Jessica Qing
IELP ALUMNA
FROM CHINA

In every issue, the IELP features one of our alumni on the front page. In this issue, we had the opportunity to speak with Jessica Qing.

When did you begin in the IELP?
I first started studying in the IELP fall term 2016. I started in level 4.

What was your experience like as a student in the IELP?
It was an amazing experience to study English in the IELP. The teachers were professional and encouraging, and I had classmates from all over the world who were super! I didn't only learn language in the IELP, but I also made friendships and built a community life there.

Tell us about your first impression of Portland and the IELP
Portland is a very friendly city -- people greet each other when they cross in the street, there are so many beautiful flowers in people's yard. The IELP office was my
first stop when I came to Portland. The IELP gave me the chance to come to the USA and I highly appreciate it for that.

**What was a good experience that you remember from your time studying with us?**

During the election period in USA 2016, our professor Kellie Gallagher was worried about us very much. She explained to us about the political things happening, and when she mentioned the disadvantages to international students, she cried in the class for us. What a kind person she is. Her and many more professors in the IELP as well! Moreover, I very much liked to join in the outdoor activities arranged by Kristi Kang. I really enjoyed the culture and community in Portland during that Fall.

**What, or who, was helpful to you?**

My Academic Adviser Betty Brickson helped me out in one tough situation. I appreciate that very much.

**Tell us about yourself since you left the IELP.**

I'm studying at PCC in South East Portland now. Luckily I've got a campus job in the Women's Resources Center over there.

**Is there something you learned when you were an IELP student that has been helpful since you left?**

Never judge people!

**Do you have advice for new IELP students?**

Try to put yourself into the culture of Portland, you'll fall in love with this city. Study hard and play hard!

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**OVERSEAS VISITS**

**OMAN**

This April, Samudra Kugel, Associate Director of Outreach and Admissions, joined Karen Hanson from the PSU Office Of International Admissions, and Krista Kennedy, the Sponsored Student Program Administrator, on a trip to Oman. In Oman, they attended an education fair, visited Omani high schools, and met with educational agents and the U.S. ambassador to Oman.

**CHINA**

This May, Julie Haun, The IELP Director, visited China's Beijing and Shanghai. She met with PSU's partner, Changchun University of Technology (CCUT). CCUT sends a group every year to both PSU and the IELP. While there, Julie also met with educational agents.

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**OVERSEAS VISITS IN PICTURES**

To the left: high school students at an Oman Education Fair.

To the right: Samudra Kugel with the U.S. ambassador to Oman and Krista Kennedy.
The IELP hosted many visitors to the office recently. On March 14th, we had a very special visit from the Sapporo Youth Delegation through the Sapporo-Portland Sister City Association. These students were from various high schools from around Sapporo, Japan. They met with not only us here in the IELP, but also with the PSU admissions team and the PSU International Special Program team. Hopefully, we will see some of them as our students after they complete high school.

On March 20th, we welcomed Professor Kyoko Otsuki from Nara Prefectural University in Japan. Dr. Otsuki was very eager to see our campus and hopes to get students interested at her university to study abroad with us.

Our next visit came from one of the IELP’s long time partners, Toyo University. Eriko Abe came over with our latest cohort from Toyo and stayed through the spring term orientation week.

Reiko Moriyama from ASO College Group in Japan was the next to visit us on April 3rd. Reiko represents 12 colleges and university in the Fukuoka region of Japan.

Dr. Purit and his associate Sathit Kuarattikan were the last to visit us during this very busy spring term. Dr. Purit is the managing director of Torch Education in Thailand. They are currently contracted agents of the IELP and have been sending us students for the past year.

We welcome visits from current and potential partners throughout the year allowing us to create, foster, and maintain relationships with universities and educational agents who send students to study in the IELP.

