

# Sandra Andrews Effinger

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## ***Experience: Retired from Teaching as of 30 June 2016***

- 2013 - 2016 **Naples American Middle/High School, Naples, Italy** (DoDEA school)  
*Courses taught:* AP World History, AP Literature, Honors World History 9 & 10.
- 2011 - 2013 **Heidelberg American High School, Heidelberg, Germany** (DoDEA school)  
*Courses taught:* AP Literature, AP Language, Language Arts 11, Modern World History, Read 180, Journalism, Yearbook, Speech, Newspaper.
- 2006 - 2010 **Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, Oklahoma City, OK**  
*Courses taught:* English 10, Pre-AP English 10, AP European History, AP Human Geography, Economics, Sociology, Media Productions.
- 2001 - 2008 **Oklahoma Writing Project, University of Oklahoma, Norman OK**  
Technology Liaison; e-Facilitator; Workshop Presentations on Technology and Writing; Website and Web Log Designer; ListServ Manager; Board of Directors.
- 2005 - 2011 **Belle Isle Library, Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma City OK**  
Technology Assistant; assist patrons in use of computer software; answer Inquiries concerning hardware and software; monitor use by children and adults.
- 1997- 2004 **Norman High School North, Norman OK**  
*Courses taught:* AP English 12, English 12, Advanced English 10, AP US History, US History, AP US Government, AP World History, TEAM English/History 10 (Combined Advanced Course), and semester electives (Film Studies, Classical Literature, Science Fiction, Reading for Pleasure).
- 1985-1997 **Central Mid-High School, Norman OK**  
Courses Taught: English 10, Advanced English 10; United States History, Oklahoma History; TEAM English/History 10 (Combined Advanced Course); Fundamentals of Communication (elective).
- 1975-1985 **Millwood Junior-Senior High School, Oklahoma City OK**  
*Courses Taught:* English 9, English 11, English 12, AP English 12, World History, United States History, Oklahoma History, Political Science, Civics, Humanities I, Humanities II, Journalism, Newspaper, Yearbook.

## ***Education:***

- 1996-1999 **University of Oklahoma, B.A. 1982**  
**Major:** Native American Studies
- 1984-1990 **University of Oklahoma**  
Admitted to Ph.D. program, 27 hours post M.A.
- 1979-1984 **University of Oklahoma, M.A., 1984.**  
**Major:** English emphasizing composition and literary criticism.
- 1976-1979 **University of Oklahoma, B.A. 1979**  
**Major:** African and African-American Studies  
**Emphases:** Arts & Aesthetics; Literature & Oral Traditions
- 1968-1974 **University of Oklahoma, B.A., 1974.**  
**Major:** Journalism emphasizing advertising and public relations.  
**Minor:** Teacher certification in journalism and social studies.
- 1963-1968 **Altus High School, High School Diploma, 1967.**  
College-bound public high school curriculum.

## Oklahoma Teacher's Certification Current to 2016

<p><b>Language Arts</b></p> <p>American Literature Business English English Literature General Business Grammar and Composition Journalism Newspaper World Literature Yearbook</p>	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>American History Democracy Economics Geography Government Sociology World History</p>
<p><b>National Board Certification 2001; renewed 2011-2021</b> (Adolescence and Young Adulthood/English Language Arts) November 2001; renewed 2011-2021</p>	
<p><b>Department of Defense Education Activity Certifications, 2011-2017</b></p> <p><b>Professional Categories:</b> Teacher, English, MS (0210); Teacher, Journalism, MS (0212); Teacher, Social Studies, MS (0220); Teacher, English, HS (0310); Teacher, Journalism, HS (0312); Teacher, Drama, HS (0313); Teacher, Social Studies, HS (0320); Teacher, Humanities, HS (0352)</p> <p><b>Specialty Areas:</b> Advanced Placement English Language and Composition (9006); Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition (9007); Advanced Placement US History (9008); Advanced Placement World History (9009); Advanced Placement European History (9010); Advanced Placement Government and Politics (9011); Advanced Placement Human Geography (9021);</p>	

