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## *Representative for Tenure-Track Professors*

### **Prof. Dr. Winnie-Karen Giera**

#### **This is me**

As a native of Potsdam and a scholarship holder of the Stiftung Begabtenförderung Berufliche Bildung, I completed my Master of Education in German and Political Education at Leuphana University in Lüneburg in 2013. Afterwards, I conducted my PhD project part-time at the Institute for German Language, Literature and Didactics until defending in April 2019. My doctoral dissertation was an intervention study of ninth-graders and vocational school students in a career-oriented writing project at several secondary and vocational schools. This work received an award from the Faculty of Education in 2019. Parallel to my doctorate and teaching assignments, I completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> state examination for secondary-school teaching in Verden with distinction at the beginning of 2015. The next stage of my career began at the integrated secondary school Jungfernheide in Berlin, before I changed to the Theodor-Fontane-Oberschule in Ketzin/Havel and became a civil servant. There, I taught German, Political Education and vocational orientation in the subject Economics-Work-Technology. I was also a class teacher for a mixed-ability inclusive class for several years. Due to my numerous teaching projects with extracurricular institutions from the political, economic and cultural fields, I was recognized for the Teacher of the Year Award by the State of Brandenburg in 2017. Since 2021, I have been appointed as a junior professor at the University of Potsdam. My current research is planned in the form of (out-of-)school intervention study and instructional projects. It investigates skills such as writing, reading, debating and dramatic play skills, as well as feedback behaviors and attitudes in these domains of secondary-school students with and without language-support needs. For this, I envision an interdisciplinary collaboration between departments.

#### **This is what I stand for**

I am open to suggestions and criticisms regarding the tenure-track process for (junior) professors. As a team player, finding solutions together is important to me. I would like to support the networking of all TT professorships and offer regular meetings (currently online) in this context together with the Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS).

**“Let us share our knowledge and experience!”**

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