

# Sarah Anne Farris

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## Academic Experience

**Doctorate of Education · Educational Leadership · University of Southern California · Los Angeles, California · 2018**

Dissertation: *Examining Approaches to Implementing Responsive Classroom Within International Schools*

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Ruth Chung

**Master of Education · International Counseling · Lehigh University · Bethlehem, Pennsylvania · 2015**

**Master of Arts · Elementary Education · University of Central Florida · Orlando, Florida · 2002**

**Bachelor of Arts · English Literature · George Mason University · Fairfax, Virginia · 1996**

## Professional Experience

**August 2014 to present · Elementary School Counselor · Singapore American School**

- Led the implementation of the Responsive Classroom Approach across the elementary school
- Researched and focused doctoral dissertation on social emotional learning and the implementation of the Responsive Classroom approach within international schools
- Communicated with, coached, and supported pre-kindergarten to Grade 2 teachers
- Presented weekly targeted social skills lessons for pre-kindergarten to Grade 2 students
- Used Adlerian and Solution Focused Brief therapies in small group and individual counseling sessions
- Coordinated and facilitated Student Services Meetings bringing together teachers, parents, and administrators
- Presented a series of Active Parenting workshops to over 50 parents
- Coached faculty in using StrengthsFinder to maximize their full potential

**August 2012 to present · 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher · Singapore American School**

- Communicated information and facilitated meetings as the Professional Learning Community Coordinator (PLC)
- Participated in the Elementary School Research and Development (R&D) team

**August 2005 to 2012 · 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher · Singapore American School**

**November 2001 to August 2005 · 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher · John Young Elementary · Orlando, Florida**

**August 2001 to November 2001 · Graduate Intern · International School of Aruba · Dutch Caribbean**

- Selected as the first student to pilot the University of Central Florida's international internship program

**October 1997 to December 1999 · United States Peace Corps Volunteer · Namibia, Africa**

## Professional Development and Continuing Education Experience

**Certificate in School Leadership for Social-Emotional Learning and Character Development · College of Saint Elizabeth · Morristown, New Jersey**

**Responsive Classroom Advance Course for Elementary Educators · Orlando, Florida**

**Responsive Classroom Course for Elementary Educators · Singapore**

**Solution Focused Brief Therapy · Level 1 · SFBT Academy · Singapore**

**Reading and Writing Institute · Teachers College · Columbia University · New York, New York**

**Fast Train Certificate · George Mason University · Graduate School of Education · Fairfax, Virginia**

## Volunteer Experience

**Caring for Cambodia · Project Coordinator · Singapore and Siem Reap, Cambodia**