

# ISOKE TITILAYO NIA

## EDUCATION

expected 6/07 PH.D in the Teaching of English/Children's Literature

10/84 **MA.** Curriculum and Teaching  
Columbia University, Teachers College  
New York, NY 10027

6/83 **B.S.** Elementary Education (minor in Special Education)  
Long Island University - Brooklyn Center  
Brooklyn, NY 11202

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

12/01 - present *All Write* Literacy Consultants, 567 Bainbridge Street,  
Brooklyn, NY 11233-2003  
FOUNDING DIRECTOR

2/98 - 8/03 Columbia University, Teachers College, The Reading &  
Writing Project  
New York, NY 10027 Box 77  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

9/92 - 1/98 Columbia University, Teachers College, The Writing Project  
WRITING PROCESS STAFF DEVELOPER

9/93 - 6/95 INSTRUCTOR - English Education Program, Teachers  
College

9/95 – present Curriculum and Teaching, Elementary Education

2/93 - 6/94 Student Teaching Supervisor, Teachers College

2/90 -5/90 TEACHING ASSISTANT - TL4151Y, Teachers College

11/83 - 9/92 NYC Board of Education, P.S. 316K, Brooklyn, NY 11238  
TEACHER, Grades 4 - 6

READING/WRITING PROCESS TEACHER/STAFF  
DEVELOPER SUPERVISOR - Teachers of Writing Process,  
District 17

2/91 Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street NY,NY 10023  
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR - Languages & Reading  
Disorders

1/79 - 6/81 Zidi Kuwa School, 306 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233  
TEACHER, Grades 4- 6

9/75 - 11221 Uhuru Sasa School, 357 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

1/79 TEACHER/CURRICULUM DEVELOPER AND  
SUPERVISOR

### **SPEAKING**

2004 Rethinking the Writing Workshop  
Bermuda Teacher's Union  
South Hampton, Bermuda

Nonfiction Writing in the Middle Grades  
The American School in Cairo  
Cairo, Egypt

Guilderland First Annual Saturday Institute Reunion  
Meeting Standards  
Using the Writing Workshop

2003 Partnership for Young Writers Summer Writing Institute  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Creating a Writing Community  
TEACHERS COLLEGE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
Summer Institute(s) on the Teaching of Reading & Writing  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER,

2003 *That's the Story of the Glory of Writing*

2002 *"A Red Bike, the Writing Workshop as a Haven"*

2001 *"Like the Wind, Units of Study"*

2000 *"Once Upon a Picture book"*  
*"Reading with the Eyes of One Who Makes Text"*

1999 *"Stepping out of your Drawers and into Genre Study"*

1998 *"A Community of Craftsmen"*

1997 *"The Having of Plans"*

1996 *"Finding the Fiction in Our Lives"*

1995 *"On the Wings of Words - Poetry"*

1994 *"Trusting the Writers I Love"*

1993 *“Using Literature as a Thread in Our Writing Quilts: Genre Study*

2000 BROOKLYN READING COUNCIL  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “ TECHNOLOGY IN THE WRITING WORKSHOP”

2000 THIRD ANNUAL ALBANY INSTITUTE ON THE TEACHING OF WRITING INSTRUCTOR, ADVANCED CLASS

1997 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH  
Spring Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “Having a Story...”

1996 BROOKLYN READING COUNCIL, ANNUAL KICK OFF  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “Rich Books. Rich Teaching”

1995 WRITING IMPROVEMENT NETWORK Columbia, South Carolina  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “Lifting the Barriers to Loving the Language”

1994- Bahamas  
present\* PETER SAWYER PRIMARY SCHOOL, Nassau, N.P.  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “Becoming A Writing Process School” (now a February annual institute)

1994 UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS,  
African American Heritage Celebration  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “Who Will Speak for Me, The Future of Public Education for the Black Child”

1993 THE GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH  
Promising Practices - Conference on Whole Language  
San Diego, California  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “The Reading Writing Connection”

1993 REGIS WHOLE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, Regis University, Denver, Colorado  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “The Power of Words: Literature in the Writing Workshop”

1992 THE ADELPHI UNIVERSITY WHOLE LANGUAGE SUMMER INSTITUTE  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “Poetry: The Music of Our Lives”

1989 THE PARENTS SUMMER INSTITUTE, District 17, Brooklyn, NY  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, “Reading and the African American Child”

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1992 The Trumpet Club, 666 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY 10103  
"Roald Dahl" text set and guide to teaching
- 1992 *Workshop 5: The Writing Process Revisited, ed.. T. Newkirk*  
"Un-Silencing A Dialogue"
- 1998 *The Council Chronicle* (NCTE) April 1998 Volume 7 No. 4  
"Story Matters"
- 1999 *Primary Voices* (NCTE) August 1999  
"Units of Study in the Writing Workshop"
- expected publication *Digging Deep: The Study of Genre in the Process Classroom*, spring 2005 (Heinemann)

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Member of National Council of Teachers of English

Member of the International Reading Association

Member of the Editorial Board for *Primary Voices* (NCTE) (out of publication)

## **LICENSES HELD**

- 1986 City of New York, Common Branch Teacher Elementary
- 1986 State of New York, Elementary School Teacher

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **For scholarship and Leadership:**

- 1883 Alumni Award for Distinguished Students -  
Long Island University
- 1982 Deans' Award - Long Island University
- 1981 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship -  
Long Island University
- 1980 Student Activity Award - Long Island University

### **For Excellence in Teaching:**

- 1986 Teacher of the Year - P.S. 316K
- 1984 Parents Award - P.S. 316K Parents Association
- 1984 Letter of Recognition - Parents of 5x-301, P.SP.S. 316K
- 1979 Dedication to Students Award - Zidi Kuwa School

### **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

- Summers '86 - '90 Columbia University Teachers College, NY, NY 10027  
Summer Institute on the Teaching of Writing
- 1985 IBM Professional Office Systems Training,  
585 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205  
Certificate of completion awarded
- 1978 New York State Cooperative Extensions,  
381 Park Avenue South, NY, NY 10021  
Nutrition Seminars
- 1977 New York City Community College,  
300 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Afro-American History
- 1975 Council of Independent Black Institution  
Teacher Training Institute  
Certificate of completion and excellence awarded
- 1970 Betty Owens Secretarial Skills,  
Third Avenue, NY NY  
certificate of completion awarded

### **OTHER**

- 7/86-8/88 Federation of Puerto Rican Organizations Inc.,  
444 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233  
SPECIAL DIAGNOSTIC/REMEDICATION CLINICIAN
- Summer 1995 IBM  
585 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205  
SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALIST