



**Fulbright English Teaching Assistants to the Western Hemisphere
English Language Workshop
June 26 – 27, 2014**

**Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001**

Wednesday, June 25

3:00 pm

Hotel Check-in

Students will be responsible for any incidental charges.

Afternoon/Evening

Time on your own to meet other Fulbright ETAs and tour Washington, DC.

Thursday, June 26

7:30 – 8:20 am

Registration and Breakfast Buffet

Capitol Room B

8:30 – 9:00 am

Welcome Remarks

Capitol Room B

Mary Kirk
Director of Academic Exchange Programs
Office of Academic Exchanges
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
U.S. Department of State

9:00 – 10:00 am

English Language Resources

Capitol Room B

Jennifer Hodgson
Materials Writer
Office of English Language Programs
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
U.S. Department of State

Whitney Mirts
Regional English Language Officer
Office of English Language Programs
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
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10:00 – 10:30 am

Refreshment Break

Capitol Room B

10:30 – 12:00 pm	WHA Breakout Session	<i>Bryce, Second Floor</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	<i>Capitol Room B</i>
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Pedagogy and Teaching Methods	<i>Capitol Room B</i>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Refreshment Break	
2:45 – 5:00 pm	Using Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking Materials	<i>Capitol Room B</i>

Friday, June 27

7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	<i>Capitol Room B</i>
8:00 – 9:30 am	Classroom Management	<i>Capitol Room B</i>
9:30 – 9:45 am	Coffee and Tea Break	
9:45 – 11:15 am	Learning Styles and Classroom Management Hypotheticals	<i>Capitol Room B</i>
11:15 – 11:30 am	Refreshment Break	
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lesson Planning, English Language Resources, and Daily Informal Assessment	<i>Capitol Room B</i>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch	<i>Capitol Room B</i>
4:00 pm	U.S. Student and Scholar Pre-Departure Orientation <i>Please refer to Fulbright PDO agenda.</i>	

Staff and Speaker Biographies

Mary Kirk, Director of Office of Academic Exchange Programs, U.S. Department of State

Mary E. Kirk is the Director of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Academic Exchange Programs. In that capacity, she directs the worldwide Fulbright Program for students and scholars and oversees other key State Department academic exchange programs, including the Critical Language Scholarship Program, Study of the U.S. Institutes and the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program. Prior to coming to the State Department in 2012, Ms. Kirk spent twenty-three years at the Institute of International Education, holding positions of increasing responsibility, including Executive Director of the Fulbright and Academic Services Division, Vice President for Student Exchanges and most recently Senior Counselor for Academic Exchanges.

Ms. Kirk also led IIE's efforts to establish offices in east and central Europe after 1989 and, from 1992 to 1995, served as the Institute's Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Eurasia, based in Budapest and Moscow. Before joining IIE in 1989, she served as a program officer at IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board) for the Graduate Student/Young Faculty Exchange Program with the USSR Ministry of Higher Education. Ms. Kirk holds degrees in history from Harvard University and Oxford University (Somerville College).

Jenny Hodgson, Materials Writer, Office of English Language Programs, U.S. Department of State

Jennifer Hodgson is a writer and editor of English teaching materials and a course administrator for an online training program for English teachers at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to working at the State Department, Jenny enjoyed being an English Language Fellow in Togo, a teacher trainer in Costa Rica, and an English teacher in Poland, Malta, and Spain and the U.S. She has her Master's degree in International Education with a Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate.

Whitney Mirts, RELO, Office of English Language Programs, U.S. Department of State

Whitney Mirts is a Regional English Language Officer (RELO) with the U.S. Department of State. She has over 15 years of experience as a student adviser, teacher, teacher trainer, and scholarship manager in multiple countries, including; England, Kyrgyzstan, Egypt, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Mexico, Guatemala, and Panama. One of her favorite ways to learn about students is to lead them through memoir writing activities and presentations.

David Murphy, ETA Workshop Facilitator

David Murphy is currently a renewing English Language Fellow in Toluca, Mexico. He previously worked in Afghanistan on a World Bank project and in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In Afghanistan, he served as a consultant-lecturer, and, later, as Administrative Director of a World Bank project to develop higher education at Balkh University in Mazar-e-Sharif. In Riyadh, he worked as the Curriculum Supervisor in King Saud University, which, with 11,000 students, is the largest preparatory year in the Middle East.

Patrick Gaebler, ETA Workshop Facilitator

Patrick has taught EFL/ESL in Japan, Brazil, the US, and most recently in Mexico. In addition to graduate level training (MA TESOL) and years of experience, he brings creativity, enthusiasm, and passion to the field of English language education. Not only has Patrick made a career out of teaching English in the US and abroad, he has made a life out of traveling to other countries in order to encourage and promote linguistic and cultural exchange!
