



AIWR News

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AIWR's Team Continues to Grow

2014 has been a year of growth and new energy at AIWR. In the spring we celebrated bringing aboard Laura Waters as a new English Program Coordinator. This summer, we were thrilled to include two additional dynamic women to AIWR's English Program team. AIWR is excited to announce that Casey Schneider and Caroline Burke, both long-time AIWR volunteer teachers, have agreed to step into the role of Program Coordinator.

Casey Schneider's passion for education and women's rights in Central Asia is what initially brought her to AIWR. With a degree in International Affairs and experience teaching ESL around the world, she began working for AIWR as a volunteer teacher in 2012. Shortly thereafter, she published her first paper on the correlation between secular education and counter-terrorism, specifically in relation to Afghanistan's development. Nearly three years and three continents later, Casey is back in her native New York serving as an AIWR English Program Coordinator.



Caroline Burke was an English instructor in Greece when she learned about AIWR through a long time friend. The two began teaching for AIWR in 2011. Upon returning to the States, Caroline began studying and adjunct lecturing at Stony Brook University in New York. While at Stony Brook, Caroline and her AIWR-student of 3 years created a trans-continental classroom collaboration between writing classes at Stony Brook, The Kandahar Institute of Modern Studies, and the International Baccalaureate High School of Quito, Ecuador. Caroline is now focused on studying and teaching the intersections of digital writing and activism. (You can catch a glimpse of Caroline working with her AIWR

student in this NBC Nightly News piece from last spring: <http://www.nbcnews.com/video/nightly-news/54870269#54870269>.)

Caroline is responsible for coordinating all the students and teachers who meet at 3:00 pm (Afghanistan time) and Casey coordinates all the students and teachers who meet in the morning (Afghanistan time). Laura continues to coordinate the 2:00 pm student-teacher matches. Cathy Raymond, who is currently on a short leave to run a special English language program in Nepal, will continue to serve as the English Program Director upon her return in January. With this expanded staff, AIWR is now able to grow its English Program to serve between 30 to 45 Afghan women and girls at one time.

Gayle Zilber AIWR's Mentor Program also has a great new addition. AIWR is pleased to announce that Gayle Zilber has agreed to serve as the Mentor Program Coordinator. Gayle Zilber is a Seattle-area attorney and former programmer with an interest in international human rights law and gender equality. She spent several years with the Tibetan refugee community in India and Nepal, during which time she taught English and computer math to refugee students at a Tibetan university. Gayle has been a legal Mentor for AIWR since 2008, working with an Afghan woman senator and Afghan attorneys who focus on women's rights and international human rights law.



Welcome aboard Gayle, Casey and Caroline!

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