

# ERIN BENNETT

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Erin is an award-winning educator who specializes in English composition and world literature. She has experience teaching middle school, high school, and university students in the United States, in India, and in France.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Literature & Composition Instructor

*University of California-Berkeley* | Berkeley, CA | Aug 2016-Present

- Teach introductory courses in Comparative Literature to undergraduate students, focused on bringing students of all backgrounds to a high academic level of literary discourse and analytical writing.
- Design original syllabi based on wide selection of literary texts and a unifying theme (unconventional mothers, literary criminals, female friendship).

### Writing Workshop Designer & Leader

*Classroom Matters* | Berkeley, CA | July-Aug 2019

- Successfully designed and taught intensive expository essay writing workshops to middle school and high school students during the summer.
- Created original writing manual for workshop drawing from literary expertise to create an engaging and relevant learning experience tailored to students' age groups and skill levels.

### Online Summer Course Instructor & Mentor

*University of California-Berkeley* | Berkeley, CA | Summer 2018, 2019

- Guided incoming college freshmen through introductory summer courses, helping them transition from high school to college-level academic writing.
- Held weekly video conferences with students, preparing them for their collegiate experiences, both academic and extracurricular.

### Study Abroad Program Assistant & Mentor

*South India Term Abroad* | Madurai, India | Dec 2013-May 2014

- Mentored undergraduate students through cultural adjustment, communicated regularly with parents about students' wellbeing, served as liaison between host families and students, and networked with local non-profits.

### High School English Teacher

*Lycée Amélie-Zurcher* | Wittelsheim, France | Sep-Dec 2013

- Taught English composition, literary analysis, and American culture classes using American pop music to high school students in rural France

### Middle School English Teacher

*U.S. Fulbright Fellowship* | Madurai, India | May 2012-Mar 2013

- Taught English conversation and composition classes to middle and high school students in several English matriculation schools

## EDUCATION

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### Doctor of Philosophy

*University of California-Berkeley* | Expected May 2021

Comparative Literature, specialization in Anglophone, Francophone, and Italian Literatures  
Designated Emphasis in Gender & Women's Studies

### Master of Arts

*University of California-Berkeley* | May 2018

Comparative Literature, specialization in Anglophone and Francophone Literatures

### Bachelor of Arts

*University of Wisconsin-Madison* | May 2012

Triple Major: International Studies, French, Languages and Cultures of Asia

## AWARDS & HONORS

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### Teaching Effectiveness Award

*University of California-Berkeley* | 2019

Based on a competitive essay submission, this award recognizes innovative, successful teaching ideas

### Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award

*University of California-Berkeley* | 2019

Sponsored by GSI Teaching & Resource Center, this award recognizes exceptional teaching achievements

### U.S. Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship

*U.S. Department of State* | 2012-2013

Selected for position as English Teaching Assistant and cultural ambassador in Madurai, India

## LANGUAGES

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Italian (4 years), French (15 years),  
Hindi (3 years), Tamil (3 years)