

# Meet the Road-trippers!



## Vincent L. Briley

Born in Yazoo City, MS, Vincent now calls Cleveland Heights, OH home. Vincent serves as the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs at Cuyahoga Community College – Metropolitan Campus and sings in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. During the fall of 2012, Vincent traveled to Germany as part of the Fulbright International Education Administrators program.

## Jacob Comenetz

Born and raised outside Boston, MA, Jacob became a certified “German nerd” in high school. Subsequent studies and exchange experiences in Colorado, DC, Lüneburg, Göttingen and Berlin led to a Fulbright year 2008-09 in the Young Professional Journalist Program in Berlin. A Cultural Affairs Officer at the German Embassy Washington since 2011, Jacob often commutes to work on a folding bicycle (known as a ‘Klapprad’ in German).



## Alwin Hopf

Alwin grew up near Dresden, Germany. He spent the last years traveling to every continent of the world to study agriculture and global food security. In 2018, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to pursue his Masters in Agricultural and Biological Engineering at the University of Florida. Last November, he enjoyed his first American thanksgiving, with deer hunting, Black Friday shopping madness and marvelous hospitality in rural Florida.

## Megan Hull

Originally from Lansing, grew up mostly outside of Chattanooga, and spent the past few years living in German-speaking countries, Megan’s accent oddly reflects her life in each place. German became a constant companion for her at 16 after a month-long homestay in the Harz. Megan’s latest stint in Germany was in 2016-17, where she was a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Mainz. Now an Admission Counselor at her alma mater, Hendrix College, Megan just read the *Harry Potter* series again *auf Deutsch*.



## Nicole Maria Namyslo

Born in Öhringen, Germany & grew up in the wonderful *Weinsberger Tal* (that provides the best wine worldwide! Try the *swabian Trollinger Lemberger* - known as “TL”). She is getting her Master’s in Technical Business Administration at the University of Stuttgart and spent the last 10 month as exchange student at the Business School of the University of Kansas. Nicole will miss her American & international friends (as well as the Kansan BBQ) after she’ll be gone in June!

## Stella Schminke

Born in the beautiful medieval town of Nürnberg, Germany and raised both there and in Stockholm, Sweden, Stella has always had a passion for languages. As she enjoys sharing them, she decided to study Elementary Education with an English endorsement. Currently she has survived her coldest winter ever in Moorhead, Minnesota (up to - 45° F/ -42°C) and is wrapping up her amazing College-year abroad at Concordia. While she had to learn to embrace the cold, she has never stopped loving her *frische Luft* (fresh air).

