

Janet K. Orr

Education

M.Ed., Teaching English as a Second Language and Reading, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL; 1980

B.S., Elementary Education, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO; 1973

Certification: Elementary School Principal Provisional Certificate, K-8 Instruction, ESL and Reading.

Program Evaluation

- **Iraq-PERFORM**, served as the youth specialist on the mid-term evaluation of the Tijara Project conducted by The QED Group, May 2011.
- **Review of the English Language Program offered by the US Embassy, Bangui, Central African Republic.** December 2010.
- **Assessment of the Immigrant Grant Portfolio** of Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation, by CEEE at the George Washington University. 2008-09
- **Jobs for the 21st Century: Sri Lanka Assessment** of youth workforce readiness, USAID. 2006.
- **Program Reviewer, ACCESS Micro-scholarship Program** for Moslem Youth, Morocco and Turkey. U.S. Department of State, 2005.
- **Mini-Assessment in Education, USAID/Tanzania.** July - August 2003.
- **The Descriptive Study of Services for K-12th Limited English Proficient Students**, US Department of Education, Lead Evaluator for Case Studies, 2002.
- **Promoting Excellence for English Language Learners: An Evaluation of the Montgomery County Public Schools English for Speakers of Other Languages Program.** 2002.
- **Evaluation of the Summer STARS Program and Preliminary Formative Evaluation Report**, District of Columbia Public Schools, 2000 /01.
- **ESL Program Evaluator, American Embassy School, New Delhi, India, 1996.**

Program Administration

- **Interim Education Specialist, USAID/Tanzania.** Developed a project aligned with the new education assistance objective (AO) focused on excellence in reading mathematics and science in primary schools. July - October, 2009.
- **Associate Director, Center for Equity and Excellence in Education, The George Washington University, Arlington, VA. 1999-2002**
- **Director of Courses, American Language Center/USIS, Amman, Jordan. 1992-1994**

- **ESL Coordinator, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, VA.** Provided leadership for the grade 1-12 ESL program in over 100 schools. **1989-1992**
- **Marketing Consultant, Concordia International School Shanghai.** Supported the marketing strategy for a new international school by meeting with prospective investors and parents. 1997-99.
- **Program Manager, Department of Bilingual/ESOL Education, Denver Public School, CO. 1985-89**
- **Program Coordinator.** Experientially Based Summer School, Boulder Valley Public Schools, CO/ 1981.

Youth focused Workforce Development

- Co-compiler of an **American Themes Anthology** for U.S. State Department's ACCESS Program for high school youth in the Middle East, 2008-2011.
- **Education Specialist, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Office of Economic Growth, Colombo, Sri Lanka.** Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) Workforce and Education. 2006-2007
 - **Accelerated Skills Acquisition Program (ASAP)** Give youth critical skills they need to gain employment. (CO-COTR)
 - **English Computer Based Learning (E-CBL)** Public-Private Partnership to link commercial computer based learning program (DYN-ED) with learning centers in conflict zones (Jaffna, Trincomalee and Batticaloa) and tsunami areas. (AOTR)
 - **Young Entrepreneurs of Sri Lanka (Junior Achievement),** Grant administrator to expand program into conflict and former conflict zones.
 - **Post Tsunami Construction** of nine vocational training centers by CH2M Hill. (Education advisor)
- **Curriculum Developer and Course Instructor for Zambian Journalists Writing Project, Lusaka, Zambia.** Preparing young journalists with workplace skills. Supported by the USIS, 1996.
- Developed and administered **Transitional ESOL High School Program and FAST Math Program,** Fairfax County Public Schools, VA for out of school youth 16-22 years old to complete a high school diploma. 1991.

Teacher Education

In-service Training Conducted

U.S. State Department supported:

- **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Orientation** for Sub-Saharan Africa. June 2011.
- **In-service Training for Secondary Teachers** in Senegal and Cape Verde. April 2011.
- **Instructional Strategies** for Palestinian English public school teachers and ACCESS program teachers. August 2010.
- Conducted English teacher training and produced **sample lessons for generalist elementary teachers** in Japan, May 2010.

