



# Aurélien & Trask



# Who we are

We're a French-American couple living in Northeast Ohio. We met in 2017 and married in 2020. Before moving to Ohio, we (and our cuddly hound dog, Radley) lived together in Paris, France for four years. We are now happily settled in Ohio where we are professors at a local university. Trask is a translator and Aurélien teaches French—a language we speak at home and hope to pass on to our future child! Our careers allow us flexibility and we look forward to traveling as a family. We love spending time with our friends and family here in Ohio, as well as in New Hampshire (where Trask is from), and in France every summer (where Aurélien grew up).

# Our message to you and your family

Thank you for considering us as you begin imagining a future for your child. We believe a child cannot have too many adults who love them and, if you wish, we hope to create a relationship between your and our family. We can't pretend to understand how hard this decision must be, but we hope to support you however we can.







Enjoying happy times with our 7 nephews and nieces in New Hampshire



# Our future family

We have many children in our life whom we love. Seeing them grow and mature has made us eager and excited about becoming parents as well. We love to play, read stories, and laugh with our nephews and nieces, who are also wonderful cousins! As parents, we will encourage empathy and curiosity. We hope our children will become kind and independent adults—the type to leave the woodpile higher than they found it. Our schedules as university professors will allow us all to be together during the week and school vacations.



## Aurélien\*

He is endlessly curious and always learning—he speaks four languages and hopes to add more! He grew up in the Loire Valley of France and worked as an engineer for a French airline before moving to Ohio. Now a professor, he loves opening his students' eyes to the beauty of our great big world and helping them imagine their place in it. He also likes to make French crêpes with his students and at home! Friends and family know him to be one who listens with his whole heart. His future child would know that *papa* will always be there to listen, to learn and explore, to watch *Friends* with, and to karaoke Mariah Carey.

\*pronounced like 'oh-really-in'.

## Trask

Trask grew up in rural New Hampshire, the fourth of five children (and the only boy!). His childhood was full of long days exploring the woods and bothering his sisters. Though having many degrees (including a doctorate in French literature), he is most proud of his ability to make his friends and family laugh. He is now a professor who cares deeply about helping his students find their voice. In his free time, Trask likes to swim, bike, and run marathons. He makes friends wherever he goes and he keeps them close, even from afar. He looks forward to being a dad who makes bad jokes and tells his kid he loves them too often.



# Family, Friends, Home



Trask's parents and sisters, hiking Mount Washington (left) & surprising us with a bachelor party (right) !



Trask comes from a big, close-knit family in NH. His parents and four sisters embraced Aurélien from the moment they were introduced. Our seven nieces and nephews refer to us simply as 'uncles'. We visit Aurélien's family in France every summer. They can't wait to welcome another *bébé* to the family. We are lucky to have an incredible community of friends here in Ohio. You are likely to find them in our living room or on our front porch for movie or game nights. We look forward to introducing our child to the many people around the world who will love them.



Weekend brunch on our porch with close friends, enjoying one of our favorite activities, making French crêpes !



We bought our house in 2023 and renovated it, with the help of Trask's family, to make it into a cozy home. It's located in a diverse and walkable neighborhood, one block to the elementary school, and a short walk to the university and the farmer's market downtown.



Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and we wish you the best in the decision you make for you and your child.



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at Open Arms Adoptions by calling 330-697-4751 or 614-349-1510.