

## **SOPHIE MAIER**

### **STUDY ABROAD:**

Harlaxton College 1989- 1990  
Grantham, England  
Sophomore Year Abroad  
Concentration: English Literature

University of Alicante 1992-1993  
Alicante, Spain  
Senior Semester Abroad  
Concentration: Study of the Spanish Civil War

Centro de Lengua e Intercambio Cultural: Seville, Spain 1995  
Curso de español como lengua extranjera: nivel intermedio

University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate: Kanagawa University, 2000 Japan,  
Cambridge/RSA Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANCE:**

Graduate Research Assistant (Department of Political Science: Dr. Payne, Dr. Hashim, Dr. Rhodebeck), collected and coded data, graded tests, supervised class in absence of teacher (University of Louisville, 1999-2000)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Private English Language Instructor. Private hourly courses for children and adults (Seville, Spain, 1995)

Taught six classes daily: undergraduates: English language and U.S Culture Westgate Corporation: Kogei Tokyo University, Atsugi, Japan, 2000-2001)

Taught adult English language learners (Jefferson County Public School Adult Education, Louisville, Kentucky, 2001-2002)

### **LIBRARY EXPERIENCE:**

Immigrant Services Librarian, Community Outreach Coordinator, Library Assistant, Louisville Free Public Library (2002 - present)

**Duties:**

Develop innovative programming and non-traditional outreach for and within the immigrant and refugee community of Louisville;

Serve as a system wide resource for culturally competent best service practices. Including training sessions, collection development and programming models now replicated throughout system;

Create community partnerships including recurring collaborations with the University through departments including the Latin American Studies, Department, International Center, and the Saturday Academy;

Responsibilities associated with the daily work of a reference librarian including Spanish language services;

Past position involved services to children through programming and Bookmobile outreach.

**CONFERENCES, PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS:**

1998

Roger Payne. "Wanted: Outstanding Ideas for Improving World Order",  
*PS: Political Science and Politics*, Volume XXXI Number 4 (December 1998), pp. 861-863.  
Listed as contributing researcher.

2008

Presenter: *Successful and Meaningful Services for your Immigrant Populations*,  
KLA/KSMA/SELA/ARL National Diversity in Libraries Conference.

2011

Presenter: "Mental Health and Outreach,"  
The Intersection of Culture and Trauma: Coalition on Intimate Violence in International Communities

November and December. 2016

Presenter: National Library of Greece and the Goethe Institute of Athens, Greece

Presenter: Goethe Institute of Thessaloniki, Greece.

Both were part of a State Department / Committee for the Support of Libraries (Greece) delegation to Greece in partnership with library representatives from the European Union

May 2017

Presenter: "Beyond the Welcome Sign: Tailoring Immigrant Services for Success Library,"  
*Journal in Partnership with Web Junction/ On Line*, November 4, 2019

Presenter: Live Webcast: "How Programs Can Recruit & Engage Culturally Diverse Families,"  
National Center for Families and Learning, Louisville.

## **LANGUAGES**

English - native language

Spanish - speak and understand with basic proficiency

## **AWARDS**

2018 ONE OF COURIER JOURNAL'S 19 FASCINATING PEOPLE IN LOUISVILLE  
IN 2019

2018 Center for Women and Children: Woman of Distinction

2017 Library Journal Mover and Shaker

2017 Helped spearhead application/nominated for 2017 National Arts and Humanities Youth  
Program Awards

2016 Kentucky Refugee Ministries Refugee Community Leadership award presented to Iroquois

2015 Arts Watch Keepers of the Dream Award presented at annual MLK Jr event at the  
Kentucky Center for the Arts

2015 UNA of Kentucky Lilalyce Akers Award

2013 Created programming for LFPL's award of the Muslim Journey's Grant from the National  
Endowment for the Humanities

2012 Community Service Recognition Award by the Association of Physicians of Pakistani  
Descent of Kentucky and Indiana

2012 (Sisters Inspiring Sisters to Eradicate Racism) "Women who Work with and for Black  
Women as Sisters"

2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Steward Staff Award for Individual Service

2011 Innovation leader: Urban Libraries Council awarded to Iroquois

2010 Community Connector: Leadership Louisville

2010 R. Shashu Tucker Youth Advocate Award from the Urban League

2010 Global Visionary Award World Affairs Council of Louisville

2010 Supergirls Honour of Superwomen

2009 Human Rights Award from Church Women United local chapter

2008 Nomination for Mayor's International Award: Office of International Affairs (LFPL earlier  
won as an institution)

2007 Nomination for Wise Woman Award by Today's Woman Magazine

1993 Johnson Society Award for paper written on the life of Olaudah Equiano

## **PAST AND PRESENT COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:**

Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research: University of Louisville (Forthcoming)

POV (PBS Documentaries) Library Advisory Board

Advisory Board of the Center for Promoting Recovery and Resilience for Traumatized Children and Youth

Global Louisville Steering Committee 2016

Hispanic Latino Coalition (Board Member 2011-2012)

REFORMA Southeast (President 2011 – 2012)

American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky (former member)

Greater Louisville International Professionals Leadership Louisville

World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana

CIVIC (Coalition on Intimate Violence in International Communities)

Interfaith Paths to Peace

Network for Community Change (NC3)

Facilitator of *The Salaam Network*, a Louisville-based interfaith education organization (2016 to present)