

SARAH M.L. MACDONALD

Canadian, Female, b. 1981 in Prince Albert, Canada

EDUCATION

- Pending- PhD in Middle Eastern Politics, Durham University, Durham, English (beginning in Oct. 2010)
- June 2008: Master of Journalism (print), Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada
- August 2007: Teaching English as a Foreign Language certificate, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada
- May 2005: BA (High Honours) in International Cooperation and Conflict Studies, Spanish & Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada
- June 2000: Grade 12 French Immersion Diploma with Great Distinction, St Mary High School, Prince Albert, SK.
- May 2000: Grade 8 Royal Conservatory of Music Piano

EMPLOYMENT

- Feb. 2009 – present: English Teacher, Sur University College, Sur, Sultanate of Oman – teaching foundation, diploma and degree English classes
- Oct. 2007 – Nov. 2008: Head English teacher, BCM Language Center, Ulsan, Korea – teaching English as a foreign language to adults. Planned classes, taught grammar, reading, writing and speaking skills for conversational English, evaluated and placed students in appropriated levels.
- Sept. 2005-April 2007: Teaching Assistant, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada- assistant for journalism theory, media and communications law, and journalism practice and history. Graded papers and exams, taught one-hour seminars on writing, interviewing, research, journalistic analysis.
- Dec. 2005 and 2006, April-Aug. 2006: reporter for the Saskatoon StarPhoenix
- Nov. 2005: freelance writer for the Ottawa Citizen
- July-Aug. 2005: research assistant for Carol Shepstone, head of Access Services, University of Saskatchewan main library- researched interdisciplinary programs at Canadian Universities
- May-Aug. 2005: research assistant for Dr. Cristine de Clercy, Assistant Professor of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan- researched how federal election opinion polls were presented in Quebecois newspapers, translated articles from English to French and from French to English
- May-Aug. 2004 & 2003: Summer Employment Officer, HRSDC, Prince Albert SK- creating and managing computer databases, budgeting, media relations, posting job ads, giving career information presentations, on-site job monitoring, interview and resume skills, newspaper columnist
- May-Sept. 2002: Parliamentary Guide at Parliament of Canada, Ottawa ON- included giving tours in English, French, and Spanish, as well as working with translators for other languages. Dealt with customers of all ages, from pre-school groups to seniors, and backgrounds.
- April-Aug. 2001: research assistant for Agriculture Canada, Saskatoon

LANGUAGES

- Grade 12 French Immersion (fluent)
- Spanish (fluent)
- Arabic (basic)
- Korean (basic)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Dec. 2007 – May 2008: Editor in Chief, Korea Sun Magazine – editor, writer, and photographer
- 2004 Volunteer writer for The Sheaf, U of S students' newspaper
- 2001-2002 Tutor at Opening Doors school, Saskatoon SK

AWARDS RECEIVED

- 2005-'07: Carleton University Entrance Scholarship & Teaching Assistantship
- 2001-2005: Dean's List Honour Roll, University of Saskatchewan
- 2000: Government of Saskatchewan General Proficiency Award
- 2000: St. Mary High School, Prince Albert, SK graduation awards: General Proficiency; St. Mary Girls' Scholarship; English Language Arts B30; French award

OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Traveling, writing, reading, photography, history, politics, biking, drawing, playing piano, gourmet cuisine.