

# MEET OUR ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Mr. Moo is from the state of Virginia in the United States. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master of Business Administration degree, a Master of Science in Education degree, an Education Specialist - Educational Leadership degree and is currently working on his dissertation for the Doctorate of Education - Educational Leadership program at the American College of Education. He has a current administrative (school principal) credential through the District of Columbia in the United States.

Mr. Moo is married to his lovely wife, Dee, and together they have two children: Jade is four years old and Evan is three years old.



Mr. Myong "Moo" Eiselstein

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Ms. Shannon Hunter was born in Arizona. As the daughter of a military pilot she grew up all over the USA. She has one older brother. She is a recent transplant to Hanoi from Atlanta, GA where she was working at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. There she was working with inpatients with cancer and blood disorders. She has a Bachelor's Degree, TEFL and TESOL. This is her first post at an international school. Shannon has been lucky enough to travel extensively including visiting all 50 states and 55 different countries. She has worked training service dogs for people with special needs at Canine Assistants. When not in the classroom she enjoys reading, photography, swimming, seeing musicals and trying to cook.

Ms. Shannon Hunter

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Miss Joanne Kim comes from the US. She has worked with preschool and kindergarten English language learners in Thailand and Vietnam for 5 years. She has a BA in English Literature and Creative Writing from Wellesley College and has just completed her Masters in Elementary Education at the University of Southern California. She also has a TEFL certification.

Miss Joanne believes that education means nurturing full human growth. In her classroom, she works hard to create a warm, caring, and intellectually rigorous environment in which students feel comfortable taking risks and are held accountable to high expectations of respect and integrity. Her hope and goal is that her students grow to be passionate, open-minded, and moral individuals. Outside of school, Miss Joanne enjoys reading, writing, traveling, and spending time with her partner and dog.



Ms. Joanne Kim

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Ms. Myers comes to St. Paul school from Columbus, Ohio, in the United States. Ms. Myers began her career working with preschool aged students with disabilities. After 4 years, Ms. Myers moved on to teaching 2nd grade then Kindergarten. It was in Arizona that she discovered her passion: working with English language learners. Ms. Myers stayed in Arizona for 4 years before returning home to Columbus, Ohio. Upon her arrival home, Ms. Myers joined the teaching stage at a bilingual school as a kindergarten teacher. Education has been a priority to Ms. Myers; she recently graduated from Grand Canyon University with a Master's Degree in Elementary Reading. In addition, she holds a Bachelor's Degree and Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Ms. Amber Myers

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"Ms.Liz" comes from Australia. She is an Elementary teacher with a Bachelor's degree in Education from Deakin University, Australia. She also has her Masters degree from Walden University, Minnesota (USA) in the Teaching of English Language Learners (ELL). She has over 25 years of teaching experience in lower elementary grades, having taught in Australia, the United States and now her 6th year in Vietnam. In her down time, she enjoys being immersed in the Vietnamese language and culture. Additionally Ms.Liz enjoys photography, the Arts, travelling abroad and cafes when spending time with her family. She is focused on providing a creatively fun teaching-learning environment in which all children can feel empowered and successful learners.



Ms. Liz Hoare

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Ms. Rebecca Garcia comes from the United States. She holds a BA in Political Science and History from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. In addition, Rebecca has graduated from the University of San Francisco with an MA in Teaching. She has also acquired a TEFL certificate while teaching abroad.

Rebecca has taught English as a Second Language internationally, including Costa Rica, Guatemala, China and the US. Today she brings that experience and focus on language development to St. Paul in order to support students in meeting all of our learning goals. Rebecca has additionally spent 3 years teaching in a San Francisco elementary public school. During that time, she has been trained to implement a balanced literacy program that immerses students in language and utilizes small-group instruction to best guide students in their learning. Her vision this year is to empower students to reach their full potential, develop fundamental skills, and think critically and creatively about the world in which they live. She strives for all of her students to be independent, cooperate with others, and build the skills and love of learning to last a lifetime.

Ms. Rebecca Garcia

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Dr. Mari Stair comes from the USA. Graduating from Washington State University, she has received her BA in Humanities, BA Fine Arts, MA Teaching and PhD in Education in 2014 (Language, Literacy & Technology). During this time, she published works about children's picture books using critical multicultural frameworks. Her teaching experiences include: 4th grade in the US, ESL in Japanese middle schools, various university success programs and teacher education courses (early literacy, children's literature). Dr. Mari is passionate about lifelong learning and helps her students celebrate their discoveries and curiosities. She especially appreciates: Biology, Geology, History, Math, Reading, Writing, Fine Arts and World Culture.

Above all, Dr. Stair understand that respect and kindness towards children, parents and educators are crucial for modeling good citizenship among the peoples of our world.



Dr. Mari Stair

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Ms. Toni Wood comes from Australia. She has been living in Hanoi for 17 years and loves it. She lives with her daughter Duyen and her 2 gorgeous dogs.

