

Lori Younker, MA TESOL

Lori lives in warm and woodsy Missouri in the heart of the USA. Her experiences in Mongolia, Thailand, Haiti, China and among the Lakota Sioux of South Dakota are at the heart of her short works which win her top prizes in local anthologies and writing contests. Her short story collection *Mongolian Interior* is edging close to publication, as well as her first two novels, *A Brighter Place* and *Beyond Borders*.

As president of the Columbia Writers Guild, she designs learning experiences to nurture new and established writers of her community.

Her work experience includes:

- Instructor in presentations skills for international teaching assistants, Missouri University, Graduate School (2010-2014)
- Instructor in Reading, Speaking, and Listening, Intensive English Program, Missouri University (2010-2014)
- ELL Coordinator for the Farmington R-7 School District, SE Missouri (2004-09)
- Remedial Reading and Math instruction for afterschool programs Farmington, MO (2000-04)
- Social Studies and Fine Arts Coordinator, grades K to 12, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (1996-2000)
- Educational Consultant for American Expatriates, Reach Global (2001-2004)

Lori holds a master's degree (MS) in TESOL and Missouri State teaching certification in Social Studies (grades 5 to 9), Language Arts (grades 5 to 12) and TESOL (Teaching English to Language Learners) (Grades K to 12).

Currently, Lori serves the international learner in Mexico Public Schools, grades 3 to 5, in reading, writing, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills.