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Meet Kara Hanson: Our New Conversation School Director

I am thrilled to be joining the warm, welcoming community that is the Crossroads Conversation School.

I am passionate about welcoming newcomers and visitors to the US, and it warms my heart to see conversation school students not just improving English skills but sharing food, laughter, and friendships as they do so.

I have spent most of the last 20 years teaching English as a second language to adults, initially for a refugee resettlement program, then at LBCC, and for the past 12 years at OSU.

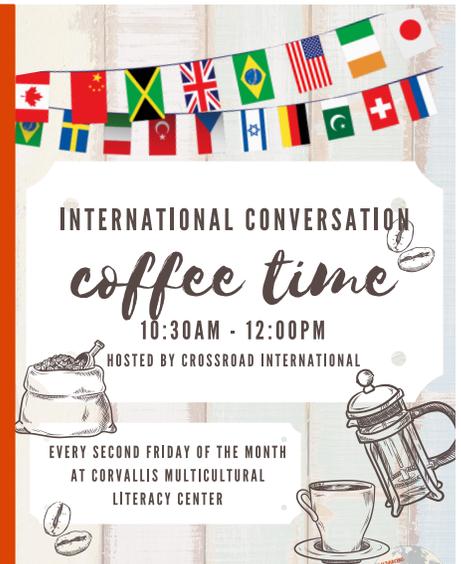
My husband and I initially came to Corvallis to attend grad school, but we fell in love with the community and never left. Our family now includes our two elementary-school aged kids, who keep us busy.

Contact Kara:
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2019-2020 COFFEE DATES

December 13th
January 10th
February 14th
March 13th
April 10th
May 8th
June 12th
July 10th



Benefit Concert

Sung-Hee Kim and Victoria Wolff in Concert

Sun. March 15, 2020 3:00pm
Grace Lutheran Church, Corvallis
Tickets at the door: sliding scale \$5 to \$20

Mark your calendars for a benefit concert for Crossroads by Sung-Hee Kim, pianist and Victoria Wolff, cellist.

Sung-Hee Kim, a former Crossroads Conversation School student, will perform with Victoria Wolff on Sunday, March 15, 2020. This performance is a fundraiser for Crossroads programs.

UPDATE: Conversation School for Women

~Students make lifelong connections here. ~

This fall we welcomed 30 women from 17 countries: France, Turkey, Poland, Syria, Bolivia, Nepal, Mexico, India, China, Thailand, Taiwan, Peru, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and South Korea.

We also welcomed new teacher Marie Long, a recently retired physician and founder/co-chair of Global Nutrition & Empowerment (GNE), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving health through nutrition in vulnerable populations around the world.

Marie Long joins Marie Mingo, Pat Schmaltz, Helen Chesbrough, Janet Swinyard and Sharon Kavanagh. We are also thankful to Theresa Valentine. These volunteers are the heart of our school and pour themselves into our students, by preparing lesson plans, engaging them in conversation, and helping them navigate life in a new country.

We are also very grateful to Sandy Riverman for continuing to work with us through the fall to help with the transition to the new director. We appreciate her 11 years as school director and the warmth and enthusiasm she has brought to this role.



Homestay Program

The 3-day homestay hosts welcome new international students and give them a 'soft landing' when they arrive in Corvallis. We're always looking for new hosts--particularly for the September arrivals. Read about Cecilia and Dave and their guest Yorinda.

Yorinda: I had a wonderful time staying with my host family: Cecilia and Dave. It was such a warm welcome to Corvallis, and I would definitely recommend the Crossroads Homestay to all international students! Cecilia and Dave made me feel at home in their beautiful house, showed me Corvallis and we did lots of fun activities together.



If you wish to host a student, please email crossroads.homestay@gmail.com

Cecilia and Dave: It was an absolute delight to host Yorinda Lommers, a graduate business student from the Netherlands. A few hours after Yorinda arrived in Corvallis, she attended the International Scholars/Faculty Coffee where she made important connections. We went to the Farmers Market, walked downtown, hiked in Chip Ross Park, played ping pong, pool, and card games. We cooked together, ate together, and played together. Sunday night, we went to an organic vegetarian potluck; she had a chance to visit remotely located cooperative gardens, in addition to our spacious home garden.



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