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Miralynn Faigao Malupa Selected by U.S. Department of State for Prestigious English Language Specialist Project

The U.S. Department of State announced the selection of Miralynn Faigao Malupa of Sacramento, CA for an eight-week English Language Specialist virtual project focusing on Teacher Training and Community of Practice Development through Teaching Grammar Effectively in Poland at the Warsaw Center for Educational and Social Innovation and Training (wcies.edu.pl). Malupa is part of a select group, as her project is one of approximately 200 that the English Language Specialist Program supports each year.

Miralynn Faigao Malupa has been in the TESOL field for 25 years. She has trained English language teachers from all over the world in both online and face-to-face modalities. She has a doctorate and a master's degree in Education with TESOL concentration, and she is currently working towards her master's in Learning Technology and Design at Purdue University. Her research interests include teacher education (focusing on teacher discourse, grammar pedagogy, and reflective teaching), assessment, and online curriculum design. She has taught in a variety of ESL and EFL teaching contexts, including academic and government institutions, such as the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. State Department. Currently, she is teaching in California, USA, as an Assistant Professor in the College of Education at Westcliff University in Irvine and an ESL Professor at American River College in Sacramento. She has also been an active member of the TESOL International Organization since 2003. As the English Language Specialist, Dr. Malupa will be working with experienced English teachers in Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, and Georgia. The focus will mainly be on teaching grammar communicatively and creating a community of practice that crosses borders.

The English Language Specialist Program is the premier opportunity for leaders in the field of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad, and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) with funding provided by the U.S. government. In 2021, the English Language Specialist Program celebrates its 30th anniversary. Since 1991, over 800 English Language Specialists – representing the best of America's educators from all 50 States – have encouraged critical thought and erudition, celebrated their cultural diversity, and showcased their professional and civic engagement strategies to millions of educators and students to millions of educators and students through in-country, virtual, or mixed projects.

During their projects, English Language Specialists may conduct intensive teacher training, advise ministries of education or participate in high-level educational consultations, and offer plenary presentations at regional, national or international TESOL conferences. These projects are challenging and those selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. In return, the program provides professional development opportunities to help participants experience different cultures and build skills that can greatly enhance their TESOL careers at home.

English Language Specialists are counted among the more than 50,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. The Specialist Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

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