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- Currently, student in the Ph.D. Program in Education, with a concentration in Educational Leadership, at Oakland University
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- Michigan Professional Teacher License, with ESL/Bilingual endorsement, 2003
- MA in Curriculum & Instruction with ESL/Bilingual emphasis from the University of Colorado at Denver, 2000
- Colorado Professional Teacher License, with ESL endorsement, 1993
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Suchiraphon McKeithen-Polish was born and raised in Thailand. She has traveled and lived in many countries, including Laos and Haiti. She is fluent in 3 languages: Thai, English and Lao. While living in Haiti for 3 years, she studied French and continued to do so throughout high school and college. She is also familiar with Haitian Creole and Spanish. Suchiraphon has been in the educational field since 1984, working as a part-time after school program coordinator for San Francisco Chinatown Branch YMCA.