

Judith Vonberg

Freelance journalist, editor and proofreader with superb research, writing and editing skills.

Published in The Guardian, New Statesman, BuzzFeed. Featured on BBC World News.

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Education

PhD candidate in Cultural History: University of East Anglia, 2013-current

MA (Distinction) in Anglo-German Cultural Relations: Queen Mary, University of London, 2013

First Class BAHons English and Modern Languages (German): University of Oxford, 2011

A Level: English Literature (A), German (A), Psychology (A); AS Levels: Geography (A), 2006

GCSE: 11 at A*, 1 at A, 2004

Employment & Work Experience

Work experience at Sunday Mirror Magazines, December 2016

- Researching and writing features, transcribing interviews

Freelance editor and translator for Braun Publishing, Berlin, 2010-current

- Titles include *Posh & Proud: Interior Design Deluxe* (2016), *Mediterranean Living* (2015), *Masterpieces: Bungalow Architecture and Design* (2013), *London – The Architecture Guide* (2012)

Editorial Assistant at Balberry Publishing, London; publisher of educational materials, 2011-2012

- Copy-editing, proofreading, picture research, permissions, assessing manuscripts
- Prepared text and images for new website; extensive use of XML coding

Editorial and marketing intern, Braun Publishing, Berlin, Feb-May 2010

Journalism (portfolio at www.judithvonberg.com; website at www.peoplecrossingborders.com)

Highlights:

News Deeply: 'British Volunteer Hosts Welcome Refugees Into Their Homes and Lives', November 2016

News Deeply: 'Why We Need a Supranational Approach at the U.N. Migration Summit', August 2016

New Statesman: Regular articles about Germany and European culture, 2015-present

The Guardian: 'The loneliness of the long-distance learner', December 2015

BuzzFeed: 'This Is What Refugees Are Given When They Arrive In Berlin', September 2015

- Appeared on BBC TV World News and BBC Radio Scotland discussing refugee crisis, August 2015

- Articles on refugee and migration issues for Fair Planet, Lacuna, New Left Project and Migrant Rights Network, 2014-present

- Regular blogs and reviews for European Literature Network and Literature House Europe

- Website (www.peoplecrossingborders.com) showcasing my articles on refugee and migration issues

Conferences, Academic Achievements and Additional Qualifications

- Presented a paper at an international conference in Basel, Switzerland, ‘In and Out of Europe: British Literary and Cultural Discourses of Europe in the 20th and 21st Centuries’, September 2016
- Article, “Hamlet in post-war Germany”, Anglo-German academic journal ANGERMION, 2015
- Awarded Jethro Bithell Prize for best performance in a University of London German Studies MA, 2014
- Organiser of and participant in Migrant Voice National Conference, London, 2013
- Presented a paper at National Postgraduate Colloquium in German Studies, 2013
- Qualification in distance learning “Basic Proofreading” course (The Publishing Training Centre), 2012
- Attended “UK Meets Germany: A Forum for Young Leaders”, Berlin (Institute for Cultural Diplomacy), 2009
- Qualification in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, 2006

Voluntary Work

- Active member of Refugees Welcome Waltham Forest, June 2016-present
- Vice-President of Queen Mary STAR (Student Action for Refugees) group, 2012-2013
- Editor of a newsletter created for the Muswell Hill Churches Soup Kitchen, 2012-2013
- Charities Representative for The Queen’s College, Oxford, 2008-2009
 - Organising events including a talent show and an auction, raising over £2000

Interests and Activities

Travelling: Travelled independently in Africa, China and Europe; spent a year studying and working in Berlin

Music: Flute player to Grade 8 standard; member of various orchestras and music groups

Art: Keen amateur photographer; regular visitor to art and photography exhibitions

Sport: Keen runner; regularly run half-marathons and compete in a league with East London Runners

References

Dr Petra Rau, Senior Lecturer, University of East Anglia (01603 597602)

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