She has been teaching in international schools in Hanoi since 2002 and has also worked in fields of Child Psychotherapy and Early Childhood in Australia. Ms. Wood has many years of experience working with children who are experiencing behavioral and developmental difficulties. Much of her work has been with children who are learning English as an additional language and are from diverse cultural backgrounds. She is a dedicated teacher and believes that it is important to develop strong relationships with her students in order for them to have a positive attitude towards learning within the school environment and for their futures.

Ms. Toni Wood

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Ms. Teresa Bishop comes to us from the United States – Jacksonville, Florida, to be exact. She was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. She received her BS in Elementary Education from Spalding University and her MaEd as a Reading Specialist, K-12, from Saint Leo University. She also has TESOL/ESOL certification. Ms. Bishop has been teaching either 4th, 5th, or 6th grades for 23 years. Before going abroad, Teresa taught in private schools in Louisville and Jacksonville, and most recently completed her fourth year in the St. Johns County School District in Florida. Outside of work, Ms. Bishop loves to do cross fit training, run, visit cafes, and attend art and cultural events. She also enjoys spending time with her two sons, ages 19 and 22, and loves to travel and explore new and interesting places. Her classroom will encourage a sense of community, exploration, and respect for the self, others, and the environment.



Ms. Teri Bishop

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Mr. Douglas Sherrill was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication, art and design from Arcadia University and a Masters of Arts in Education from the University of Southern California with a concentration in early childhood language development. He has been teaching for the past 12 years. Mr. Douglas has taught English and Art in South Korea. Additionally, he has authored, illustrated and published a series of ESL workbooks with his wife. As an educator Mr. Douglas believes that meaningful learning occurs when students are allowed to confront real problems, make choices, and find solutions. He believes that his role in the classroom is as a facilitator and coordinator; not the dispenser of knowledge. When he is not in the classroom, Mr. Douglas likes to draw, read and train for endurance events. He has two beautiful daughters with his lovely wife, Violet.

Mr. Douglas Sherrill

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Ms. Leslie Lovejoy comes to Hanoi from Illinois in the USA. She taught for 10 years in Chicago Public Schools prior to coming to Hanoi in 2016 where she spent the year teaching English in public schools around Hanoi. She has a BS in Elementary Education from Loyola University Chicago. She also has her TEFL certification.

Ms. Lovejoy believes students learn best in a warm and structured classroom environment where they are free to take risks and grow as learners and people. Her classroom is full of rigorous, differentiated instruction that is centered around student choice. She wants her students to leave her as empathic, curious, and confident humans. In her free time, Ms. Lovejoy likes to travel, write, talk with family and friends from home, and explore Hanoi. She is looking forward to an exciting year.



Ms. Leslie Lovejoy

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Mr. McClure comes to St. Paul from Napa, California. Mr. McClure began his teaching career serving with the Peace Corps in Ukraine. After teaching ESL for two years, he moved back to California and earned his teaching credential from the University of San Francisco. In San Francisco, he taught 5th grade for two years in the public school system. Simultaneously, he earned his Master's degree in TESOL from the University of San Francisco.

Outside of work, Mr. McClure enjoys playing and watching sports, especially the world champion Golden State Warriors. He also enjoys running, reading, and exploring new places. Mr. McClure loves teaching and he specifically feels that it is important to push his students to be critical thinkers. He is very excited to be teaching at St. Paul school.

Mr. Michael McClure

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Ms. Katie McGrain comes from the United States. She has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Vermont. Ms. Katie spent the last three years teaching Kindergarten in South Korea. Prior to that she taught 3rd and 4th grade in Vermont.

Ms. Katie's goal is to create a classroom environment that empowers students to discover their passions. She hopes that her focus on cultivating a growth mindset, and inquiry-based learning will help propel her students along the path of becoming lifelong learners.

Ms. Katie is passionate about reading and writing children's literature -you can count on her for a great book recommendation! In her free time, you'll find Ms. Katie doing something active outdoors or cooking in her kitchen.



Ms. Katie McGrain

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Mr. Christopher Reid is in his seventh year of teaching and this school year of 2017 / 2018 will be his second year at St. Paul American School Hanoi. He is a 2010 graduate from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio where he completed his Bachelor of Music degree. During his years of teaching he has had experience with all grade levels and a variety of ensembles including concert, marching, and brass bands as well as middle school chorus. Mr. Reid remains an active performer on euphonium playing for various concert and community bands.

Mr. Christopher Reid

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Darrin grew up in a small town in Southern Ohio, and lived in San Francisco for nearly 20 years working as a Director of Human Resources and Accounting for a medium-sized corporation.

Yearning for a career change that would be more rewarding and fun, he pursued his dream of becoming a teacher.

Darrin holds a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Columbia and has a Professional Educator's Teaching Certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL K-12) and Business Education (6-12). He has taught English Language Learners (ELLs) and English Language Arts (ELA) to students of all ages in Bangkok, Mexico City, and Hanoi. Darrin believes if students are having fun learning English, they will want to continue learning English. He takes pride in delivering engaging, student-centered classrooms.

