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Education

- October 2012: PhD (Dr. Phil.) "summa cum laude" awarded by the chair of American Studies (University Duisburg-Essen) for a dissertation on Brodsky's self-translations
- March 2009: <u>Magister degree</u> (1.0) in English, American and German Studies, University of Düsseldorf
- November 2008: <u>MA with distinction</u> in Comparative Literature and Translation Theory, UCL (London)
- September 2006: awarded a scholarship by the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes promotes ca. 0.5 % of the German student population)

Literary and Translation Awards

2012: Joseph Brodsky/Stephen Spender Translation Prize, 3rd

2012: American Literary Translators' Association (**ALTA**) **Travel Fellowship** for Gifted Young Translators

2012: **Willis Barnstone Translation Prize, 1**st (for the poetic translation of Brodsky's "Дидона и Эней" (*Dido and Aeneas*); first non-native speaker of English to win this prize)

2012: International Poetry Competition Castello di Duino, 3rd

2007: Othmar Seidner Jungautorenpreis, 2nd

2006: Jugendliteraturwettbewerb der Regensburger Schriftstellergruppe, 4th

2002: Poetry competition of the "Unicum"-magazine, 1st

Carrier

- since 2009: cultural coaching (Russia) for Skills4Business, Bayer and others
- 2009: teaching English at VHS and Russian literature at the University of Bochum
- since 2008: teaching American literature at the University of Duisburg-Essen
- 2008: Russian textbook "Russisch Grundwortschatz" published with Klett/PONS
- since 2002: freelance interpreter, editor and translator for Russian, German and English (including simultaneous /conference interpreting)
- Dec. 2000 Feb. 2007: freelance journalist for the German-Russian newspaper "Rejnskaja Gazeta"; volunteer interpreter in a refugee centre in Düsseldorf