

## EDWARD JOSEPH KIEFER

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- Email:** [ed@lexicon.net](mailto:ed@lexicon.net), edkiefer1@yahoo.com
- Education:** Post-graduate study in Counselling  
California State University  
Hayward, California
- MA in Human Behaviour  
United States International University  
San Diego, California
- MSc in Secondary Education  
Southern Oregon University  
Ashland, Oregon
- BA in Interdisciplinary Social Science  
(Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology)  
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
- Other Training:** Cambridge University CELTA  
Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults
- Telephone Counsellor Training  
Lifeline, Lismore, NSW Australia
- Developing Skills in Communicating & Relating  
Inter-relate, Lismore, NSW Australia
- Conflict Resolution Skills Training  
Conflict Resolution Network, Lismore, NSW Australia
- Certificate in Permaculture Design  
Permaculture Institute, Tyalgum, NSW Australia
- Special Interests:** •Personal growth and mental health  
•Living skills and health education  
•Environment issues and the development of sustainable communities  
•Global and Third World Issues  
•Health & fitness, Permaculture, organic horticulture, bushwalking

## Employment and volunteer work:

- 2004-2008            Advisor and consultant, Sustainable Living Program  
Sukunan, Java, Indonesia [see: [www.arts.monash.edu.au/mai/sukunan/](http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/mai/sukunan/)]
- 2006-2008            Counsellor, Lifeline Northern Rivers, Lismore, NSW, Australia  
2000-2002            Telephone counselling, group facilitator, counsellor training
- 2003-2004            Resident Director, Study Indonesia Program  
Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies (ACICIS).  
Coordinated, supervised and mentored over 80 Australian students from  
20 universities in their study of Indonesian language and culture at  
Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Java, Indonesia.
- 1991-2006            Director, Siddha Farm Community, Nimbin, New South Wales, Australia  
Guiding the settlement of 25 families on 200 hectares of rural sub-tropical  
land, with the aim of promoting sustainable low-cost living with a small  
environmental footprint, using solar power, composting toilets, passive  
solar design, waste re-cycling, organic horticulture, and permaculture.
- 2000                    Teacher  
Boggabilla Central School  
an Aboriginal community in New South Wales, Australia.
- 1976-2001            Director and Group Facilitator  
Independent Travel in Asia: cross-cultural learning adventures  
Organized and led educational travel programs for small groups,  
introducing political, cultural and development issues and language  
training, with an emphasis on responsible tourism, health maintenance,  
and cross-culturally sensitive personal encounters.  
In-country experience: Indonesia, India, Nepal, Burma, Thailand,  
Malaysia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka.
- 1981 - 1982            Counsellor, Student Counselling Services, California State University  
Provided individual and group counselling for university students in the  
areas of career and life planning, and personal growth. Developed and  
led workshops on "Travel for Personal Growth and Career Exploration".
- 1977 - 1978            Teaching Fellow, Centre for Behavioural Studies in Education  
University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales, Australia  
Teaching in the following subject areas: Cross-cultural Psychology &  
Education, Psychology of Adolescence, Social Psychology of the  
Classroom.
- 1973                    Senior Child Care Worker & Group Counsellor  
Community Welfare Department, Adelaide, South Australia  
Coordinated counselling and living skills program for a unit of 12 girls in a  
residential treatment centre for "delinquent" adolescents.