

# 2014-2015 english as a second language

## YWCA Princeton ESL Teachers

**Ann Marie Barr** earned an M.Ed. in Teaching English as a Second Language from the College of New Jersey, a BA in English with a Minor in Education from Pennsylvania State University, and did graduate study in Linguistics at Bucknell University. She taught high school English, and ESL across a broad age and cultural spectrum from New Brunswick School District through adult and graduate levels at Mercer County Community College, Rutgers, and Princeton University. She also works with the summer High School Diplomats Program through the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

**Roza Crea** holds an MA in English from the Bashkir State Pedagogical University. While in Russia, she taught English to students of all levels for more than five years in Russia. She received a New Jersey Elementary Education Teacher Certification from Graduate Level Teacher Program at Rider University. Roza also earned an AA in Early Childhood Education from Mercer County Community College. In addition to teaching ESL at the Princeton YWCA, Roza tutors children privately in math and reading. In her free time she enjoys Martial Arts, knitting and crocheting.

**Josephine Dietrich** holds a BS in Multidisciplinary Studies with cognates in education and music from Liberty University and an MAT in TESOL from the University of Southern California. She also attended The College of New Jersey to earn her Professional Certification in TESOL. Josephine's volunteer activities includes the Mercer County Literacy Volunteers, where she taught ESL, and Isles' Youth Institute in Trenton, where she taught math and English. Josephine's business background includes IBM and the United Nations. Her teaching career began with her own five children, whom she homeschooled for seventeen years. Josephine taught at Mercer County Community College for 16 months and has been teaching ESL at Camden County College since 2012. She also recently taught ESL children's classes at the YWCA Princeton's summer camp.

**Brandy Frank** holds a BA in Art Education from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, and an MA in guidance counseling and student personnel from the University Bridgeport in Connecticut. She also earned a supervisor/principal certification from the State of New Jersey and has worked in several states as an art teacher and guidance counselor. In 2004, she co-founded the Voyage ESL program where she provides free adult English classes at the Princeton Public Library. Currently Brandy teaches ESL at the Princeton YWCA, tutors and is a Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey certified tutor trainer.

**Donna Grushow** holds a BS in Finance from Trenton State College and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. Additionally, she earned an M.Ed. in Teaching English as a Second Language from the College of New Jersey. She has taught the English language at all levels in both Japan and the USA.

**Lori Haas** holds a BA in Secondary Education, Spanish from Rider University and is certified to teach ESL K-12. She taught ESL K-3 classes at the Wicoff School in West-Windsor Plainsboro School District for eighteen years. Lori also enjoyed teaching adult ESL classes at night as well as elementary ESL summer school classes in WW-P. Lori hosted a "Welcome to America Thanksgiving Dinner" and a talent show to welcome all ESL students and their families to the Wicoff School. In addition, in 1995, after the violent earthquake in Kobe, Japan, she organized a fundraising event to assist the Mikage Kita Elementary School in Kobe City, Japan. Along with donating funds, the Wicoff students participated in letter writing to the Kobe students.

**Gordon A. Jacoby** earned a Ph.D. at Ohio State University and also holds an MA in Speech Science from Ohio State. He received his BA in Speech from the City College of New York. His specialty is speech and dialects with an emphasis on ESL.

**Kathleen Johannessen** earned a BS in Elementary Education/Biology from The College of New Jersey and a graduate level ESL Certification from Rider University. She is a language trainer for Cartus International. Kathy taught in both public and private schools for more than 16 years and has volunteered as an ESL instructor for Literacy Volunteers and the YWCA Princeton.

**Margaret Kiraly** holds a BA in Elementary Education from Rowan University, formerly Glassboro State College. She taught Reading, Language Arts, and Writer's Workshop for the East Brunswick Public Schools for many years. She has been teaching a Writer's Workshop to ESL students at the YWCA Princeton ESL Program for the past three years.

**Larry Koplik** holds a BA in Politics from Princeton University and a JD from Boston University School of Law. He has taught a free ESL conversation class centered around Level 2 students at the Princeton YWCA since 1995. He has worked on Wall Street as a stock and options trader and broker.

