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Alumni Hour: Experiences from Sub-Saharan Africa

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Daris Hale

Bassoonist and Senior Lecturer

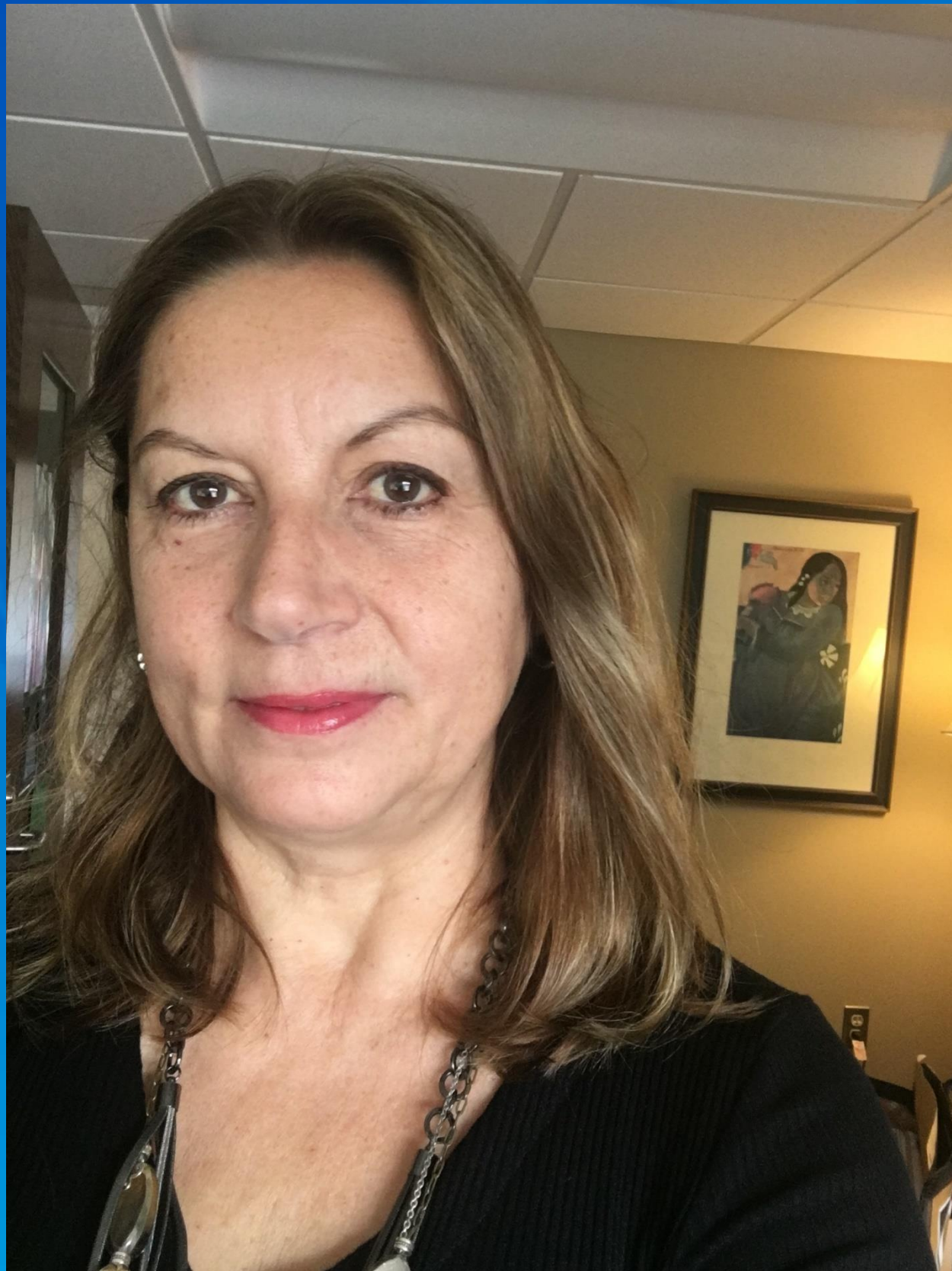
Home institutions: Texas State University and Austin Symphony Orchestra

Project Title: Professional Writing in the Music Industry; Commissioning and Premiering East African Art Music for Bassoon (Teaching/Research)

Host Institution: Tumaini University-Makumira University College, Tanzania

Grant year: 2010-2011

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Rita Keresztesi

Senior Lecturer

Home institutions: University of Oklahoma

Project Title: Transnational Dialogues: Black Power in the African Diaspora (Teaching/Research)

Host Institution: University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Grant year: 2010-2011

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Debora Johnson-Ross, PhD

Comparative Political Scientist

Home institutions: McDaniel College
(currently at Baltimore City Community College)

Project Title: The Politics of Identity in Cameroon

Host Institution: University of Buea, Cameroon

Grant year: 2006-2007

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Your Path to Fulbright

- How did you decide to apply for a Fulbright?
- What factors did you consider before applying?





Application Process

- How did you select country/the award?
- How did you select your host institution?
- What is your advice for applicants regarding the project statement and application process in general?





Experience in Country

- What is/are the benefits to doing research/teaching on a Fulbright?
- How did the U.S. embassy engage with you?
- What was something that impressed you about your colleagues and students?



Q & A



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