



KAITLYN L. DOREMUS

FULBRIGHT/PÄDAGOGISCHER AUSTAUSCHDIENST
ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP TO GERMANY



Kaitlyn Doremus earned her bachelor's degree with a double major in secondary education-German, and German cultural studies from The University of Scranton in 2011. As a Fulbright/Pädagogischer Austauschdienst English Teaching Assistant in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, she will teach conversational English in a middle school and develop a collection of photographs of German sites to use in her classes when she returns to the United States to teach the German language.

At Scranton, she has exhibited photos of her previous experience in Germany when she studied abroad at the University of Bonn and volunteered as a teacher's aide at Montessorischule Dottendorf, Bonn. In addition, she has had several photos published locally.

Now, she will apply her art to teaching.

“The photos help students see the area that they're learning about,” said Doremus. “While I was student teaching, I used pictures from my study abroad experience in Bonn, Germany. It helped students make connections with cultural differences between Germany and the United States, and those cultural differences are among the most important aspects in teaching a foreign language. It is also more interesting to students when they know that I took these pictures. They ask more questions.”

Although she plans to mainly use her own photographs for teaching, she will collect photos created by others when abroad, especially those of her favorite German photographer, Andreas Gursky.

“He's known for taking enormous architecture and landscape photographs – usually from a high point of view. Once I saw his work, I thought he had a new and different perspective on photography, and it grabbed my attention,” said Doremus.

The recipient of a National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant, Doremus is a member of American Council of Teachers of Foreign Language and American Association of Teachers of German.

At Scranton, Doremus was active in the student education club and as an orientation assistant.

Off campus, she was a volunteer medical aide at Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services.

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Her future plans are to become a high school German teacher and earn a master's degree in education, all the while applying her experience abroad and her keen eye for photography to improve student learning.

A graduate of Pocono Mountain West High School, Pocono Summit, she resides in Tobyhanna with her parents, Wally and Denise Doremus, and her brother, Bryan.