

# Welcome to Awty! New Teachers/Staff for 2007-2008...

## Gregory Bernard

**From:** Pantin, France  
**Current Position:** Physics Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Lycée Denis Diderot  
**Location:** Nairobi, Kenya  
**Degrees:** C.A.P.E.S. - Sciences Physiques  
Maîtrise de Chimie-Physique  
Licence de Chimie-Physique  
All from the Université de Paris Sud  
**Interests:** Tennis, golf, movies

## Marie Berthod

**Current Position:** Geography/History Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** History/Geography Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Collège Henri Corbet de Saint Jean  
**Location:** La Vallée d'Aulps - France  
**Degrees:** C.A.P.E.S. History/Geography  
Licence - History/Geography  
D.E.U.G. - Modern Literature,  
from Université de Savoie, Chambéry  
from Université de Savoie, Chambéry  
**Interests:** Reading, theater, cinema, photo, cooking

## Sophie Blettery

**From:** Champigny-sur-Marne, France  
**Current Position:** History Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** History/Geography Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Collège Signy l'Abbaye  
**Location:** Signy l'Abbaye, France  
**Degrees:** C.A.P.E.S. - History/Geography  
Maîtrise - History/Geography  
License - History/Geography  
All from the Université de Lyon III

### **Claire Bruno-Bedouet**

**Current Position:** Science Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Taught French to Professionals  
**Location:** Cheltenham, UK  
**Degrees:** M.S. Biology from University of Nice, France  
Medical Undergraduate Studies from Nice, France

**Interests:** Taught at Awty from 2001 - 2004  
Oil and watercolor painting  
Avid tennis and golf player, marathon runner

### **Françoise Burtz**

**From:** Besançon, France  
**Current Position:** Lower School Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous Position:** CE Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Lycée Français Louis Pasteur  
**Location:** Calgary, Canada  
**Degrees:** Maîtrise - Educational Sciences

### **Elaine Clopton**

**Current Position:** Primary School – Teaching Assistant (Full-Time)

**Training / Education:** Computer Animation Art Institute of Houston  
Veterinary Paramedic Houston Community College  
Directors Qualification Child Care Council of Greater Houston

**Previous Work:** Young Women’s Christian Association, Center Director at Field Elem. Daycare

### **Veronique Coutts**

**From:** Louis-Genitl, Maroco  
**Current Position:** Lower School Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous Position:** CE1 Teacher (2nd Grade)  
**Previous School/Employer:** Lycée Français de Londres  
**Location:** London, UK  
**Degrees:** Certificat d'Aptitudes aux Actions  
Diplôme d'Institeur

### **Gary Davis**

**Current Position:** College Counselor  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** College Counselor and Academic Dean  
**Previous School/Employer:** ACS Hillingdon International School  
**Location:** London, England  
**Degrees:** M.A. from Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
B.S. Business Administration from California State University, Northridge, CA

**Interests:** American School of The Hague, The  
Cairo American College, Cairo, Egypt,  
traveling, cooking, gardening, museums, reading

### **Tzu-Hui Dequin**

**Current Position:** Chinese Teacher – Part-Time  
**Training / Education:** INSA Engineering School  
CCIR FSC Business School

**Previous Work:** Chinese Teacher, CCI Rouen, France

### **Christine Doher**

**From:** Le Mans, France  
**Current Position:** Lower School Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous Position:** Professeur des Ecoles  
**Previous School/Employer:** Ecole Primaire Les Prunus  
**Location:** Aubervoye, France  
**Degrees:** Professeur des Ecoles from IUFM d'Evreux  
Licence - Sciences du Langague (French as a Foreign Language) from Université de Rouen  
D.E.U.G. - Anglais from Université de Rouen

**Interests:** Marathon runner, swimming, snowboarding,  
Speaks Norwegian

### **Linda Downing-Adkinson**

**Current Position:** Lower School Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous Position:** Psychology Instructor / Evaluation  
**Previous School/Employer:** Houston Community College / HISD  
**Location:** Houston Area  
**Degrees:** B.S. - Elementary and Special Education from Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia  
M.A. - Clinical Psychology

