# **Robyn Holder**

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## **Summary**

Fully credentialed elementary school teacher (K-8). Five years experience teaching grades kindergarten, 3, 4, 5, and Pre K. Extensive English as a Second Language (ESL) experience including teaching in both a bilingual program and in a sheltered classroom in an urban community. Completed an ESL/urban focused teacher preparation program. Australian citizen, spouse is a High School computer/math teacher.

# **Employment**

### Clifford School, Panyu, China

2000-present

*Kindergarten Coordinator and School Teacher:* Teach a self-contained Kindergarten class at Clifford school. Students are mostly Asian nationals who are learning English as a foreign language. English curriculum is composed of interdisciplinary thematic units and a strong emphasis is placed on English literacy as well as oral English ability. As Kindergarten Coordinator mentor and evaluate three other Kindergarten teachers. Provided school-wide workshop on classroom management.

## Oakland Unified School District, Oakland CA

1999-2000

*Elementary School Teacher:* Taught a self-contained 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Stonehurst Elementary School where 90% of students are on a free or reduced lunch program. Used hands-on and literacy based curriculum to address the needs of the student population. Promoted school unity and integration by team-teaching science with a class from the bilingual program 1 hour per day. Grade level chairperson and Faculty Council member for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. A trainer of the school's student-based conflict resolution program.

### Oakland Unified School District, Oakland CA

1998-1999

Elementary School Teacher: Taught a sheltered, self-contained, combined 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Stonehurst Elementary School. Students were from 4 different ethnic backgrounds and were all learning English as a second language. Taught all subjects using Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE) teaching techniques. Organized a school wide Ocean Science day.

# **DoDDS Child Development Center**, Panama City, Panama

1996-1997

*Pre-school Teacher:* Taught 20 pre-school aged children. Instructed children in activities designed to promote social, physical and intellectual growth.

#### Education

## Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

June 2003

Masters of Education with specializations in reading and special education.

## University of California Berkeley Extension, Berkeley, CA

June 2000

California clear multiple subjects teaching credential (K-8) with a CLAD (Cross Cultural language and Academic Development) Emphasis.

# University of NSW, Sydney, NSW, Australia

December 1995

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Honors

### **International Experience**

Extensive international experience. Have lived in France, South Korea, Panama, United States and China. Have traveled in Europe, UK, Central America, South America, East Asia, and India.