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PROFILE

Bilingual (English and Japanese), bicultural third culture kid and graduate of the American School in Japan, with fifteen years of teaching at international schools in Bahrain, Honduras, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Taiwan. Experienced across AP and IB economics, psychology, research, and history. Founder of three Model UN conferences and of Harris International Education, a Model UN consultancy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2026 – present
Taichung,
Taiwan | American School in Taichung , AP Teacher and MUN Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Research, Grade 8 Model UN elective• AP Business with Personal Finance, part of the first cohort teaching the course in its national launch year (2026–27)• MUN Coordinator for TAIMUN, the first Model UN conference in Taiwan (founded 2001), and for overseas delegations |
| 2025 – present | Harris International Education LLC , Founder and Educational Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Model UN program development for schools in Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, South Korea, and Greece• Tutoring in IB/AP Economics, Psychology, World History, and MUN |
| 2024 – 2026
Riyadh, Saudi
Arabia | American International School of Riyadh , IB Economics and World History Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IB Economics; World History I and II; recorded review lectures (The Harris Index) and built browser games for economics• Head coach, U-16 boys soccer; MUN, where I introduced crisis committees; Teachers Teaching Teachers PD on AI tools• Speaker, TEDxYouth@AISR (two talks) |

2014 – 2024 Jeju, South Korea	Korea International School Jeju , Social Studies Teacher • AP Research (5 years), AP Psychology (2 years), Economics and Psychology electives (4 years), Global Studies 9 (4 years), Debate (3 years), Model United Nations (3 years) • Grade 10 team lead (5 years); Grading Committee member (2022–23) • Founder, GECMUN and No Borders MUN; coach of boys and girls varsity soccer, MS boys soccer, HS varsity tennis; sponsor of DECA and other clubs
2012 – 2014 San Pedro Sula, Honduras	Escuela Internacional Sampedrana , Social Studies Teacher • Grade 9 World History; MUN; founder of SPSCON; assistant boys soccer coach; Knowledge Bowl coach
2011 – 2012 Manama, Bahrain	Modern Knowledge Schools , Social Studies Teacher • Economics and Sociology; MUN; head coach, varsity girls soccer; University Club
2009 – 2011 Tokyo, Japan	American School in Japan , Student Teacher, Grade 7 Social Studies and Language Arts (mentor: Dan Smith) Tom Byer Soccer Academy , Coach and Translator (2010) PricewaterhouseCoopers Co., Ltd. , Associate: FCPA third-party verification for Tyco Flow Control Japan; transitions and mergers for Merck Serono (2009–2010)

EDUCATION

2021 MEd, Leadership in Education / Administration, The College of New Jersey

2013 MEd, International / Overseas Education: Secondary, The College of New Jersey

2005 High school diploma, The American School in Japan

2020 Post-master's principal certificate, The College of New Jersey

2009 BA, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

MODEL UN CONFERENCES FOUNDED

SPSCON (Honduras, 2013), grown from 50 to 300+ delegates. GECMUN (South Korea, 2014), one of the largest MUN conferences in Korea. No Borders MUN (online, 2020), 40+ international schools over three years, raising funds for UNICEF.

PUBLICATIONS AND TALKS

- うちの子、インターでいいのか？ (Is an International School Right for My Child?), book in Japanese, Kindle and paperback, Amazon Japan

- Articles in *The International Educator* (TIE), a four-part series for Best Delegate, and essays on LinkedIn on AI, assessment, MUN, and coaching
- TEDxYouth@AISR: “Where Do We Belong? Rethinking the Idea of Home” and “The Power of One School Year”
- Host, Tokyo Alumni Podcast: 90+ episodes with international school graduates, including Newbery Medal winner Lois Lowry, singer Yu Hayami, DJ Taku Takahashi of m-flo, actor Joshua Thomson, and Olympic swimmers Bruno and Miguel Ortiz

AWARDS AND LANGUAGES

Faculty Global Leader, Korea International School Jeju (2019, 2022). English (native); Japanese (fluent, written and spoken).

References and letters of recommendation available on request.