Phillip Johnson (BA in Psychology; TESOL Certificate) is working for Education First International in Santa Barbara, CA. EF is a private language institute with campuses all over the world focusing on "breaking down barriers of language, culture, and geography that divide us." He currently teaches Advanced and Elementary ESL classes while also teaching Special Interest classes in Advanced Writing and Communication and a course in Introductory Psychology. He have been given the opportunity to put every facet of his MSU education into creating new curriculum, developing new approaches to his unique students, and enhancing student life at the Santa Barbara campus. The students average 18 - 25 years old and primarily attend EF for University credit in their home country or towards gaining acceptance into a US College or University. The program’s students represent an extremely diverse background of native languages and countries, and its hallways are full of a unique cultural exchange each and every day. Phillip says it’s a joy to work for an organization that emphasizes an academic growth while simultaneously supporting a personal growth and happiness. For more about EF International visit www.ef.com.
**Sava Kolev** is from Bulgaria. He is a graduate teaching assistant at MSU in the English Department, studying Linguistics and working towards his TESOL certificate. During the last two years of his undergraduate program in Bulgaria, he taught English to 8-12 year-old children, as well as instructed classes as an intern at the First English Language School in Sofia.

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**Sarah McCain (BA in English; TESOL Certificate)** joined the Mississippi Teacher Corps, which is an alternate route teaching program through the University of Mississippi. It places teachers in a high-needs school in Mississippi that lacks teachers and includes graduate classes. Sarah was placed at W. A. Higgins Middle School in Clarksdale, MS as an eighth grade English teacher. She works with 130 students with a variety of personalities and needs. She loves that she is constantly learning in this position and that her students change her perspective and opinions on life daily.

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**Elise Boone (BA in English; TESOL Certificate)** will be leaving for South Korea where she will be an EFL teacher at a private school in Iksan. She is excited to finally use her college degree! She also has some helpful information for anyone struggling to find listings for international teaching jobs; she recommends job searchers check out [http://footprintsrecruiting.com/](http://footprintsrecruiting.com/) because it has made a large difference for her professionally. She states that applicants work with a personal recruiter who assists in finding the right job position. These recruiters help applicants navigate the necessary paperwork and requirements for each job opportunity. Their services are completely free! This website is how she found her job, and she is very grateful for all the people at Footprints.

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**Thomas Shuff (BA in English; TESOL Certificate)**, as early as this May, will be teaching in the Montessori International School in Yokkaichi, Mie, Japan. (Website: [http://www.misykk.jp/en_index.html](http://www.misykk.jp/en_index.html)). The school has offered Thomas a two-year contract with possible extensions, and he will be teaching preschool through elementary grades. Yokkaichi, while being a cultural center of its own, is centered between Kyoto and Tokyo, and Thomas looks forward to having many adventures both in teaching and daily life. He would also like to personally thank all his professors in the MSU TESOL program for their patience, support, and expertise.

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**New Student Profile**

**Sava Kolev**

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**Congratulations to Caroline Baker**, second place honoree in the 2012-2013 Graduate Research Symposium for her MA thesis presentation, “Student and instructor perceptions of the use of online translators in English Composition.”