

Presenters 2017

Linda Basilicato earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy, magna cum laude, from Stony Brook University. She also holds a master's degree from the University of Montana, with a specialization in environmental philosophy.

Matilda Bediako is an ESOL teacher with MCPS during the day and with AELG at night. She loves to travel, try all sorts of ethnic cuisine and sing.

Sandra R. Brown is a seasoned educator. She has been teaching for over 25 years and is an Education Specialist. She has taught elementary, secondary, college and adult education classes. She is currently the editor for the Advance newsletter for Montgomery College part-time faculty.

Susan Ellis has taught ESOL in Washington DC and in Cairo, Egypt since 2012. This spring she is teaching Intermediate 1 in the AELG program.

Amavi Forsythe has a Masters Degree in TESOL from University of Maryland College Park. She has been teaching with our program since 2005.

Racquel Francis has been teaching ESOL for four years. She has conducted workshops on instructional technology and the College and Career Readiness Standards previously at Prince George's Community College.

Janet Hughes has been teaching English for almost 20 years and still loves it! Training at Goodwill during the day, teaching with AELG at night.

Suzanne Markowitz has worked as an academic advisor and a college and career coach for over 10 years. She started working in adult education in 2011 at Frederick Community College and now is a College and Career Coach at Montgomery College. She has a master's of science in Adult Education from John Marshall University.

Maude McGovern has taught adult ESOL for six years after a career in corporate training. Currently she teaches Beginning 1 and Intermediate 2 in the AELG program.

Chris Montone is a long-time information technology consultant and ESL instructor who most recently worked at U.S. Coast Guard headquarters as an I.T. Specialist. He has a Master's in TESOL from Georgetown University and currently teaches ESOL Intermediate I for the AELG program.

Vladislav Ninov has been an ESL teacher for more than 10 years. Is currently teaching Beginning II and Intermediate I for Montgomery College.

Wynter Oshiberu is an ESL Instructor w/a deep curiosity for languages & cultures. She believes that educational & technological advancements will contribute to innovative solutions for a broad range of societal & global issues.

Gloria Palencar has a BSN in Nursing from Universidad Veracruzana (Mexico). She has been with our program since 1996.

Ann Rose has a PhD in History and has been teaching with our program for about 20 years.

Misun Sasse studied in the Graduate School of Education at University of Maryland. She has been teaching ESL in AELG since May, 2011.

Vathany Say is a Master's student in the TESOL program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). She has taught ESOL at UMBC's English Language Institute and currently teaches various levels for the AELG program.

Dr. Darcel Tolliver teaches Adult Basic Education. Her interests include reform initiatives in Mathematics and Language Arts using technology in teaching and learning, and incorporating material into basic skills instructions.

William Walker has been teaching for 11 years and has been in adult education for three years.

Raven Wilkins is a Site Mentor at Takoma Park Middle School in the evening. January 2017 is his 6th year working for the Adult ESOL & Literacy Grant Program and his 5th year as a Site Mentor.