



BRENDELGRAM 101

Syllabus

Semester: Christmas 2021	Instructor: Kris Kringle, Ph.D.
Clock Hours: 24 clock hours/day	Credit Hours: Not worth it: Audit recommended

Regular Meeting Times

Continuous — but don't mess with Alexa on the wake-up schedule, or we will kill you.

Course Description

This course reviews the history of the Brendel family in the Latter Pandemic Period, January 2021 to December 2021.

We will focus on each of the five members of the family, with special emphasis on the accomplishments of the most significant character.

Prerequisites

To study the Brendels involves its own unique risks. Full vaccination (with booster) is highly recommended.

Previous experience with exaggeration and hyperbole will be incredibly, phenomenally, overwhelmingly helpful.

Required Text

There are no official prerequisites for this course, but we do recommend that you read or listen to both of Doug Brendel's award-winning novels (available via DragonheadPress.com), as well as his pithy commentary on life in small-town New England (at Outsidah.com).

Not that it will help you pass the course; it's just that Doug is so dreadfully needy.

Additional Course Materials

Cat allergy medicine
Vermouth

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- Avoid a breakfast meeting with one or more Brendels
- Survive if necessary a breakfast meeting with one or more Brendels
- Respond appropriately when encountering a Brendel in the wild

Course Breakdown (and we use the term “breakdown” advisedly):



Unit 1 (10% of your final grade): Lydia Charlotte Brendel (2001—)

Lydia Charlotte launched herself from high school into AMDA, the America Musical & Dramatic Academy, in New York City, and never looked back — no semesters off. She’ll graduate from the conservatory acting program in February.

(Her report on life in NYC: “The rats are exactly like in the movies. There are no SAG-AFTRA rats taking actual rats’ jobs in the movies.” Also this personal comment: “As much as I love Boston, New York’s subway is better.”)

Find Lydia Charlotte’s “cute chubby dragons” at RedBubble.com/people/KristinaBrendel/shop.



Unit 2 (10% of your final grade): Kristofer Willmington Brendel (1990—)

Kris runs the warehouse operation of Vulcan Needles, a major tattoo supply company out of Raleigh NC. He oversees inventory for their convenient retail space in town, as well as their mobile “shops on wheels” — two giant retail vans supplying numerous shops across the South. He’s also enjoying occasionally creating works of art on commission.

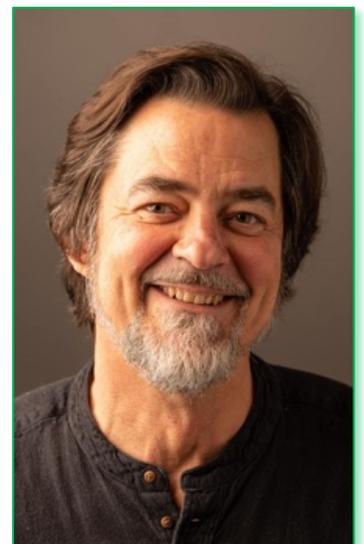


Unit 3 (10% of your final grade): Natalie LeShea Brendel (1990—)

Natalie landed a great new role this year with Better Place Forests in Flagstaff AZ.

They place your loved one’s ashes beneath a private tree in a peaceful forest where you can visit and remember them, while the earth is replenished and the forest is nurtured.

Natalie is thriving in her work of planning, managing, and officiating at ceremonies — and loving life and work in the great outdoors!



Unit 4 (10% of your final grade): Douglas Daryl Brendel (1955—)

Doug’s second novel, the humorous *Praying for Mrs. Mombasa*, won two awards. His Outsidah.com column still runs in the *Ipswich Local News*, sometimes in other papers too. Doug returned to the stage as Pulitzer in *Newsies*. He’s still making his living writing fundraising letters for non-profs.

And the Brendels still lead NewThing.net, a humanitarian aid effort in Belarus.

Unit 5 (60% of your final grade): Kristina Marie Brendel (1959—)

Kristina dropped out of college at 20 and this year finished her bachelor's at age 62, at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell.



She is too modest to tell you that she maintained a GPA of 4.0. Without excessive prompting, she will not tell you about presenting her honors thesis earlier this month to the universal praise of the faculty in attendance.

She is demure when speaking about receiving her diploma — a B.A. with honors in Literature — which will happen this May.

By the end of this course, serious students will have some sense of the extraordinary person that Kristina Brendel is, and a strong sense that her husband sneaked this stuff into the BrendelGram without her knowledge.

Additional Assignment/Grading info:

Extra credit for contacting the Brendels personally:

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Merry Christmas to all!

