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Nik Penner holds a Ph.D. in German Applied Linguistics from the University of Waterloo (2009) and has been a Faculty member in the Department of Linguistics & Languages since 2008. In 2010, he accepted a Teaching-Track position at the rank of Assistant Professor and has since taught a variety of Linguistics and German-language courses at different levels. He is actively involved in teaching courses for the MELD and IBH programs and supervises undergraduate theses for the Arts & Science program. In 2015, he was awarded the MacPherson Impact Fellowship and authored an open-access textbook for first-year German language courses. He has also served on numerous administrative and academic committees, including the Academic Integrity Committee, the Ethics Research Board, and the Graduate Scholarship Committee, among others.