

PROFESSIONAL RESUME

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PROFILE

With more than 60 years of work in the field of international education, Dr. Pruitt possesses an exceptionally wide range of formal knowledge and hands-on experience. Her greatest interest and strength are to promote and facilitate the exchanges of people from one culture to another. She founded and is currently **President of International Education Associates, Inc.**, a consulting firm dedicated to international education. Some of her projects have consisted of: evaluating proposals and overseas institutions for funding, monitoring and evaluating them, recruiting American students interested in teaching English overseas, placing and supervising a large number of students from overseas who want to study in the U.S., evaluating foreign credentials, recruiting U.S. faculty members for overseas positions, serving as a U.S. representative for overseas institutions, and laying the ground for establishing a U.S college for a Japanese school.

She held responsible positions in four universities for a period of more than 25 years. At one of them she founded and directed an Office of International Programs and Services and the English Language Institute. She founded and served as foreign student/scholar advisor at three other universities, initiated and conducted more than 60 orientation and debriefing programs for a government agency, and served as program officer in three private organizations concerned with international students and visitors. She served as a consultant to the World Bank, the governments of China, Japan and Togo, the State of New Jersey, USAID, the former USIA, and the Departments of Agriculture, Education, and State. She has traveled in many parts of the world, where she has been a consultant for USAID, the former USIA, a Japanese organization, and NAFSA.

She has designed and implemented many evaluation projects, conferences, workshops, international development projects, and educational exchanges. She has in-depth experience with creating and integrating international programs on US campuses. For almost 40 years, she has lived in the Washington area and has closely followed the policies on international education while being a major player with the NAFSA Embassy Dialogue Committee. She has expertise and has lectured on topics such as cross-cultural training, accreditation, orientation, American culture and other aspects of U.S. education. She has served on a number of panels to select participants for scholarships and study abroad programs. Africa and Asia have been her two major regions of specialization, though she is acquainted with other regions as well. She has supervised a large staff of professional and support personnel, and has prepared and managed large budgets.

Fluency in English and French; Capable of translating from both languages,
Partial fluency in Spanish; studied Arabic, Flemish, German, Japanese, Latin, Russian.

WORK HISTORY:

1987 to present, International Education Associates, Inc., IEA, Founder and President;

A consulting firm working on projects with organizations such as:

2009 to present, **TEL International**, Co-Chair of a recruiting firm for the Pacific Academy in Shanghai, China;

1991 to 2012 **Agency for International Development, AID:** Evaluator of proposals for the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad, ASHA, (12 times); evaluator on the impact of ASHA grants on 10 overseas institutions, visited 5 in Bulgaria, Greece, and Honduras; More recently assigned to be the PMP and evaluator specialist for USAID/ASHA program;

1990 to 2014, **Japanese Government:** JET program interviewer and reader of Applications from US students wanting to teach English in Japan;

2008 **Council of American Overseas Research Center**, reviewer and panelist for the Department of State Critical Language Program;

2007 **US China Education Trust**, Consultant;

2003 **The American University in Bulgaria**, Consultant;

2002 to 2008, **National Collegiate Network Foundation (NCN), JAPAN**, Board member;

1997 to 2000, **American Educational Network**, AEN, Director of Placement;
EducationConnect, University Relations;

1996 to 2002, **International Education Services**, IES, Co-Founder and President;

1995 to 2007, **Los Geranios, Seville, SPAIN**, a Spanish institute, U.S. Representative;

1993 to 1996, **B.G.S Conseils, Paris, FRANCE**, U.S. Representative for placing interns;

1990 to 1997, **NCN:** A Japanese Student Group. Opened & directed the Washington Offices;

1980 to 1987 **George Mason University, Founder and Director of the Office of International Programs and Services, and the English Language Institute; Assistant Professor;**

1978 to 1980 **Agency for International Development, Nigerian Manpower Project, Created and performed the position of Orientation and Debriefing Officer;**

1966 to 1978 **State University of New York at Buffalo, Co- Founder, Office of Foreign Student Affairs (OFSA); Foreign Student and Scholar Adviser; Acting Director, OFSA; Financial Aid Officer for two years; Instructor for 12 years;**

1960 to 1965 **Northwestern University and University of Delaware, Founder for the two Universities' offices, Assistant Foreign Student Adviser; Foreign Student And Scholar Adviser;**

1956 to 1960 American Friends Service Committee, Davis House, Quaker International Center, Assistant to the Directors; Chicago World Hospitality, Assistant.