### **Jose Fernandez**

**Current Position:** Maintenance Worker

#### **Training / Education:**

Century Maintenance  
Refrigeration Cycle  
Ferris State University  
Refrigerant Transition and Recovery  
Johnstown American Training School  
Maintenance I – III Certification  
Johnson Supply  
Refrigeration Certification, Boiler Safety Control Certification  
Houston Community College  
Air Conditioning Certificate

**Previous Work:** The Spires Condominiums

### **Michael Flanet**

**Current Position:** Lower School Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous Position:** Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Substitute with Awty  
**Degrees:** Professeur des Ecoles from Villepinte, France  
License de Sciences et Techniques des from Université de Paris XII, France  
D.E.U.G. - Sciences et Techniques des from Université de Paris XII, France  
**Interests:** Soccer coach, trainer

### **Stephanie Fournier**

**From:** Paris, France  
**Current Position:** Literature Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Professeur agrégé  
**Previous School/Employer:** Collège Marcel Pagnol de Rueil-  
**Location:** Rueil-Malmaison, France  
**Degrees:** D.E.A. - Lettres Modernes All from the Université de Bordeaux III  
Agrégation de Lettres Modernes  
Maîtrise de Lettres Modernes  
**Interests:** Taught at Awty in 2003-2004  
Her husband is an engineer in Houston

### **Kathleen Froelich**

**Current Position:** PreSchool Teacher - Part-Time  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous Position:** PK3 Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** HISD - Guest Lecturer  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Degrees:** B.S. - Education from University of Texas, Austin, TX  
**Interests:** Taught at the Centre Academy of London

### **Mélanie Gauthy**

**Current Position:** Spanish / French Teacher – Part-Time  
**Training / Education:** M.A. - Hispanic Studies                      Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium  
Maîtrise - Roman Philology  
**Previous Work:** Spanish Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Institut International de Rambouillet, France

### **Janet Hess**

**Current Position:** Science Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Science Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Isidore Neman School  
**Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana  
**Degrees:** M.A. Teaching of Science                      from University of New Orleans  
M.Sc. - Environmental Remote Sensing                      from King's College, University of Aberdeen Scotland  
B.Sc. - Geology                      from University of Texas  
**Interests:** Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity  
Work in Cuba, fluent in Spanish

### **Leonie Karkoviata**

**Current Position:** Economics Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Instructor / Project Manager: Immigrant  
**Previous School/Employer:** University of Houston  
**Degrees:** M.A and PhD - Economics                      from University of Houston  
M.S. - Economics                      from Universidad Orgega Y Gasset, Madrid, Spain  
**Interests:** B.A American University of Paris  
Speaks French, Spanish, Mandarin, Gahasa

### **Marylou LaBao**

**Current Position:** PK Music Teacher / Computers  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous School/Employer:** Houston Music Institute, Substitute  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Degrees:** B.A. Mass Communication                      from University of the Philippines  
**Interests:** Wife of Laurent Thomin  
Amateur Ham Radio Operator, Creative writing,

### **Javier Marin**

**From:** Las Torres de Cotillas, Spain  
**Current Position:** Spanish Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** English / German Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Colegio San Jorge  
**Location:** Murcia, Spain  
**Degrees:** Master in Teaching English as a Second from West Virginia University  
Teacher Trainin Course from University of Murcia, Spain  
**Interests:** Pursing a Masters in Gestalt Therapy  
Sports fan, played Division 3 soccer  
Writes poems, short stories, songs

### **Catherine Mevel**

**From:** Brest, France  
**Current Position:** Math Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Professeur certifié: Math  
**Previous School/Employer:** Lycée Prins Henrik  
**Location:** Copenhagen, Denmark  
**Degrees:** PLC1 from IUFM of Brest, France  
Maîtrise - Mathematics from Licence - Mathematics  
Université de Bretagne Occidentale from Brest, France  
**Interests:** Taught as the Bilingual School of Boston

### **Timothy Morgan**

**From:** Australia  
**Current Position:** Food Director Sage Dining  
**Other:**

Tim was born in Perth, Australia. He is married with twin girls. Tim has worked and lived in New York, New Zealand, London, Tokyo, Dublin, and Norway. While in London, Tim learned his cooking skills in French, Italian and modern British gourmet restaurants. Coming to Texas has offered Tim a great opportunity to work in this food loving community and he is hoping to use his wide breath of experience and travel to bring an exciting and healthy mix of food choices for the international community of children at the Awty School.

