




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## Recent Relevant Career Details

### October 2016-Present Day

Academic Skills Coordinator (October 2016-August 2017 and June 2018 to present) and Academic Support Programmes Adviser (maternity cover August 2017-June 2018) at the Department of Graduate Studies, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London.

#### Main Duties

- Assist and advise students of the institute on their academic literacy including their academic writing skills. Research supervisor for GPISH and STEP students.
- Write and compile materials including an academic skills guide for the departmental Moodle and develop VLE materials.
- Support the institute's overseas programmes and in particular the English preparation programme at the University of Central Asia, Tajikistan including five separate ten-day visits since October 2016 to monitor and evaluate their English preparation programmes as well as provide teacher training sessions.

### October 2012 - October 2016

Completed a funded PhD at the University of Warwick. The PhD was collaborative with the educational organisation Pearson and also funded by the University of Warwick and the Economic and Social Research Council, UK. The focus of the research was a study on the academic performance of students at university and their English language proficiency as reported by the scores from an academic English proficiency test – the Pearson Test of English Academic. The study focused on students from African and Asian Commonwealth countries and can be found at the British Library archive as well as a research report on the Pearson PTE Academic website.

### Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 – 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011

I was Director of Studies at a medium-sized but busy private language school, Centre of English Studies (CES), in Wimbledon, London [www.ces-schools.com](http://www.ces-schools.com).

### Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 2004 - Aug 2007

English Teacher at Cambridge Tutors College, Croydon [www.ctc.ac.uk](http://www.ctc.ac.uk). Taught English (EFL) and study skills to foreign students aged from 16-22 in preparation for the IELTS exam and university entrance. The majority of students were from East & SE Asia and the former Soviet Union. Whilst at CTC, I attended the IATEFL conference in Cardiff in 2005. I left to do a full-time MA degree at London Metropolitan University.

## **Selected Other Employment:**

### **Feb 2001 - Feb 2003**

English Teacher in China, Henan Province, Nanyang Teachers College through Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) [www.vso.org.uk](http://www.vso.org.uk). Taught Spoken English – 16 contact lessons per week; Mastered basic Chinese to communicate with locals and students; Adjusted to the very different Chinese educational system, teaching large classes; Designed all my own the teaching materials; Served on the volunteer committee organising two VSO China conferences in North western University, Xi'an; Visited middle schools in rural areas to interact with students and educate them about life in the UK.

### **Other responsibilities:**

- I am currently chair of the "Friends of Heathbrook" PTA association of Heathbrook Primary School (2016-2021). This involves coordinating parents and staff of the school, monitoring accounts and the paperwork for the Charity Commission annual returns as well as organizing two annual school fairs for fundraising purposes, working with the headteacher and other parents.

## **Education and Qualifications:**

**Jan 2020 – Jan 2021** PG Cert. in HE at Middlesex University (obtained FHEA)

**Oct 2012 – Oct 2016** (Full Time) PhD in English Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics (University of Warwick), focusing on Language Testing and Academic Literacy:

Wilson, R. G. (2016) *The PTE academic and outer circle students: assessing proficiency in English, ownership of English, and academic performance at UK universities*. University of Warwick.

**Oct 2007 – Oct 2008** (Full Time) Masters in International ELT & Applied Language Studies at London Metropolitan University. My MA dissertation was on ESOL and integration in the UK.

**Sep 2005 – Jun 2007** (Part Time over two years) Certificate in Education (now DTLLS) at Croydon College, London.

**28 Apr - 17 Jul 2003** Diploma in Journalism, London School of Journalism.

**14 Aug - 8 Sep 2000** CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) from Frances King Teacher Training.

**Sep 1995 - Jun 1999** BA (2:1), in African Language & Culture from SOAS (School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London). (Incl. half a year spent at the University of Dar es Salaam & Institute of Swahili in Zanzibar, Tanzania).

**Sep 1993 - Jun 1995** 3 A-levels at Pimlico Comprehensive School, London.  
French (C) Geography (B) Biology (E)

**Sep 1988 - Jun 1993** 8 GCSEs at Pimlico Comprehensive School, London.  
Grade A - English Literature, Geography, French, Design & Realisation, Grade B - Maths, English; Grade C - Double Award Science.

## Additional Information:

Languages: French - Fair understanding and spoken skills, Swahili – reached a fluent standard at university. Mandarin Chinese - Intermediate comprehension and spoken.

IT and Other Skills: Computer literate, accustomed to using a range of software products for Word processing and research including processing of qualitative and quantitative data – Office software, Nvivo and SPSS. Can also type in Simplified Chinese script on Word. I have a UK driving license.

Interests: I enjoy reading travel, politics and historical writing/current affairs for example with regards to Africa and Asia. I like to keep up-to-date with current national and world events by listening to radio and reading news online. Married with two young children. I enjoy the outdoors, walking and climbing in the UK. I have attempted Mt. Kilimanjaro twice.

## References:

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