

MEET THE TEAM



KATHY BOYER *M.A.T., ESOL/Bilingual Ed. Endorsement*

Kathy Boyer received her B.A. from Western Oregon University in Education with endorsements in Elementary Education, Spanish, and ESOL/Bilingual Education. She received her M.A. in Teaching from Lewis & Clark College. After teaching at an elementary school, where she began her ESL teaching, she moved into high school classrooms, teaching beginning levels of Spanish and ESOL. She spent several years teaching both English and Spanish as second languages in Woodburn. Kathy has been teaching ESL classes for several years at Chemeketa Community College.



MARGARET ELLIS *M.S. Language Education*

Margaret was born and raised in the Portland area. She has taught English to immigrant and refugee populations in Portland and she taught both English and teaching methodology in Ukraine. Margaret has earned a B.A. from The Evergreen State College in Olympia and a second B.A. in Russian from Portland State University. She completed an M.S. in Language Education with an emphasis on TESOL from Indiana University's Department of Literacy Culture and Language Education.



KENZO GARDNER *M.A. TESOL*

Kenzo began teaching English in the summer of 2001, he moved overseas where he taught in Tokyo, Japan and Mexico City, Mexico. Overseas, he met and interacted with people of various cultural and educational backgrounds. Those interactions caused him to appreciate and rise to the challenges of teaching English language to students in a multi-level classroom setting. Kenzo holds a B.A. in Spanish Literature and M.A. in TESOL. He has taught at Clark College, Portland Community College, and Chemeketa.



Colleen Richardson *M.S. TESOL*

Colleen has a Master's in TESOL from Concordia University and a B.A. in Communication and French from Portland State University, also in Portland. A near native Oregonian, she gained intercultural experience while studying abroad in France and teaching English in China. She has taught English in a variety of settings to immigrant and refugee populations in Portland, as well as in the Adult Basic Education program at Portland Community College.

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AARON SCHWARTZ *M.A. TESOL*

Aaron has been teaching English to speakers of other languages in Portland area communities since 2007 and began teaching in workplaces in 2009. Aaron holds a BA with a double major in Foreign Languages and Literature and International Studies. He also has a Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Portland State University. His interests include literature and philosophy, critical pedagogy, socio-linguistics, and linguistics and cognitive science.



Joe Vance *M.Ed. Adult Education/TESOL*

Joe has a BS in Journalism from Ohio University and a M.Ed. in Adult Education with TESOL emphasis from City University of Seattle. Joe spent several years volunteering as an ESL teacher and adult literacy tutor throughout the Portland area. He also coached immigrant and refugee job seekers on their vocational goals as an Employment Specialist with GICW's Job Connection program.