### **Katrina Moore**

**Current Position:** Photography Teacher (Secondary School) – Part-Time  
**Training / Education:** Associate Degree Houston Community College  
**Previous Work:** Katrina Moore Photography & CM Photography

### **Lilian Mullane**

**Current Position:** Head of Primary School  
**Department:** Instructional Administration  
**Division:** Primary School  
**Previous Position:** Head of Primary School  
**Previous School/Employer:** Dwight-Englewood School  
**Location:** Englewood, New Jersey  
**Degrees:** Ph.D. Education (dissertation) from Teachers College, CT  
M.A. - Elementary Education from Fairfield University, CT  
B.A.- French Language from New York University, NY  
**Interests:** Director of PreSchool / Elementary English  
Consultant in Montessori system  
Published scholar

### **Kiley Muthig**

**Current Position:** Sports Medical Advisor  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Head Therapist  
**Previous School/Employer:** Integrated Therapeutic Services  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Degrees:** B.S. - Athletic Training  
**Interests:** Massage Therapist  
Worked with Professional Rodeo Athletes

### **Carol Nash**

**Current Position:** Advancement Coordinator  
**Department:** Advancement  
**Division:** Staff  
**Previous Position:** Administrative Assistant to Development  
**Previous School/Employer:** The Parish Children's School  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Interests:** Worked for the United Way of the Texas Golf

### **Pavlina Paleva**

**From:** Sofia. Bulgaria  
**Current Position:** Physical Education Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Tennis Coach  
**Previous School/Employer:** King Daddy Sport  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Degrees:** B.A. - Sports Teacher / Tennis Coach from National Sports Academy, Sofia Bulgaria  
**Interests:** Skiing, travel, work with children

### **Laurence Paul**

**Current Position:** ESL Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** French Instructor  
**Previous School/Employer:** Houston Community College  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Degrees:** BA French (Cum Laude) from University of Houston  
MA French (Cum Laude) from University of Houston  
**Interests:** Graduate of Awty, 2000  
Teaching Assistant of the year (UH/1998)

### **Jason Peguero**

**Current Position:** Instrumental Music Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Adjunct Music Professor  
**Previous School/Employer:** Houston Community College  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Degrees:** Bachelor of Music from Houston Baptist University, Houston  
**Interests:** Professional Trombone Player (Jazz &  
Digital Music Performer, Composition, Arranging  
Audio Engineering

### **Jennifer Richardson**

**Current Position:** History Teacher  
**Department:** International Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Lead Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Harmony School of Excellence  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Degrees:** M.A. - History from Villanova University, PA  
B.A. - History from Tarleton State University, TX  
B.A. - Government from Tarleton State University, TX  
**Interests:** Academic Advisor  
Admissions Counselor

### **Jan Rosin**

**Current Position:** History Teacher  
**Department:** French Bilingual Section  
**Division:** Secondary School  
**Previous Position:** Professor / Lecturer  
**Previous School/Employer:** Sam Houston State University /  
**Location:** Huntsville / Houston  
**Degrees:** PhD - Philosophy All from the University of Houston  
M.A. - American History  
B.A. - Economics, Summa cum Laude  
**Interests:** Long-term sub at Awty  
Raised two sons; Cub Scout Leader  
Room Mother and Active in the PTA

### **Lijia Tong**

**Current Position:** Mandarin Teacher – Part-Time  
**Training / Education:** Houston Community College  
University of Houston  
University of Guangzhou, Guangzhou, China  
**Previous Work:** Computer Science  
Accounting  
Chinese Teacher  
**Previous School/Employer:** Talent Academy  
**Location:** Sugar Land