

# Jackson Bierfeldt

Phone: +1 (440) 242 8866 | Email: jbierfeldt@gmail.com | Website: www.bierfeldt.me  
Address: Pazmanitengasse 19/18, 1020 Vienna, Austria

---

## EDUCATION

---

### THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

*Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Germanic Studies*

Chicago, IL  
June 2017

- GPA: 3.95/4.00
- Graduated with General Honors
- Special Honors and Departmental Honors in Germanic Studies
- Completed German Language Courses at the Hochschule Bremen, University of Heidelberg, and the University of Vienna in Summer 2015 (Certified CEFR C1.2)
- Studied Abroad at the University of Vienna in Autumn 2015

---

## SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS/AWARDS

---

- 2013 Stamps Leadership Scholarship: Four-year, full cost of schooling scholarship provided by the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation
- 2015 Foreign Language Acquisition Grant: Travel grant used to study abroad for 6 months in Germany/Austria
- 2016 Third Year International Travel Grant: Travel grant used to do research project in Central Europe for 4 months
- 2016 Phi Beta Kappa Inductee (inducted as a Junior)
- 2017 Paper accepted to and presented at the Germanic Studies Graduate Student Conference at the University of Arizona
- 2017 McKenzie Prize in Germanic Studies: Honorary prize awarded by the faculty of in Department of Germanic Studies
- 2017 T. Kimball Brooker Prize for Undergraduate Book Collecting
- 2017 Fulbright ETA Scholarship for Germany (declined)
- 2017 US Teaching Assistantship Program for Austria, administered by Fulbright Austria

---

## EXPERIENCE

---

### AUSTRIAN MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION (BMB)

*English Teaching Assistant*

Korneuburg/Stockerau, Austria  
2017 – Present

Teach English language and intercultural competence in two different Austrian secondary schools (grammar/commerce)

- Create and lead engaging lesson plans focused around Anglophone cultural topics for a wide variety of ages (10–19) and language levels, with a specific focus on promoting oral fluency and cultural awareness
- Perform 13 hours of in-classroom instruction each week
- Assist regular English teachers as a “Native Speaker” resource

### THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

*Research Assistant for Prof. of Linguistics John Goldsmith*

Chicago, Illinois  
2015 – 2017

Assisted with research, citation management, and layout for forthcoming book about the history of linguistics

- Assisted with the creation of an index and glossary for 1000+ page book
- Formatted figures and diagrams using LaTeX packages
- Managed, reviewed, and completed academic citations

### THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

*Outreach Intern*

Chicago, Illinois  
2014 – 2017

Designed and built web applications and creative material for the university’s Outreach department

- Built dynamic web applications with attention to user experience and modern design practices (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
- Used Adobe Creative Suite to create and edit postcards, brochures, posters, and other visual media
- Analyzed and reported audience data using Google Analytics

---

## EXPERIENCE (cont.)

---

### ART+PRACTICE

#### *Assistant Director*

Oberlin, Ohio

2012 – 2013

Worked with small documentary film crew to create the PBS-aired *The Americans* documentary series

- Operated Second Camera and audio equipment
- Assisted the creative director and producer in planning and organizing shoots
- Wrote and edited scripts and stories

### OBERLIN COLLEGE

#### *Media Production and Communications Intern*

Oberlin, Ohio

2011 – 2013

Video Production, Camera Operation, Sound Operation, Video Editing.

### AMHERST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### *Web Developer and Instructor*

Amherst, Ohio

2010 – 2013

Developed, managed, and maintained software and hardware in the Amherst School District

- Designed and built a dynamic school website with CMS for teachers and administrators (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP)
- Repaired and maintained standard educational district equipment such as servers, printers, projectors, etc.
- Designed and taught an introduction to web development after-school course at the junior high school

---

## SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

---

### STARTWIEN

#### English/German Tutoring for Refugees

Vienna, Austria

2017 – Present

- Provide language tutoring for students (ages 15–21) with immigration backgrounds

### REAL MEN READ

#### Read with school children

Chicago, Illinois

2016 – 2017

- Read to children (ages 4–10) at local Chicago Public School
- Served as male role-model and mentor for children who had few positive male role-models in their lives

---

## PROJECTS/POSITIONS

---

### UCHICAGO VIRTUAL TOUR

- Wrote the University's Virtual Tour as standalone mobile/desktop JavaScript Application with Google Maps API
- <http://collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/virtual-tour-welcome>

### WHEREAREMYCLASSES

- Wrote a web/mobile application which allows University of Chicago Students to find and navigate to their class buildings and classrooms. In the year it was launched (2014), 25% of the undergraduate population had used it.
- <http://uchicago.wherearemyclasses.com/>

---

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

---

**LANGUAGE:** Advanced proficiency in German (C1.2 Certified) / Could order a light meal in Spanish

**TECHNOLOGY:** Extensive experience with the following languages, frameworks, and programs: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, Python, Django, Apache, Nginx, R, LaTeX, Google Analytics, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Premiere, Adobe Audition, REAPER, Final Cut Pro 7, Praat, MS Office Suite, as well as passing familiarity with a large number of others.

**RESEARCH/ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Raoul Francé, Jakob von Uexküll, History of Ecology, German Dialectology, Theoretical Biology, History of Philosophy and Science (HIPS), Sociolinguistics, Animal Studies, Kafka Studies, History of Linguistics, Contact Linguistics