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GENERAL INFO:

- Experienced academic with a deep passion for Language and human society;
- Over 25 years of teaching linguistics (as well as English and Business Communication) courses at universities in Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, Latvia and Russia;
- Global perspective, shaped by living and working in diverse cultures;
- Excellent analytical/critical thinking skills; demonstrated ability to succeed in difficult situations and function in a fast-paced, high pressure environment;
- Good computer skills; experienced in the use of multimedia;
- Strong interpersonal skills and creative aptitude;
- Fluent in Russian and Latvian; read/understand Dutch and German.

Areas of Expertise include:

- ◆ General Linguistics
- ◆ Sociolinguistics
- ◆ Comparative Linguistics
- ◆ Semantics & Pragmatics
- ◆ History of Linguistics
- ◆ Morphology & Syntax

EDUCATION

Masters in Romanic & Germanic Philology (MA), MSU 1977

Latvian State University, Riga, Latvia (1971-1974)

Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia (1974-1977)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Port Moresby, PNG

2002-Present (2013)

Lecturer, Linguistics and Modern Languages, School of Humanities & Social Sciences

- ✓ Have developed and taught (am currently teaching some of) the following courses:
 1. Language, Power, & Development
 2. Language, Culture & History

3. Introduction to Sociolinguistics
 4. Introduction to Linguistics
 5. Linguistic Analysis
 6. Survey of Linguistic Theories
 7. Comparative Linguistics
 8. Semantics & Pragmatics
 9. Readings in Sociolinguistics
 10. Language & Information
- ✓ Have externalized the Introduction to Linguistics course (# 4.11406) for the Open College, UPNG (distance education) and have taught it at the Open College since 2006
 - ✓ Taught Introduction to Linguistics in Lahara in 2007.
 - ✓ Wrote the 2nd and 3rd editions of the course in 2009 and 2012, respectively.
 - ✓ Conducted several sociolinguistic research projects on language change in PNG, one of which was funded by the UPNG; the results of two of these projects have been published and are currently available for purchase on www.amazon.com
 - ✓ Have put all my lecture notes online for my students (available @ www.templeok.com)
 - ✓ Have published two books (*Genesutra* and *Webs of Significance*) for my students
 - ✓ Gave 3 MAPS seminars and 2 public lectures (Alliance Francaise and EPSP)
 - ✓ Have presented 5 papers in LSPNG conferences (2008, 2011, 2012, & 2013).
 - ✓ As the current Editor of *Language & Linguistics in Melanesia*, I have transformed the 47-year-old linguistics journal into a free-access online publication @ www.langlxmelanesia.com ; LLM Archives are a treasure trove of knowledge now freely available to researchers from all over the world, and particularly to UPNG staff and students. National linguists now have a platform which they can use to make their voices heard on the global stage.
 - ✓ Coordinated the School Course, taught by the Linguistics & Modern Languages and English Communication Strands

UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, Port Moresby, PNG

2000-2001

Lecturer, English Communication & Literature, School of Humanities & Social Sciences

- ✓ Taught and developed the following courses:
 1. Business Communication
 2. Executive Communication
 3. English Pronunciation
 4. Applied Linguistics
- ✓ Wrote the proposal for a structured TESL program for the English Communication Strand
- ✓ Wrote up and published lecture notes in Business Communication

**PORT MORESBY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (POMNATHS), Port Moresby
1999-2000**

Taught English to grades 11 & 12

**EMBASSY OF ISRAEL, Riga, Latvia
Nov. 1998**

June 1997-

Administrative Assistant to the Counsellor (Admin) & Consul of the Embassy of Israel in the Baltic States

Translated official documents, interpreted during negotiations

Conducted official correspondence, kept office records, answered phones, ordered supplies, drew up business contracts, etc.

**LATVIAN CULTURAL ACADEMY, Riga, Latvia
1997**

Jan. 1997-June

Senior Lecturer (Docent), Department of English Studies

Taught English communication, English syntax and phonetics to first, second, and third-year students

**UNIVERSITY OF JOS, Jos, Nigeria
1992-1996**

Lecturer, Languages & Linguistics, Faculty of Arts

Taught Russian to French-major students

**PLATEAU STATE POLYTECHNIC, Vom, Nigeria
1988-1992**

Lecturer, Liberal Studies Department

Taught English & African Literature to 100-400 Levels

Developed and taught courses in Photography and Educational Technology

**PLATEAU SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY & MANAGEMENT STUDIES, Jos, Nigeria
1987-1988**

PSAMS Principal (Administrative Head of School)

Was in charge of all academic and administrative matters in a school with enrolment of over 500 students

Taught English & Literature to GCE 'O' level students

Lectured in Business Communication in the Institute of Accountancy and Management Studies (related establishment)

**Free-lance translation jobs in Riga, Latvia
1987**

May 1985-Aug.

Translator/Interpreter (English/Russian/Latvian)

Translated legal documents for the Federal College of International Law

Translated patents for the Latvian Chamber of Commerce
Translated write-ups for the central Latvian newspaper 'CINA'

**GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, Jos, Nigeria
1982-1985**

Teacher of English & English Literature

Prepared students for their GCE 'O' level and WAEC exams in English and Literature
Taught English to senior grades

**SIERRA LEONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Freetown, Sierra Leone
March 1982**

Sept. 1980 -

Librarian & Teacher of English

Organized and managed a library of over 7,000 books
Taught English and Literature in Forms 5 & 6

**MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY, Moscow, Russia (USSR)
Aug. 1980**

March 1978 -

Assistant Lecturer, Dept. of English, Faculty of Natural Sciences

Taught English Phonology
Was in charge of the Faculty Language Laboratory (Linguaphone)
Trained interpreters for the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games at the Moscow State University Philology Faculty in May – July 1980