He looks forward to helping his students at St. Paul American School improve their English skills, achieve academic success, and become valuable global citizens.



Mr. Darrin Barker

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Miss Michelle Lancaster was born and raised in California, USA. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education Foundations from the University of Oregon, as well as her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Teaching. Before entering graduate school, she was an au pair in Sydney, Australia for nearly a year. She has worked with children in various settings for the past 7 years and has traveled to various parts of Europe and some of Southeast Asia. Her travels, as well as her education background, have sparked her passion for English language development.

Ms. Michelle Lancaster

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Mrs. Helen Trajtenberg is excited to return for her second year at St. Paul American School Hanoi. She is originally from Dallas, Texas where she graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a bachelor's degree in visual arts and a bachelor's degree in psychology. She also holds a master's degree in art therapy from the George Washington University, in Washington DC and is a licensed art therapist with the American Art Therapy Association. She is a US state certified visual arts educator and has 12 years of teaching experience in the US, Japan and Peru.

Helen is passionate about sharing the creative process with children of all ages and she enjoys helping students develop their own unique artistic abilities. In 2017, she joined the St. Paul American school community with her husband, David Trajtenberg, the secondary principal, and their three daughters ages 11, 9 and 6. In her spare time, Helen enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, painting, gardening, cooking and yoga.



Mrs. Helen Trajtenberg

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Mr. Beau Wayland is from the United States where he has spent the last 15 living in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington before moving to Hanoi in July of 2016. He graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelors of Art in English in 2007. After working in hospitality management for over 15 years, Beau is transitioning into a new career in education, his true passion. He is currently enrolled in a Masters of Education program at the University of Concordia in Portland, Oregon where he expects to complete his degree in less than a year. During his free time, Beau enjoys spending time with his four children and his wife Misty. He also enjoys exercise and competitive sports

Mr. Beau Wayland

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Mr. Steven is from the state of Kansas in the United States. He has a Bachelor of Arts in African Studies and French from the University of Kansas and a Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Teachers College, Columbia University. He has taught in France, China and in New York City. He is excited to join St Paul American School and to experience life in Vietnam. In his spare time, he enjoys running and reading.



Mr. Steven Groene

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Ms. Porter was born at home, just outside Eugene, Oregon in the United States. Although she spent most of her childhood in the Eugene area, she graduated from Petersburg High School in Southeast Alaska. She received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from the University of Alaska, Southeast in Juneau. She then moved back to Oregon and volunteered for two years with AmeriCorps. After receiving her Master of Education from Portland State University, Ms. Porter began working at the Hillsboro School District where she taught kindergarten, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade at Witch Hazel Elementary School. She has written and received many grants to support technology in her classroom and at Witch Hazel. She is eager to share her love for technology in the classroom! Ms. Porter enjoys exploring and learning about the outdoors, gardening, playing board games, and traveling.

Ms. Kimberly Porter

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Mr. Josh grew up in Cedar Key, Florida, USA, but he has traveled all around the world. For the past two years, he has lived in Ho Chi Min teaching 5th grade at The American School of Vietnam, but he is excited to learn more about Hanoi! He began his teaching career in Seoul, South Korea, where he taught ESL for five years. Prior to making the career transition to teaching, he spent five years in Tampa Bay as a social worker with juvenile offenders adjudicated through the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Mr. Josh's goal is to create an engaging learning environment where students are encouraged to take ownership of the classroom and build a community. He wants his students to become critical thinkers and to reach for their own definition on success.

Mr. Josh is an avid waterman who enjoys everything on and under the water. He also likes to spend his free time volunteering, traveling and trying new foods. He is looking forward to learning more about the cuisine of Northern Vietnam and exploring the country!



Mr. Joshua Leiner

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Ms. Catherine Di Leo comes from Connecticut in the United States. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Ms. Di Leo has worked in the field of Child Psychotherapy where she has gained knowledge and experience providing direct mental health services to children, adolescents and families in the form of individual and group therapy as well as completing case management responsibilities in the form of collaboration with community and school providers. Ms Di Leo has experience as a research consultant for clinical trials that measure the effectiveness of interventions aimed at strengthening parent-child relationships. She has also enjoyed volunteering with multiple agencies around Connecticut to promote community growth and development. Ms. Di Leo is passionate about promoting the social, emotional and academic development of the children that she works with as well as highlighting their individual strengths in the process.

Outside of school, Ms Di Leo enjoys reading, traveling, visiting cafes, volunteering and spending time with family and friends. She is looking forward to working with the children and families at St Paul.

Ms. Catherine Di Leo

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Ms. Phuong Hoang comes from Hanoi. She graduated from University of Social Sciences and Humanities, majored in Literature.

Ms. Phuong has been teaching for 4 years. She loves Vietnamese Modern Literature.

In her daily life, Ms. Phuong loves to sing & dance.



Ms. Phuong