### ***Special Activities:***

- **Presentations given at more than 100 in-service workshops, teacher-education classes and at state and national educational meetings** (Collaborative Learning, Writing Across the Curriculum, Film Studies, Digital Portfolios, etc.).
- **Advanced Placement Workshops Taught** include *APsIs in Pre-AP English for High School Teachers* at MIE Bridgewater University, University of Alabama, Auburn University, University of Texas at El Paso, SMU Legacy in Plano, Texas Christian University, Arkansas University at Little Rock, University of Texas at Laredo, West Texas University at Canyon, Lawton University, University of Oklahoma and *Pre-AP English for Middle School Teachers* at SMU Legacy in Plano and University of Texas at El Paso. *Pre-AP Two-Day Workshops* at International schools in Kiev, Ukraine, and Bratislava, Slovakia.
- **College Board Consultant**, Advanced Placement Literature, Pre-AP English, Vertical Team Development, and Differentiated Education. Presentations include Middle School and High School level summer institutes, one-day workshops, and hour-long topics (some below); 2005 to present.
  - “iOpeners: Pre-Reading Writing”
  - “Doing More with Less: The Short Story”
  - “First Chapters: Passage Analysis and Book Promotion”
  - “Rhetoric for Beginners: Using Advertisements to Introduce Rhetoric”
  - “Ralph Ellison’s *Invisible Man* in the Spotlight”
  - “Anecdote, Imagery, Epiphany and Rant: Voice in the Essay”
  - “All Books Are Either Dreams or Swords: Responses to Reading”
  - “The Fairy Tale: Literary Analysis for All Ages”

- **“Visions of the Dark Years: World War II and its Legacy in France,”** Summer Seminar, National Endowment for the Humanities, France (Paris , Lyon, Vichy, and Caen), Summer 2007.
- **National Writing Project Electronic Writing Marathon,** August - September 2004.
- **“Photography: Personal Narratives,”** Quartz Mountain Arts Institute, October 2003.
- **“Dante’s *Commedia* in Siena,”** Summer Seminar, National Endowment for the Humanities, Italy, Summer 2003.
- **“Writing to and from Photographs,”** Quartz Mountain Fall Arts Institute, October 2002.
- **“The Reading Writing Connection,”** Presentation, Curriculum and Assessment Conference, Westin Hotel, Oklahoma City, July 2002.
- **“Viewing Films Actively: Written Responses to Motion Pictures,”** Roundtable, National Council of Teachers of English, Baltimore, November 2001.
- **State Department of Education “Road Show” Workshops,** one-day comprehensive English teaching in-services; over 400 teachers attended. Summer 1998 and 1999.
- **OK TechMasters Master Teacher and Lead Technology Trainer,** Oklahoma State Department of Education, Summer 1998 to 2003.
- **Oklahoma Graduation Test,** State Department of Education. Proofread final test items, 1991. Served on Oklahoma Graduation Test Committee, developing objectives for reading and writing, 1989.
- **Teachers’ Institute,** Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities, focused on Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence and its influence on American literature, Summer 1985.
- **Independent Study Fellowship,** National Endowment for the Humanities. Researched novels by black women, Summer 1984.
- **Test Writer,** American College Board (ACT), Language Usage Section, 1982 and 1983.
- **American Partnership: A Handbook for Teaching Citizenship and Leadership, K-12,** State Department of Education. Co-wrote and revised 677-page manual, Summer 1982.

## **Websites**

- **MsEffie’s LifeSavers for Teachers:** <http://mseffie.com>  
The best materials I’ve developed in 30 years of teaching.
- **An Informed Journey: Adjustable Gastric Lapband, Cosmetic Surgery & Costa Rica:**  
<http://informedjourney.com/>  
Personal Website about weight loss and life changes.
- **2Words4U:** <http://mseffie-2words4u.blogspot.de>  
Personal Blog with essays and commentary.