

**SUMMARY QUALIFICATIONS of 2016-17 Item Writers**

First Name	Last Name	WIDA State	Grade Cluster Assignment	Years of Teaching Experience	Current Position	Certification	Other Qualifications
Landon	Anderson	DC	4-5, 6-8, 9-12	3 years of TD experience at CAL	Test Development Consultant		Lead developer of the 4th-5th grade cluster of the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs® language proficiency assessment.  Coordinated timelines and deliverables across multiple projects, and tracked and maintained data.  Recruited and managed external consultants and vendors, and facilitated online trainings and meetings for relevant stakeholders.  Assisted with selecting, interviewing, and onboarding new project staff.
Mary Rebecca	Burns	FL	1, 2-3, 4-5	41	Retired, formerly Instructor of ESOL	Ph.D., Linguistics Florida Bureau of Teacher Certification, English 6-12, ESOL Endorsement M.A., Linguistics	Colorado Professional Teacher Certificate, Secondary English Language Arts 1979-92 California Teaching Credential, Reading Specialist K-12, 1977-80 California Teaching Credential, Secondary English, 1973-80 B.A., English and Education
Deirdre	Derrick	PA	6-8, 9-12	17	Assessment Team Member, Program of Intensive English	Ph.D., Applied Linguistics M.A., TESOL	
Melanie	Fox	NY	1, 2-3, 4-5	16	ELL Specialist	M.S., Linguistics B.S., Linguistics	
Kristin	Graw	MI	6-8, 9-12	15	Freelance Item Writer	M.A., TESOL	International English Language Testing System Examiner Former Assessment Developer for Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments
Katherine	Hallin-Payne		9-12	10	Richfield High School ELL Teacher, Richfield, MN August 2015-Present	MN Licensure English as a Second Language K-12 File Folder Number 480895	MA Teacher Education ESL K-12 Trained in SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) Model Implementation and Observation
Theresa	Koehler	MI	4-5, 6-8	11	Freelance Item Writer	B.A., Linguistics	Former item writer for Cambridge Michigan Language Assessment
Kate	Kokhan	MD	4-5, 6-8	7	Second Language Acquisition Specialist	Ph.D., Linguistics M.A., TESOL	M.A., Teaching English Language and Literature B.A., Linguistics
Nicole	Marcus	MD	1, 2-3, 4-5	14	Language Acquisition Tutor	Ph.D., Linguistics M.A., Linguistics	Former Project Manager and Test Developer for Second Language Testing, Inc.
Marina	Medvedeva	PA	6-8	14	Interpreter, Teacher, Instructional paraprofessional Yarmouth Schools, Yarmouth, Maine 2011-present	Ph.D., Physics M.S., Electronic Physics Pennsylvania Emergency Teaching Certificate for State College Area School District	Instructional support and tutoring middle school English as a second language students in mathematics and science (from 6th grade curriculum through advanced geometry classes) Teacher at the English as a Second Language Summer School
Sheri	Oliva	MA	6-8	28	Teacher/ coordinator for district ESL program : Sole ESL teacher for district K-12 program.	General Education K-8; ELL Endorsement K-12; Social Studies 7-12;	
Angela	Predhomme	MI	4-5, 6-8	13	Instructor - ESL Academic Writing, Reading, & Speaking/Listening Item Writer for ELA assessments	M.A., TESOL	B.S., Social science Member of MITESOL
Karen	Rishel	MD	1, 2-3, 4-5	9 years of TD experience 3 years of TD experience at CAL	Second Language Acquisition and Assessment Specialist	M.A., Applied Language Studies	Wrote and reviewed constructed response and multiple choice reading and listening test items for a variety of language tests such as the Defense Language Proficiency Test 5 for government linguists, the General Test of English Communication for Middle and High School students in Japan, and Achievement Tests for an Intensive English Language Program Wrote English Language Arts test items aligned to Common Core State Standards for grades 3 to 11
Theresa	Schlaflly	DC	1, 2-3, 4-5		Freelance Item Writer	M.A., Communication, Culture, and Technology Certificate: TESOL	Wrote speaking items for standardized test of English (elementary and middle school levels)
Laura	Siebecker	VT	1, 2-3, 4-5	7	Second Language Acquisition Specialist	Ph.D., Linguistics M.S., Linguistics	
Luke	Slisz	MN	6-8, 9-12	8	Second Language Acquisition Specialist	M.A., TESOL	Constructs and revises items based on feedback from content experts and editors Analyzes and levels listening and reading passages according to the ILR scale (levels 1 – 4) Trains content selectors in the use of the ILR scale to accurately rate passages Conceives and writes original reading passages based on found authentic material Creates reading test items based on test specifications and item writer guidelines Develops passages and item sets aligned with CEFR levels A2 - C1

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Abbe	Spokane	MD	All	7 years of TD experience at CAL	Test Development Consultant		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Manage ACCESS for ELLs test development process and lead and supervise test development team</li> <li>o Develop and ensure adherence to timelines for test development steps</li> <li>o Review and approve items during phases of the item development process</li> <li>o Solicit and oversee implementation of feedback from funder and external reviewers</li> <li>o Coordinate work with Production Manager for routine and special projects</li> </ul>
Cynthia	Wiseman	NY	6-8, 9-12	40	ESL/English Literature Teacher	M.S., Leadership and Management Ed.D., Applied Linguistics M.A.T.	Former item writer and reviewer at College Board, CUNY, National Foreign Language Center, Learning Resource Network, and Educational Testing Services
Raya	Womack	NE	9-12	9	ESL Coordinator and Teacher	B.A., Secondary Integrated Science with a Minor in TESOL	Received training in reviewing test items for content and grade-level appropriateness EL Advisory Meeting Participant
Stephanie	Zaczek	MD	6-8, 9-12	5 years of TD experience	Second Language Acquisition Specialist	B.S., Psychology, Concentration in Psycholinguistics with a Minor in Linguistics	Oversaw content development for foreign language assessment tests; created test forms; wrote and reviewed items; finalized passages, items, and writing prompts; tracked each stage of development and review to report to funder and supervisor; worked with foreign languagespecialists and English editors- sent assignments, provided feedback on submissions
Celia	Zamora	VA	6-8, 9-12	12	Master Teacher, Foreign Languages Department	Ph.D., Spanish Linguistics M.S., Spanish Linguistics 6-12 Grade Language Arts Professional Teaching Certificate, Miami-Dade County Public Schools	B.A., English Literature Former Exam Rater for NYSESLAT