

# Andrew L. Armbruster

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## Academic Profile:

Mr. Andrew L. Armbruster is distinguished in his academic pursuits, and is fully certified in teaching English as a foreign language. Furthermore he can draw on years of experience in studying the methods requisite for learning and teaching his native English to foreign learners. He is a motivated and affable leader who has emceed at numerous academic venues and coordinated several academic events. He is a published author who holds a keen grasp of the complexities of the English language. Mr. Armbruster is also extensively traveled, familiar with the cultural environment of China, and is adept at acclimating to new environments. He is dedicated to living and developing his career in China.

## Education:

*Honors B.A. Cum Laude, Eastern Michigan University, June 2005*

Major: Urban and Regional Planning

Minor: Economics

Thesis Title: "Chinese City Design: Searching History in Order to Realize a Balanced and Sustainable Future"

### *Bridge-Linguathec TEFL Program*

Certified in teaching English as a foreign language by an accredited institution

Endorsed in teaching Business English as a foreign language

Endorsed in teaching English as a foreign language to young learners

### *The University of the West of Angers, France*

*International Center for French Studies*

Comprehensive Language Studies Program, Graduate

February 6<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003

### *The University of Laval, Quebec, Canada*

Intensive French Language Program, Graduate

May 12<sup>th</sup>-June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002

## Awards and Distinctions:

- Selected for Honors Program at Eastern Michigan University
- Chosen for three awards from the Urban Planning Department at Eastern Michigan University
- Chosen for Undergraduate Symposium Department of Geography award
- Earned TEFL Diploma with full certification by a nationally accredited institution
- Earned Certificate of Excellence for French Studies
- Earned the International Center for French Studies Diploma
- Selected for Student of the Month (twice)

## Teaching Interests:

- Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- Teaching Business English as a foreign language
- Teaching English as a foreign language to young learners

## Experience:

### *English Language Tutor to Foreign students 2003-2005*

- Privately instructed several foreign students in the English language
- Utilized skills and methods learned from foreign language institutions

### *Michigan Society of Planning Student Internship, September 2004-April 2005*

- Assisted in coordination of 2004 Michigan Society of Planning Annual Conference Awards Luncheon
- Developed emcee speech for the Michigan Society of Planning President
- Overhauled central database incorporating new methods of data management
- Active voice in office discussion sessions
- Gained intimate understanding of the particulars involved in a professional office environment

### *AA Woodworking, Flint, Michigan Responsible July 2000-April 2002*

- Company founder and chief visionary
- Extensive experience in professional client relations
- Responsible for all business transactions
- Successfully operated for two years; concluded in order to concentrate on university studies

### *Continuing Education, Eastern Michigan University Reception Office, Student Worker, June 2002-December 2002*

- Extensive work as customer service representative
- Managed numerous files and folders
- Worked independently on various projects
- Accepted special assignments given

### *Busch's Grocer, Farmington Hills, Michigan Inventory Stocking June-December 2002*

- Arranged and re-stocked store shelves
- Operated machinery and worked with crates and dollies
- Accountable for inventory being correctly arranged and stocked

### *Lynn's Café Dishwasher January 1999-June 2000*

- Responsible for routine internal maintenance
- Performed multiple roles as dishwasher, maintenance worker and waiter

## **Language:**

- English: native language
- French: a working knowledge
- Chinese: building a basic knowledge

## **Talents and Skills:**

- An experienced leader
- Possesses charismatic oratorical abilities
- Works very well independently and in a group setting
- Excellent academic and professional communication skills
- Possesses etiquette necessary for working in a professional setting
- Proficient in multiple software programs
- Creative
- Good memory
- Excellent writing skills

## **Affiliations:**

### ***PLACE (Planning Awareness Club of Eastern) Eastern Michigan University, 2003-2005***

- President of the Executive Board of the Eastern Michigan University Urban and Regional Planning Student Organization
- Hosted eight independent events
- Coordinated several events and academic conferences
- Founder and chief visionary of the academic publication, the Journal of Place
- Developed and maintain organization website
- Contributed over 45 hours of community service

### ***Honors Program Eastern Michigan University, 2002-present***

- Completed Honors thesis paper on Chinese City Design
- Participated in French Study Abroad for eight months as an honors independent study
- Completed major honors independent research project in Urban Planning
- Completed several other research projects

## **Recent Presentations:**

- 1) Presented academic research paper, 2005, "The Economic Development of China", Eastern Michigan University
- 2) Presented at the 2005 University Symposium, Eastern Michigan University
- 3) Presented at the 2004 University Symposium, Eastern Michigan University
- 4) Emcee at World Town Planning Conference, University of Michigan, 2004
- 5) Keynote speaker at the 2003 Honors Graduation Ceremony, Mott College

## **Recent Presentations, continued:**

- 6) Presented at the 2003 Symposium of International Planning Awareness, Eastern Michigan University
- 7) Presented Honors academic research paper, 2003, "Metropolitan Shanghai in 2053", Eastern Michigan University
- 8) Presentation to city council of site plan for a mixed-use urban development, 2004, "La Place de l'Exotique" (The Paradise Center), Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 9) Presented Honors academic research paper and site plan, 2004, "Nanjing Dong Lu: A Corridor Study", Eastern Michigan University

## **Publications and Research:**

- 1) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2005), "Chinese City Design: Searching the Past in Order to Realize a Balanced and Sustainable Future", Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Eastern Michigan University
- 2) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2005), "The Economic Development of China", Eastern Michigan University
- 3) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2004), "City Ideal: The Pedestrian City". *The Journal of Place*, Vol. I Issue III
- 4) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2004), "The Comprehensive Plan of Shanghai: A Critical Review", Eastern Michigan University
- 5) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2003), "*Une comparason de la qualite de vie familial dans la ville et laquelle en campagne*" ("Contrasting the quality of family life in urban areas with that in rural areas"), University of Angers, France
- 6) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2003), "*La Vie Urbain et La Vie Des Environs*" ("Urban and Rural Life"), University of Angers, France
- 7) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2003), "A Comparison of the City of Ann Arbor with the City of Angers", Honors Research Project, Eastern Michigan University
- 8) Armbruster, Andrew L. (2003), "The Philosophy of Physical Impermanence in Tokyo's Urban Space". *The Journal of PLACE*, Vol. I Issue I