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

UPNG Open College: 4.11406 – Introduction to Linguistics Course Coordinator and Lecturer (2008 – 2013)

Editor, *Language and Linguistics in Melanesia* (Online Journal of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea)

Conference participation: LSPNG 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Examiner of a BA (Hons.) in Linguistics in 2008

CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS

- **Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea 2013:** Paper presented: *Syntax of Semantics: the basic principles of building complex meanings*
- **Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea 2012:** Paper presented: *Syntax through the Wide-Angle Lens of Dialectics*
- **Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea 2011:** Presented two papers (1) *Language 'Live'* & (2) *Influence of New Technologies on Tok Ples Languages of Papua New Guinea*

- **Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea 2008**: Paper presented: *The Rational Language Mechanism*
- **MAPS Seminars** on the advantages of using the dialectical approach in the study (and teaching) of Language (July 2009 and April 2012); PPTs available on my website: www.templeok.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

1. Open College: 4.11406 – Introduction to Linguistics Course Coordinator and Lecturer (2009 – 2012)
2. Revived Language & Linguistics in Melanesia, the Journal of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea which had been dormant for over 15 years and put it online in December 2011: www.langlxmelanesia.com
3. Editor, Language and Linguistics in Melanesia (Online Journal of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea: www.langlxmelanesia.com)
4. Public Lecture organized by Alliance Francaise: *Human Language* (October 16, 2011)
5. AusAID EPSP event in Holiday Inn in May 2012

CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

- TLC UPNG Certificate in the Design of Distance Education Materials (2008)
- ICAL TESL/TEFL Certificate (2004)
- UPNG Certificate in Power Point Presentations (2003)
- Member, Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea
- Registered member of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

Advanced knowledge of MS Word, Excel, Power Point

- Experience in the use of multimedia in teaching

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. Temple, O. (2012) *Introduction to Linguistics* (3rd Edition) Open College, UPNG, Papua New Guinea

2. Temple, O. (2011). *The Webs of Significance: Lectures in Language, Culture & History* (2004-2011). University of Papua New Guinea. ISBN: 978-9980-84-913-7
3. Temple, O. et al. (2011) *Tok Ples in Texting and Social Networking*. University Bookshop. ISBN: 978-9980-945-29-7
4. Temple, O. (2011) *Genesutra: a Course in Dialectical Linguistics*. UPNG University Press. ISBN: 978-9980-84-910-6
5. Temple, O. et al. (2009). *PNG SMS Serendipity or sma@upng.ac.pg* UPNG University Press ISBN 978-9980-84-885-7
6. Temple, O. (2009) *Introduction to Linguistics* (2nd Edition) Open College, UPNG, Papua New Guinea
7. Temple, O. & Baraka, R. (2004) *Introduction to Linguistics*, Open College, UPNG
8. Temple, O. & Kavana, A.F.K. (2001) *Concise Notes in Business Communication A*, UPNG Press
9. Temple, O. & Kavana, A.F.K. (2001) *Concise Notes in Business Communication B*, UPNG Press

PUBLISHED PAPERS

1. Temple, O. Syntax of Semantics: the basics of building complex structures of meaning. LLM Vol. 31(2), 2013. www.langlxmlanesia.com
2. Temple, O. Syntax through the Wide-Angle Lens of Dialectics. LLM Vol. 30(2), 2012. www.langlxmlanesia.com
3. Temple, O. Language: captured 'live' through the lens of dialectics. Language & Linguistics in Melanesia, Vol. 29, 2011, pp. 31-53. www.langlxmlanesia.com
4. Temple, O. Tok Ples in Texting & Social Networking: PNG 2010. Language & Linguistics in Melanesia, Vol. 29, 2011, pp. 54-64. www.langlxmlanesia.com
5. Temple, O. Society – the Foundry of Human Minds. Pacific J. Med. Sci. Vol. 7, No.2, Dec. 2010, pp. 23-38.
6. Temple, O. The Rational Language Mechanism: Key to Understanding Syntax. Journal of English Studies, Vol. 1, 2009, pp. 62-81.
7. Temple, O. Limitations of Arbitrariness. The South Pacific Journal of Philosophy & Culture, Vol. 10, 2008-2009, pp. 107-125.
8. Temple, O. Dialectical Linguistics. The Melanesian and Pacific Studies (MAPS) seminar papers, 2009.
9. Temple, O. The Rational Language Mechanism: Key to Understanding Syntax. *Journal of English Studies* (2009)
10. Temple, O. Limitations of Arbitrariness. *The South Pacific Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 10, 2008-2009
11. Temple, O. Dialectical Linguistics. The *Melanesian and Pacific Studies (MAPS)* seminar papers
12. An online article on language teaching 'The Magic of KISS' (2002) <http://www2.pct.edu/courses/evavra/kiss/Guest/E0002.htm>

TRANSLATIONS

"Latvia Today" (published by the Latvian Committee for Cultural Relations with Countrymen Abroad. Riga, November 1986). I have also done numerous free-lance translations (Russian/Latvian into English).

ONGOING PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Updating my online lecture notes in *Comparative Linguistics* and *Semantics & Pragmatics*, for posting them on my website for 2014

Working on the 2nd Edition of Genesutra

OTHER COMPETENCIES

Fluent in English, Russian & Latvian; reading ability in Dutch and German, and basic Latin

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Philosophy, history and social issues, travel, people; collect jokes (particularly linguistic jokes), witty quotes and aphorisms

REFERENCES

1. Dr. Kilala Devette-Chee
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2. Prof. Nicholas Gregory Faraclas
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3. Johnston Kalu
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