

Andrea Ritter

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EDUCATION

- M.A.** **University of Michigan - Judaic Studies** May 2, 2013
Advisor: Julian Levinson, PhD
- Graduate Thesis:
*Wandering Through Memory: A Study of WWII
Memorial Plaques in Paris's Jewish Quarter*
Award: Stanley Frankel Summer Fellowship
Funding for research trip to Paris for completion of thesis
- Independent Study: January – April 2013
Advisor: Howard Lupovitch, PhD
Holocaust Museums and Memory
Studied the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills and its use
of space and geography to connect the Holocaust to the public
- Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish language, literature, and culture Summer 2012
6-week program in cooperation with the Max Weinreich Center for
Advanced Jewish Studies of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research
- B.A.** **Indiana University - French, with Distinction** May 11, 2011
Advisor: Nancy Virtue, PhD
- Award: Excellence in Foreign Language Studies** April 14, 2011
- Undergraduate Thesis:
*Inconsistency: Discussion of Vichy France
And Its Role in the Holocaust Among French Presidents*
Award: Sharon Alt Piepenbrink April 14, 2011
Excellence in research and translation
- Third Annual Undergraduate History Department Conference April 16, 2011
"Thinking Historically"
Panel: 20th Century Genocidal Practices
Presented undergraduate thesis
- L'Université de Provence** August 2009–June 2010
Academic year in Aix-en-Provence, France
Selected Coursework
*L'introduction à l'histoire et à la civilisation française
L'introduction à la France moderne
Les Juifs en France en ancien régime jusqu'à la Révolution
Les fondements du judaïsme contemporain*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Wayne State University- Assistant to the Director

May 2017–Present

Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies

- Co-lead social media, sponsorships, and on and off-campus events that ***promote Wayne State University as an academic center in Detroit***
- ***Serve as head liaison*** between Centers and visiting scholars, consulate generals, military officials, as well as representatives from nationally and internationally recognized universities and non-profit organizations
- ***Convene and direct media and logistics for events and conferences*** to successfully engage in dialogue on international peace talks, and Jewish Muslim relations
 - International Understanding (four-part series)
 - Peace in the Streets
 - Evolution and Future Roles of NATO
 - Beyond Fear and Hate: Recent Ramifications of Anti-Semitism
 - A Shared Future (Jewish and Muslim Migration)
 - Poetry Craft Workshop and NYTimes bestselling author Marge Piercy
 - Midwest Jewish Studies Association Conference and music concert
- ***Coordinate the use of University facilities and services*** for programming
- ***Review and verify the status of revenues and expenditures*** to have approved current and future budgets
- ***Spearheaded and completed*** renovations to the Center's library by obtaining additional bookshelves and ***systemizing its collection of more than 500 resource materials*** available to students and faculty

Berlitz – French Proficiency Evaluator

October 2018 – June 2019

- ***Confirm fluency of international business professionals' French language skills*** by conducting oral exams on Skype and evaluating French writing exams

Freedom House- Translator and Interpreter (French)

March 2018

- ***Provided translation and interpreting services to attorneys and physician*** working directly with French-speaking refugees to have them granted asylum in the United States

Macy's Glenbrook- Sales Specialist and MyShop Captain

June 2014–April 2017

- **Mentored, trained, and assisted in the professional development of a team of more than 50 sales associates** in multiple areas of the store that **achieved \$5K above plan**.
- Engaged and provided customers with product knowledge in Women's clothing and accessories that **resulted in combined revenue of \$9.3m for 2016** and the store's placement as the number one selling store in the Indiana district.

Fort Wayne, Indiana- Private Tutor (French)

August 2016–August 2017

- Provided one-on-one instruction to a university student of French
- **Custom designed lesson plans** that **integrated Microsoft PowerPoint**, and oral and written activities, which successfully **fit the specific needs of the student, resulting in improved French exam and course scores, and self-confidence in French communication**

Indiana University Fort Wayne- Adjunct Faculty (French)

January–May 2016

- **Integrated learning technology** that facilitated student learning and **resulted in a 92% student success** rate in advancement of their French speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Utilized **Microsoft Excel** to create spreadsheets that **maintained student class records** and **streamlined the evaluation process**.

The Reclamation Project- Translator (French)

April 2015–January 2016

- **Translated official documents from French into English** allowing families to obtain federal and state IDs, apply for asylum, as well as complete college applications

Macy's Herald Square- Lead Support Executive

November 2013–January 2014

- **Supervised more than 100 associates** at the largest department store in the world during the holiday season.
- **Hired and trained** all new associates working in the **\$200m Men's Store**.
- **Created schedules** that utilized the strongest associates to organize the selling floor.
- **Maintained constant communication with all peers**, business partners, and supervisors to ensure that daily goals were achieved.

REFERENCES

Laurie Corbin, PhD

Purdue University Fort Wayne

Professor Emerita of French

Former Chair, Department of International Language and Culture Studies

Email: elleauriel@gmail.com

Julian Levinson, PhD

University of Michigan

Samuel Shetzer Associate Professor of American Jewish Studies

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