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DAVID MCILWAIN

CAREER OBJECTIVE

A position allowing me to employ my enthusiasm for, and knowledge of current affairs. In particular political, cultural and economic issues. I wish to make a contribution as a writer or user of words.

EDUCATION

2007 **Australian Catholic University**

Certificate in Adult TESOL

- Learnt about all aspects of English language (functional grammar, phonetics and phonology, first and second language development theory) in order to teach adult students of English.
- Course involved class observations, fieldwork, prac. and demonstration teaching.

2006 to 2007 **Ewha University**

Overseas Study Period

- As part of my International Studies degree I studied in Seoul, Korea. Studies included Asian international relations, political economy and languages.

2004 to 2007 **University of New South Wales**

Bachelor of International Studies (Distinction)

- Major in the Global Stream with a distinction average of 80. Studies included Korean and Japanese languages, global development and economics, European and Asian international relations and politics.
- Awarded the Bachelor of International Studies Final Year Program Prize in April 2008
- Awarded the Sydney Korean Consul-General Prize in April 2006
- Awarded the Han Sol Prize in April 2005

1998 to 2003 **Mosman High School**

Higher School Certificate

- 96.1 / 100 for HSC
- 49/50 HSC assessment result for highest-level English study
- Received NSW History Teachers Association Award for major research essay.

EMPLOYMENT

Mar 2008 to Jun 2010 **GEOS Corporation**

Instructor

- Taught English in Japan in private and group lessons to students of all ages and social backgrounds.
- Prepared lessons and materials tailored to the study objectives of students.
- Taught at the flagship Ginza school, including current affairs discussion classes with students including senior politicians and executives.

Jan 2008 **Nichigo Press**

Reporter

- Worked on the Autumn '08 edition of Australian Japanese lifestyle magazine *jstyle*.
- Carried out an interview with a musician, selected extracts from the transcript and combined these with internet and DVD research for an article (featuring as the cover photo for the issue).

Aug 2007 to Feb 2008 **English as a Second Language Teaching**

Tutor

- Worked with Korean students to develop all aspects of their English language skills.
- Involved creating and applying lesson plans and communicative activities.

May to Jun 2007 **Gyeonggi-do (Province) Tourism**

Presenter

- Presented, acted and interviewed within the format of television programs raising awareness about rural tourism activities in Gyeonggi province, Korea. Conducted in Korean.
- Took instruction from director and developed a good working relationship with other support staff (also in Korean).

Dec 2006 to Jan 2007 **Ewha English Camp**

Mentor and Tutor

- Responsible position assisting Korean high school students within an English immersion camp environment.

Aug 2006 to Jun 2007 **English as a Foreign Language Teaching**

Tutor

- Worked with Koreans of different backgrounds (from children to professional adults) to develop their English language skills.
- Prepared a nine-year-old client for migration to the United States. This involved a high degree of responsibility in developing his confidence to cope with English language school environments.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES/ EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Jun to Nov 2007

Aussie Mate Program

Guide

- Assisted Asian exchange students to acquaint themselves both socially and logistically with the University of New South Wales and Sydney in general.
- Communicated in an enjoyable mixture of English, Korean and Japanese.
- This remains a great opportunity to apply the experience and ideas I gained while on my own year of overseas study – including how to combat social isolation and language issues.

Feb to Jun 2007

Debate Association of Ewha

Debater

- Debated in several tournaments representing Ewha University.
- Represented Korea at the All-Asian Intersivity Debating Championship held from 6-13 May 2007. As a rookie team we achieved a 3-3 win/loss result having debated and socialised with other teams from across the Asian continent.

Jan to Jun 2007

The Ewha Voice

Assistant reporter

- A paid position with the English language university newspaper – the first foreign student to do so since its foundation in 1954.
- Employed research skills and carried out interviews for articles with an international perspective.
- Learnt to ‘spot stories’, pitch to an editor and work to a deadline.

Dec 2005 to Jan 2006

Tongpo Student Winter School

Student

- Korean government scholarship entry to a winter culture and language school held in Seoul during university vacation.
- Participated in shared living environment with other students from different parts of the world.

Aug 2005 and Aug 2006

Aussie Mate Program

Guide

- Developed relationships that were helpful to me when I studied in Korea.

July 2005

Pre-ISFC (Linguistics) Institute

Participant

- Attended a linguistics conference which attracted scholars from around the world.
- Observed seminars and lectures on advanced linguistics.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Computer Skills

Office Software Microsoft Word and PowerPoint

Languages

Japanese Intermediate conversational and advanced reading skills.

Korean Formerly fluent level – recoverable with renewed study.

INTERESTS

- Intellectual: International current affairs; existensial philosophy; poetry, theatre and the novel
- Cultural: Chinese, Japanese and Korean history, culture politics and society

REFEREES

Available on request