I lived in Sorocaba, SP Brazil for most of my life but I choose to study in São Paulo where I lived for the past five years. I'm currently in my last year in the computer engineering course at FIAP university. I decided to study in Portland because of my sister; she told me that the city and the university were wonderful and I'm glad that I listened to her. The IELP reading classes were my favorite! I learned so much in those classes. Another great thing about the IELP was the activities. I made a lot of new friends and had a great time studying.
PARTNER UNIVERSITY FEATURE

The IELP has established some valuable partnerships in the past few years with universities abroad, most notably in Japan. We have been welcoming cohorts from Toyo University, in Tokyo, Japan, for the past four years. These students usually stay anywhere from one term to multiple terms before returning to Toyo to finish their degree. In the beginning of our partnership, we received cohorts once a year in the fall. Starting this year, we welcomed our first spring term cohort, and next year, we'll welcome our first summer term cohort. This means that next year we will be welcoming a total of three cohorts from Toyo University every year. Each cohort is comprised of about ten students. To learn more about IELP partnerships, contact Samudra Kugel at skugel@pdx.edu

The current Spring 2017 Term Toyo cohort--this term we welcomed all boys!

The Fall 2016 cohort!

Learn more about Toyo University

Toyo University Website

FACEBOOK

TEACHER OF THE TERM - TALISMAN SAUNDERS

I am originally from Bethel, Alaska, but I've lived in Portland since 1994. I began my teaching career in English as a Second Language because of how I was raised: I grew up in a multicultural, multilingual community. Also, both of my parents were ESL teachers, and they passed on their love of language to me. I've worked in the IELP for 21 years. My favorite class to teach in the IELP is Reading 3, because this is the level where reading gets interesting for students, and we can discuss the ideas more deeply. I also love to discuss vocabulary, so I enjoy teaching reading for this reason, especially. In addition to the IELP, I've also taught English in community colleges in Oregon and Washington, and I've lived in Costa Rica, where I first taught English. When I'm not working, I like to read cookbooks and online recipes,
IELP Student Testimonial Videos

Every year, the IELP asks six students to give a testimonial about their time in the IELP. Some students are current IELP students, some moved on from the IELP to PSU, and some are short-term study abroad students who have returned to their home university. Below, we feature Rasha from Libya. Rasha is an IELP alumna who is now a PSU student in the Applied Linguistics department and an IELP mentor.

To watch the other five testimonial videos, visit our Youtube playlist
Or watch them on our website: https://www.pdx.edu/esl/testimonials

IELP FACULTY RECOGNIZED FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE

This March, Susan Lindsay, IELP Senior Instructor II, was recognized at the Portland State University Length of Service Celebration. She first started teaching part-time in the IELP in 1990, and has now been a full time faculty member at Portland State and the IELP for 20 years. If you see Susan on campus, let's congratulate her!
FAREWELL TO TWO IELP FACULTY

At the end of winter term we said goodbye to Shannon West, an IELP instructor since 2011. Shannon coordinated our American Culture and Academic Life (ACAL) classes and taught Pathways and Grammar/Writing classes.

At the end of this spring term we will also say goodbye to Hilary Wang, who started her IELP career 19 years ago when she was a teaching assistant during her graduate degree program.

The IELP asked Hilary for a quick interview before she left.

What will you be doing after the IELP?

I'm moving to Hamburg, Germany because of my husband's job. I plan to spend the first year helping my children adjust to their new school and surroundings.

I'm going to take intensive German classes, do yoga, explore Europe and hopefully write another children's book. I will probably look for another job teaching English eventually but for now I'm really excited to be a language student for a while instead of a language teacher.

What is your fondest memory of the IELP?

I have had so many wonderful colleagues here, and so many unforgettable students. The people are what make the IELP so special. I feel very, very grateful to have had this experience for so long.

Anything else you want to share?

I will miss all of you! Stay in touch and come visit me in Germany!!

IELP FACULTY PRESENTATION AT TESOL CONFERENCE

This year at the annual TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Conference held in Seattle, Susan Lindsay presented at the poster session. Her topic was "Bylaws R Us: How One IEP Addressed Faculty Governance".

Great job Susan!
Help us continue as one of the nation’s leaders in teaching English to international students and preparing students for undergraduate and graduate programs at PSU. The IELP also serves as a pathway to other U.S. universities. We hope that our IELP alumni will support our ability to help generations of students to come here. We need your financial support to help make that happen. **Every gift you make benefits our students through potential scholarship creation** and deepens your connection with the IELP, PSU, Portland, and the United States. Please consider donating.

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Are you a spouse, friend, or relative of a PSU student and interested in improving your English in a short-term program? We are now accepting applications for the 2017 Summer Communication and Culture Program.

Program session dates:
Session 2: July 17 - August 10
Session 3: August 14 - August 31

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Students are welcome to participate in one, two or all three sessions.

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