

Katharina (Kate) Sherman

Field of Interests: German-American Cultural Relations, Transatlantic Theatre, Neil Labute, Regional Identities, and Marketing

Katharina Sherman grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. Because her mother is a previous resident of Regensburg, Germany, Ms. Sherman would often come visit family in the summers there. Her background influenced her to study German, English, and Theatre at Truman State University, where she graduated with 3 Bachelors of Arts Degrees in 2014. After graduation, thanks to her dualcitizenship, Ms. Sherman was able to move to Regensburg and begin working for Tickaroo, a local startup, where she eventually became the Social Media/Marketing Manager.

After working in the business sector for 3 years, Ms. Sherman decided to return to academia, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in European-American Studies. Having worked in a European company seeking to enter an American market, and having grown up between two cultures, Ms. Sherman felt that European-American studies at the University of Regensburg would provide new perspectives to a transnational relationship that she has continually encountered throughout her life.

Ms. Sherman is also currently working on a collection of humorous essays focusing on the seemingly similar (yet clearly distinct) German and Midwestern American cultures, using her personal experiences as a means to highlight these differences. These experiences include but are not limited to a misunderstanding of what the word "*nüchtern*" means when a doctor uses it, getting used to the indifference Regensburg citizens seem to have over WWII bomb extractions, and realizing in the middle of a session that her tattoo artist has accidentally forgotten to file numerous years worth of his American taxes.