- English Language **Primary English Teacher Training**, Serbia and Poland, January 2006.
- Project Director for Using English in **Subject Classes Workshops**, Tanzania, 2005.
- Keynote Speaker, Kuwait Summer Institute and the 1st Qatar Network of English Teachers (QTEN), 2004.
- Workshop on **Critical Thinking and Instructional Strategies in Curriculum Development** for Ethiopia's Institute of Curriculum Development and Research. 2004.
- **Project Director for English Language Workshops for Teacher Training College Tutors** conducted throughout Tanzania. 2004.
- Program Advisor and trainer, Brazil and Uruguay Bi-national Centers. 1994.

Supported by other organizations:

- **University of Baghdad ESL Initiative: Team-Teaching Workshop.** Mentor university professors' use of instructional strategies. Academy for Educational Development/US Department of State, February 2011.
- **What's Different about Teaching Reading to Students Learning English**, Center for Applied Linguistics, November 2008 and March 2009.
- **In-service Training at the American School of Kuwait** for Pre-K-12 class teachers, 2003.
- **Trainer for Peace Corps Tanzania at Mid-service Volunteer Conference.** January 2005.

Courses Taught

- **Adjunct Instructor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.** Taught Assessment in Bilingual/ESL Settings. 1992
- **TESL Methods Instructor, Ohio University, Athens, OH.** Summer Institute for South African and Namibian Teachers. 1991
- **Advanced English Writing Coach, Hewitt Consulting, Shanghai.** Developed and taught an eleven session writing course to improve the business writing skills of employees. 1998.
- **Assessment Teacher (half day), Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, VA.** ESL Elementary Teacher (half day). Taught ESL to students in grades K-6.
- **Adjunct Instructor, Department of Language and Culture, University of Colorado at Denver, CO.** 1987-88
- **English as a Second Language Specialist, Botswana Primary Education Improvement Project, Ohio University/USAID.** Lecturer at the University of Botswana and provider of primary school teacher in-service training. 1981-84

Professional Responsibilities

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), member 1975 to present.

- Elected to serve as a Director of the Board, 2010-2013.
- Elementary Education Interest Section E-Newsletter editor. 2005-07.
- Member, Professional Development Committee. 2004-2007.
- Chair, Elementary Education Interest Section, 2004-2005.

- Steering Committee for Elementary Education Special Interest and regularly present at annual conferences. 1986-2000
 - Served on the committee developing ESL-Standards-Based Assessment for Pre-K-12th Grade for National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE). 1998 to
- Judge of the Franklin Global Spelling Event in Mexico City, April 2010; Dakar, Senegal, April 2011.
- Advisory Board for World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment. (WIDA). 2010.
- Advisory board member for the ERIC Clearinghouse for Languages and Linguistics, Center for Applied Linguistics, 1990 to 1992.
- American Evaluation Association member, 2008-present

Publications

- McCloskey, M.L., Orr, J.K., Stack, L. and Kleckov, G. (forthcoming 2012). American Themes (working title). Washington DC: U.S. Department of State.
- Orr, J.K., McCloskey, M.L. and Dolitsky, M. (Eds.). (2006.) *EFL in Primary Schools, Case Studies in TESOL Practice*. Arlington, VA: TESOL.
- Orr, J.K. (2005). Kids Engaged in Learning: Curricular Trends. *Proceedings of the 10th TESOL Arabia Conference: Standards in English Language Teaching & Assessment, Volume 9*. Dubai, United Arab Emirates: TESOL Arabia.
- National Study of School Evaluation. (2002). *Program Evaluation: English as a Second Language*. Schaumburg, IL: Author. (contributor).
- Orr, J.K. (2001) Standards for bilingual and ESL classrooms. *NABE News*, 24, (6), 4.
- Orr, J.K. (1999). *Growing Up with English*. Washington DC: USIA.
- Orr, J.K. (1999). 'Join the Club' and there's no chance of forgetting what you have learned. *American Language Review*, 3, (2), 44.
- Orr, J.K. Editor. Shanghai Expatriates Association *Courier*. 1998-99.
- Orr, J.K. (1998). Much to be gained from ABC's. *American Language Review*, 2, (4), 31.
- Orr, J.K. (1995). EFL is Primary. *TESOL Matters*, 5, (6), 8.
- Nyati-Ramahobo, L., & Ramsay-Orr, J. (1993). Primary Education and Language Teaching in Botswana. *Common Threads of Practice: Teaching English to Children Around the World*. Alexandria, VA: TESOL.
- Ramsay, J.K. (1989). A Bilingual/ ESL Curriculum Framework. *TESOL Quarterly*, 23 (1), 147-152.