

AISL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF BIOGRAPHIES SY 2017-2018

Kekeli Mireille AKOUBIA is also known as Kely. She has a Bachelors degree in Literature and this is her fourth year serving as a teaching assistant at AISL. Working this year with the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes, she is willing to contribute her talents and skills wherever they are needed in the school.

Akiliesso ALITI graduated from the Art Institute of Togo. He has taught Art at AISL since 1993. Before working at AISL, he taught art at several other schools in Lomé. A famous ceramic artist in his own right, he is known for his beautiful pots of all sizes, several of which are on display at our school. He believes that student art work should be on display and as a result, student artwork adorns the hallways, offices and bulletin boards throughout our campus.

John K. AMOUZOU completed his undergraduate degree at Georgia State University, Atlanta (USA), majoring in applied mathematics, with a Bachelor of Science (BS). He completed his graduate studies at GSU with a Masters (MS) in Statistics. He earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) at Boston University, Boston (USA) with a concentration in secondary mathematics education. He taught High School / Middle School Math / Science for seven years in various Boston Public Schools before deciding to join the international education family. He joined the American International School of Lome in August 2016. His interests include reading, swimming, traveling, and music.

Julia AUSTIN is teaching the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten class, and this is her first year teaching at AISL. Born and raised in the U.S.A.. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education from Alabama State University, and she comes to AISL with 15 years of teaching experience including seven years of secondary math and eight years at the elementary level. Married with three lovely children, she loves sharing her excitement for learning with her students each day! She strives to involve each student in her classroom to build life-long learners! From the words of the author Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

James DOLECKI is from the United States, and this is his 20th year teaching. Originally from California, he has spent most of his life living, working and traveling in Africa. His previous international teaching posts include; D.R. Congo, Egypt, and Douala, Cameroon. This year, he will be teaching; Ancient Civilizations, Geography, African History and Culture, and Economics/Government/International Politics. He is looking forward to an exciting time here in Togo.

Lauren ELLIOTT is from Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK and has a background in education (including ESL), film and photography. She graduated from Central Saint Martins' College of Art and Design in London in the field of Criticism, Communication, and Curation. She lived and worked in Ethiopia for the past three years teaching in the private sector and conducting educational research in rural areas for an international NGO. In her spare time, Lauren enjoys exploring Togo and practicing photography.

Robert EZEANI is AISL's K-12 Information Technology (IT) teacher and IT supervisor. A professional engineer and computer operator by training, He is embarking on his true calling in life: being a teacher. Aside from enriching class lessons, he is also assisting as student council adviser and the yearbook coordinator. Robert has participated in professional development programs in the US and Africa. He is married with children.

Gloria FOLLY-KLAN AMECY believes that a good nursery school teacher must protect and bond with the children as if they were his/her own. Her goal this year is to nurture and develop her students' abilities and social skills in a safe learning environment that allows them to explore their surroundings. She also wants to help make sure her students are prepared to enter Pre-Kindergarten when they leave her class. She is Togolese by nationality and is married with two children.

Maxime Mazono LIBYA was born in Kinshasa, DR Congo reared in a family of five children. He is married and is a father of four children: two girls and two boys (aged 3-11). After graduating from the School for Teachers in Kinshasa, in the Department of Translation and Interpreting, he started his teaching career at Jewels International School, Kinshasa, where he taught grades 1 and 2 for seven years. Later, he joined the American International School of Libreville in 2007, where he taught French and Physical Education for nine years. He takes pleasure teaching different grade levels (PreK-12) and believes that children are our future. His personal goal has always been to challenge students and watch them grow to their full potential. He wants to take students at different levels and see them develop together for the betterment of each. Therefore, group work is the key to having a successful class and is something he values for all students. The impact of group work, when students help fellow students, changes each person and transforms the atmosphere of the class as a whole. He is hardworking, open-minded and loves working as part of a team.

Cristina MAIORINO was born in Ottawa, Canada. After obtaining her Bachelor degree with majors in Political Science and International Relations from Carleton University, she completed her Bachelor of Education from the Schulich School of Education at Nipissing University. She has over ten years experience as a certified TESOL instructor and has lived and worked in Venezuela, Cuba, Rwanda, and throughout Canada. She is an experienced international school teacher, having worked in Gabon and is a qualified Primary/ Junior teacher as well as a teacher of French as a Second Language from grades K-12. She is thrilled about becoming a part of the community of the American International School of Lomé and is looking forward to learning, growing and sharing in education. Cristina enjoys reading, cycling, traveling and learning new languages in her spare time.

Jean Louis MANGA is teaching mathematics at AISL. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Mathematics from the University of Yaoundé 1, Yaoundé, Cameroon. He has a Provisional Teaching Certificate in Secondary Mathematics from California State Department of Education. He taught Secondary mathematics for the Reseda Magnet School of Science in Los Angeles, California. He also served as an Adjunct Professor of Mathematics at the Glendale and Southwest Community Colleges in California. His interests include NBA Basketball, and his favorite team is the Los Angeles Lakers.

Daphne NEAL most recently served as the Interim Academic Director at the American International School of Libreville in Gabon. She has worked in international schools since 1985 having served as the Director at the International Community School of Abidjan, Secondary Principal at the American Cooperative School of Tunis and in a variety of administrative posts including Registrar, Admissions Counselor, College Advisor, and Principal at the International Community School of Abidjan. Her degrees include a M.Ed. in Educational Administration, Instruction and Supervision from the College of New Jersey, a MA from Morgan State University, and a B.A. from Oberlin College. Married and with three adult children who are third culture kids, she brings her expertise in small school development and growth, and student services to AISL. Her interests include visiting new places, world music, and visual and performing arts; she is excited to be at AISLome.