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Walter Caine Henderson, Jr. Selected by U.S. Department of State for Prestigious English Language Specialist Project

The U.S. Department of State announced in January, 2022 the selection of Walter Henderson, Jr., partner and publisher at Montoro & Associates Editorial Services, as English Language Specialist. His needs-analysis investigation focuses on pedagogy, curriculum, and instructional materials of the English language certificate program at **Instituto Superior de Formación Docente Salome Ureña** in the Dominican Republic. Henderson is part of a select group, as his project is one of approximately 200 that the English Language Specialist Program supports each year.



Henderson attended the University of Georgia and Université Jean Moulin in Lyon, France and obtained undergraduate degrees in Journalism and Romance Languages. He was later awarded a graduate degree in Applied Linguistics through studies at Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico and Georgia State University. He also enrolled at Alliant International University in Mexico City, Mexico to pursue a Master of Sciences in International Relations.

Advocating educational development, U.S. public diplomacy, and mutual understanding through cultural exchange, Henderson has assisted U.S. Embassies worldwide in delivering curriculum design, needs-analyses, instructional materials, teacher training programs, and plenary addresses. His accomplishments include successful collaborations with numerous ministries of education, bilateral commissions, and foreign educational institutions. Under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, he has performed as Senior English Language Fellow with the Ministry of Public Education of Mexico and the Fulbright Commission in Ecuador, and he has acted as English Language Specialist with assignments to Saudi Arabia, Northern Mexico, Panama, Chile, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic. Henderson also directed educational development projects with USAID in Egypt and the Ministries of Education and Labor in the United Arab Emirates, and has made significant contributions to the field of ELT publishing in the roles of publisher, author, editor, and content writer.

The English Language Specialist Program is the premier opportunity for leaders in the field of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad, and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) with funding provided by the U.S. government. In 2021, the English Language Specialist Program celebrates its 30th anniversary. Since 1991, over 800 English Language Specialists – representing the best of America's educators from all 50 States – have encouraged critical thought and erudition, celebrated their cultural diversity, and showcased their professional and civic engagement strategies to millions of educators and students through in-country, virtual, or mixed projects.

During their projects, English Language Specialists may conduct intensive teacher training, advise ministries of education or participate in high-level educational consultations, and offer plenary presentations at regional, national or international TESOL conferences. These projects are challenging and those selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. In return, the program provides professional development opportunities to help participants experience different cultures and build skills that can greatly enhance their TESOL careers at home.

English Language Specialists are counted among the more than 50,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. The Specialist Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

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