, CT, and in her time outside of lab she likes to cook, dance, read, and spend time with friends and family.



Mary Georgis graduated from Brown in 2007 with concentrations in German Studies and History. She is in her second year as a member of the faculty at the Ethel Walker School, a private boarding school for grades 6-12 in Simsbury, CT. At EWS, Mary teaches high school history, coaches squash, and is the co-director of residential life. She has traveled throughout Europe since graduating, both for fun and for study, and enjoys playing music, reading, and visiting new places with friends and family in her free time. Mary hopes to pursue an advanced degree in History in the near future.

What have others done with their degrees?

Law School - *Medical School* -Public/Private High School Teacher - **Playwright**
School Reformer - DAAD/Fulbright Scholarship Recipient - University Professor in
USA and abroad Presidential campaign/administration staffer - Corporate translator-
interpreter - **Development Officer** Social Counselor - **PhD and MA candidates in**
Anthropology - Comparative Literature German Studies - Library Sciences,
French Studies, History, Ancient and Medieval Culture European
Banking/Investment Officer/Private Equity - Technical Writer - Real Estate
University Administrators: Admissions Officer - **Financial Officer** - Associate Dean -
Court Reporter - Town Administrator - **Researcher** - Global Environmental
Packaging & Product Stewardship Consultant

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