OTHER CONSULTING ASSIGNMENTS:

- 2000 **NAFSA: Association of International Educators;** A contract from the Department of State, Consultant and Coordinator, USBT Fall 2000 Program;
- 1998 **International Association for Conflict Management, IACM,** Conference Coordinator 11th Annual Conference, University of Maryland;
- 1995, 1996 **Institute of International Education:** To facilitate re-entry Workshops;
- 1995 **Moscow Institute for Social and Political Studies,** Public Relations Director: To increase their number of participants to their study abroad program;
- 1993, 1992 **Department of Education:** To evaluate proposals for FIPSE, and the
1995, 2004 International Education Office;
- 1993 to 1995 **U.S. Department of Agriculture and USAID:** To design and implement a Manpower needs assessment project and evaluating the needs for training at INRA, the Ministry of Agriculture in Morocco;
- 1992 to 1996 **Monterrey Institute of Technology, MCC, MEXICO:** As the U.S. Representative, the task was to hire U.S. educated Mexican professors;
- 1989, 1994 **Foreign Student Service Council:** To run workshops and to implement a Re-entry seminar for international students;
- 1988 to 1990 **Yokohama Academy, Japan:** To establish a U.S. college and to serve as President of the College for 4 months; to recruit English teachers and to plan and implement the Academy summer programs in the US;
- 1987 **Government of Togo:** To assess placement opportunities for their students;
- 1986 - 1987 **World Bank:** To plan the development of training and a fellowship program for three ministries in Benin and Togo;
- Government of Nigeria, Ministry of Education:** To negotiate issues dealing with students in the U.S on behalf of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs: The Association of International Educators (NAFSA);
- 1985 to '87 **State of New Jersey, Department of Education:** To evaluate proposals;
- 1984 to '86 **AMIDEAST:** To train 20 Peace Fellows from Egypt for an academic year;
- 1974, 1975, **Department of State, U.S. Information Agency and the College Board:**
1981 To lecture on American Higher Education and visit ministries of planning and Education in Gambia, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Kenya,

Madagascar, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, Togo, Cameroon and Zaire.
AMPART speaker in Tokyo, Sapporo, and Okinawa, Japan; the Philippines;

AWARDS:

- 2011 **NAFSA, Region VIII, Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education.** Granted to one person each year in Region VIII.
- 2006 **The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs,** Commendation received in Tokyo, Japan at the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the JET program;

AUTHOR:

- 2007 **Faith, Courage, and Survival in Time of Trouble with Judy Priven.** Lulu Press,

FELLOWSHIPS:

- 1974 **International Institute for Educational Planning (UNESCO),** Paris, France: Visiting Fellow;

GRANTS

- 1975, 1976 Received grants from **the State Department, State University of Buffalo, USAID, and NAFSA:** to conduct research on the Adaptation of African Students in the US; to develop a symposium on International training and development;

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 1960 to present Member of **NAFSA: Association for International Educators:** Emeritus Chair, NAFSA Embassy Dialogue Committee (EDC); Treasurer of EDC, Conference Chair and Chair, Regions VIII and X; National Coordinator for the Nigerian Student Concerns, the National Committee for Sub-Sahara Africa; Chair, Diplomats and Special Guests; planner and presenter of numerous papers and panels for national and regional workshops and conferences;
- 2010 Advisory Board member, **the Rosenthal Fellowship Program.**
- 2006 to present Board Member, **Bethesda YMCA;** active member since 1980.
- 1989 to present Member of the **Bethesda/Chevy Chase Rotary Club,** President for 2008/09; BCC Rotary Foundation Chair, 2009/10; District 7620, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarship, & World Peace Fellowship Committees;
- 1981 to 2011 Member of the **Washington Higher Education Dinner Group;**

EDUCATION:

- 1981 **Université René Descartes, Paris V, Sciences Humaines, Sorbonne, Paris, France**, Doctorate, Sociology, with highest honors;
- 1974 **State University of New York at Buffalo**, Masters Degree in Anthropology;
- 1956 **Swarthmore College**, Swarthmore, Pa., Bachelors Degrees in Biology/ French.