

Who's Who at ATA: Jennie Goldie

By Teresa C. Macdonald, Marketing Coordinator

A new face has docked in ATA's Marketing Department—Jennie Goldie, our newest Sales Manager. Jennie's varied background makes her a wonderful addition to our staff. Living on the Chesapeake Bay, she battles the traffic daily to commute to Washington, D.C. and offers a fresh perspective on life outside of the metro area. Monday chit chat with Jennie always highlights her camping, kayaking and sailing stories from the past weekend.

A graduate of Wittenberg University with degrees in English Literature and Political Science, Jennie studied International Relations and French language her junior year in Geneva, Switzerland. After her first taste of travel, Jennie gave up on her plans of a law career for wilder shores.



Jennie Goldie.

“After 10 years and 52 countries, I am proud to be part of an organization that believes travel is a continuing education.”—
Jennie Goldie

Jennie's experiences before ATA include working both “on land” and “at sea.” Jennie was Director of International Recruitment for her alma mater, Wittenberg University, and she also worked in Admissions at Reed College. With a total of seven years “at sea,” She was a Tour Manager for Ocean Cruise Lines throughout China and Southeast Asia; Royal Viking Line, doing World Cruises; and most recently, with Seabourn Cruise Line, organizing exciting land programs throughout the world for a discriminating clientele.

Jennie's favorite aspect of her days both in international admissions and “at sea” was the opportunity to work closely with students, counselors and tour operators from many diverse cultures. From Ohio to Oregon, Bangkok to Bali, and Djibouti to Kamchatka, she has approved applicants, arranged shore excursions and acquired a worldwide community of friends. Yet, once again back in the U.S., Jennie is ready for her next challenge—that of ATA.

We welcome her aboard!

Kate Simpson

Kate Simpson, Vice President, Programs, oversees the operations of the Program Department, Tour Coordination Department and CET, keeping her finger on the pulse of all of ATA's China programs. A graduate of Yale, she is fluent in Mandarin and French, having lived in countries as varied as China, France, Ireland and Australia. With almost a decade of experience at ATA, Kate may be seen telling stories about her son Nicholas in the lunchroom, or consulting with Dave about ATA's future goals.

John Harrington

As Director of the Program Department, John has spent 14 years at ATA, beginning as a Russia and East European Operations Officer. Having studied Russian linguistics and literature in college and graduate school, John continues to design programs in the former Soviet Union, Mongolia and Iceland. In addition to his managerial duties, John is an accomplished brewer, an avid internet surfer and a proud father of three (two kittens and a Jack Russell Terrier).