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## TCLP Alumna Mentor Teacher Recognized at Global Teaching Dialogue

Claudia Lorotta served as the mentor to two Chinese teachers at Etowah High School in Woodstock, Georgia in 2013-14 and 2014-15. She shared how TCLP positively impacted language education in her district.

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## The 2018-2019 Host School Application is Open!

The deadline to apply  
is **January 22, 2018**.  
[Apply here!](#)

## TCLP Announces 2016-2017 Cohort Leaders



Yahya Ismael taught at Lewiston High School in Lewiston Maine.

## A Letter from the State Department

Dear TCLP Family,

Hello from Washington, DC, where we are enjoying the lovely autumn weather!

We have been following the exchange teachers as they settle into new communities and homes. It was exciting to see many participate in their host school's preparation and training professional development, while others jumped right into the ongoing school year! It is also nice to see that so many of you have already started outreach activities. Thank you for all your hard work so far!

We hear that many of the current exchange teachers had a chance to talk to alumni before coming to the United States. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment shown by our TCLP teachers.

Warm wishes to our exchange teachers and alumni!

Maxine Pitter Lunn  
TCLP Program Officer, U.S. Department of State

## News

### TCLP Welcomes the 11th Cohort of Exchange Teachers during Orientation in Washington DC

*The 11th cohort of exchange teachers from China, Egypt, and Morocco prepare to take on roles as educators and*



Wang Yu taught at Buxton Center Elementary School in Buxton Maine.

### Congratulations Yahya Ismael and Wang Yu!

To read more about TCLP Cohort Leaders Yu and Yahya [click here](#)

## Critical Language Project Application Deadline November 30, 2017



All program alumni, current exchange teachers, mentor teachers, administrative representatives, and TCLP U.S. host schools and districts are eligible and encouraged to apply for Critical Language Projects, which range from **\$500 to \$3,000.**

These projects complement the TCLP experience by contributing to the enhancement of critical language programs in U.S.

cultural ambassadors in their host schools and communities.



After months of anticipation, TCLP exchange teachers arrived in Washington, DC on August 1st to begin their exchange year in the United States... [Read More](#)

### TCLP Teachers Experience American Hospitality

Exchange teachers share stories from their first weeks in U.S. host communities.



This fall as schools across the country prepare to welcome students back to class after the summer break, 26 schools selected to receive the Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP) grant opened their doors to the new Arabic or Mandarin exchange teachers who would be joining their faculty in the upcoming year... [Read More](#)

## Alumni Spotlight

### August is American English Month Alumni Highlights

In honor of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State's August social media theme, American English, TCLP asked alumni to share how they have incorporated their exchange experiences into their teaching at home.



schools and furthering the teaching of English as a foreign language in the home countries of international alumni.

Click [here](#) for the application.

We can't wait to see what you come up with!

## "TCLP Makes a Difference" Social Media Campaign

TCLP has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of exchange teachers and mentor teachers and thousands of students!



*Chen Ke (Newberg High School, OR, 2016)*

We are documenting participants' experiences and sharing them on social media as a part of our "TCLP Makes a Difference" social media campaign.



*Heba Mokhtar (Garden Oaks Montessori, TX, 2016)*

## Looking Forward to Fall Workshop!



Jai Lili (2015) teaching a demo lesson for her colleagues at the Education and Research Institute in Shanxi Province... [Read More](#)

### Critical Language Project Spotlight: TESL Professional Development Workshop

Zheng Meng (2015) was awarded a Critical Language Projects Grant to conduct a professional development workshop for roughly 150 language teachers at her school, Chongqing Foreign Languages School.



Her goals for the workshop include sharing authentic American culture and offering sessions on student-centered activities... [Read More](#)

### TCLP Alumni at Pre-Departure Orientation

Alumni serve as an invaluable resource at pre-departure orientation in Egypt and China.



At both the pre-departure orientation in Beijing and in Cairo this year, program alumni were in attendance to pass on their words of advice and model the skills they gained through TCLP... [Read More](#)

The 2017-2018 TCLP staff and teachers are preparing to gather this year in Baltimore, Maryland from October 19-21, 2017!

Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, and via the TCLP website to keep up to date with Fall Workshop happenings and see the winning photo!

## High School Study Abroad Grants!

**TCLP Host Schools:** here are two opportunities sponsored by the U.S. Department of State for your American students to study abroad!

1. The **YES Abroad Program** provides scholarships to high school students to study for one academic year in countries with significant Muslim populations. 2018-2019 applications are due **December 5, 2017**. Learn more at [www.yes-abroad.org](http://www.yes-abroad.org).

2. The **National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** program provides scholarships for high school students to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. 2018-2019 applications are due **November 2, 2017**. Learn more at [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org).

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## Alumni Talk Chinese Culture with NSLI-Y Students

*TCLP Alumna Sun Ling helps NSLI-Y students learn about the twelve signs of the Chinese zodiac.*



In June, participants in the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) headed to China to spend the summer learning about Chinese culture and practicing their language skills... [Read More](#)

## Professional Development Led by TCLP Alumni

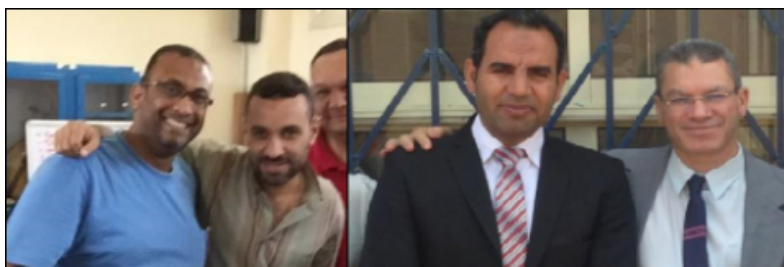
*TCLP alumni across the world are making a difference by sharing best practices with their colleagues.*



One of the most impactful goals of TCLP is to enable international teachers to expand their knowledge of U.S. teaching methodologies and share best practices and new methodologies with colleagues at their home schools... [Read More](#)

## Egyptian Alumni Make an Impact at STEM Schools

*TCLP alumni bring their unique experiences and skills to STEM education in Egypt.*



After participating in TCLP, Egyptian alumni return to their home country with new sets of skills and firsthand experience with U.S. culture that directly benefits their students, their colleagues, and even their districts. One place in particular where the TCLP alumni are having an impact... [Read More](#)

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