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**Jeanne Leiman** holds a BA in English from CCNY, the City University of New York, and an MA in English Literature from the University of Cincinnati. She has taught various English courses on the high school and college level in New York, Maryland and Ohio, and ESL to adults at the Princeton YWCA since 1996.

**Meg Maher** holds a BA degree in Italian Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and an MS Ed. in TESOL from the Graduate School of Education also at Penn. She has taught ESL at Union County College in Elizabeth and at the Princeton Adult School. A graduate of Princeton High School, she was born and raised in Princeton.

**Pat Marino** has a BA in English Literature, an M.A. in English Literature, and a Supervisor's Certification from Rutgers University. She also has an ESL Certification from The College of New Jersey, Trenton. She has taught high school English at Metuchen High School and ESL at Princeton High School. Currently, she teaches ESL conversation classes for the Literacy Program of NJ, and tutors GED students at the YWCA.

**Drucie McDaniel** graduated with high honors from The University of Maine at Orono, having taken double majors in Broadcast Journalism/Film and Theatre, receiving a BA in communications. She works extensively in the recording division of Educational Testing Service's Teaching of English as a Foreign Language. As a college professor, she has taught at Arcadia University, Burlington County College, and for 27 years at The University of The Arts. Drucie is a member of the American Association of University Professors, the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, Screen Actors Guild, and Actors Equity Association. She teaches pronunciation and accent reduction.

**Yvette Mintzer** has a BA in English from The City College of New York. Yvette has been a creative writing and poetry teacher and has spent her entire career in the literary field as a published poet, writer for theater productions and as an editor and business manager. She has been teaching ESL at the YWCA Princeton since 2002.

**Rick Moretti** earned a BS in Science/Communications Media from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Rick has extensive experience in business development and retention, as well as management and sales. As a corporate trainer, he designed, developed and delivered hard and soft skill training programs for all levels of employment up to and including senior management, including the training program for the Central Customer Service unit of Core States Financial Corporation that was awarded six college credits by Edison College.

**Shakuntala ("Shaku") Pandya** is of Indian origin who has lived in India, Kenya and the UK prior to coming to the US. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat State, India. Her work experience includes working for American Express for two years and in the UK system for six years. She has worked for the YWCA Princeton for five years and is lead tutor for a conversation class at Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County.

**Anita Pollack** holds a B.S.W. from the Università di Parma, Italy and an MA in TESOL from Hunter College, New York. She has taught ESL to adults and children in New York and New Jersey. She currently teaches Adult Basic Skills and English as a Second Language at the Mercer County One Stop Career Center and has been an instructor at the YWCA Princeton for several years.

**Paula Rossi** has a BA in Political Science from Trinity Washington University (formerly Trinity College) and a M.Ed. in Teaching English as a Second Language from The College of New Jersey. Paula was head tutor with Mercer County Literacy Volunteers and taught adult ESL students in Lawrence Township, NJ at Slackwood Elementary School. She holds a Certificate in Management from Mercer County Community College. Paula transitioned from a long career as a Paralegal and Law Firm Administrator and is the current Director of the YWCA Princeton's ESL Program.

**Nancy Schenkel** holds a BS in Communications from the University of Illinois. She worked in Yardley, PA tutoring children and adults with reading disabilities. Nancy taught ESL at an adult education program in St. Louis for six years and has been teaching at the Princeton YWCA since 2007.

**Susan Smith** earned a B.Ed. from the University of Miami and a M.Ed. from the University of Louisville. A secondary English teacher for many years, Susan now prepares students for the Verbal/Language Arts sections of the SAT and the GED.

**Julia Sonnenschein** holds a BA from William Paterson College, an MA in curriculum, instruction and supervision, as well as an ESL teaching certification from Rider University. Julia taught in the public school systems and trained teachers, parents and students in various programs. She has been an educational trainer/consultant for twenty years. In addition to teaching in the ESL program, Julia is a staff member. She is responsible for developing the curriculum and teaches in and coordinates the GED program.