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## Stoeke'12 Awarded Teaching Assistantship in Austria

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University senior Amanda Stoeke has been awarded a U.S. Teaching Assistantship at an Austrian Secondary School for the 2012-2013 academic school year. Originally from Wood Dale, Ill., Stoeke is an elementary education major and German minor.

Financed by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture, the program applications are administered by the Austrian-American Educational Commission (Fulbright Commission). Although it is not a Fulbright Grant Program itself, the teaching assistantship fulfills the Fulbright mandate of promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of Austria and the United States.

American teaching assistants are expected to work independently and are placed in one or two Austrian secondary schools. While assisting English teachers in the classroom, teaching assistants may lead a discussion with the class as a whole, engage with students one-on-one, or help design a teaching unit based on an aspect of U.S. culture or current events, in addition to other duties. In accordance with the program's objectives, participants must also have the capability to negotiate cultural differences and to solve problems that arise on a day-to-day basis.

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