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(1984~87)

I was a teacher (9/84-9/85), then academic supervisor (9/85-9/87) at LIOJ. I was in the residential Business Program, although we all taught one class in Community. I loved my time at LIOJ and I will always have fond memories of Kaoru, Terumi, and Nobu helping us. My wife and I made a lot of friends among the teachers and I still see some alumni from time to time. I did contract work with Andy Blasky at DynEd a few years ago and I have recently talked with Ruth Sasaki.

Probably my strongest memory of LIOJ was going to Tenzan, the *rotemburo* up in Hakone-Yumoto with my Business classes. We'd finish a long day and then get three taxis and drive up there and soak in the hot water and eat *teppan yaki*. It was in those kinds of settings that we really practiced English and talked about Japanese culture and American culture.

I am now a Development Editor at GlobalEnglish Corporation in South San Francisco. I was a writer here for two and a half years, but I recently made the transition to editor. The primary way in which my experience from LIOJ is reflected in what I do now is in my work on the curriculum. I was at LIOJ when we were using a notional-functional syllabus, and I'm a strong advocate of that approach to syllabus design. I participate in all of the syllabus/curriculum projects here. That background was especially important when we created the GlobalEnglish Kids site.

I hope that all is well at LIOJ. If you see Kaoru, Terumi or Nobu, please give them my best regards.