Kathy Sherman Bain moved to Eugene in 1986 to attend UO, where she studied sociology, psychology, and women's studies while working as a student assistant in our programs. After graduating she continued working here at Moss Street working in the middles classrooms. Currently she is a lead in the Swallow room.

Kathy says that her favorite part of the day is being greeted by the kids when she arrives at school. She likes that her job gives her the opportunity to interact with children. As she said, “You can learn a lot from a two year old.” She focuses her teaching on social skills, facilitating sharing, and helping the kids to become independent.

Kathy lives in the nearby countryside in Cheshire. She enjoys hiking, reading, gardening and spending time with her family and pets.

T’nika Richardson has been an Eugene resident most of her life. She attended South Eugene High School and went to UO, receiving a B.Ed. in Family and Human Services. As a student she worked at Moss Street all 4 years of college in the Robin and Finch rooms. There she had the opportunity to become a Student Assistant. After graduation, she and her now fiancé moved to Boston to experience the “big city life”, and help inner-city students. After 2 years in Boston, she moved back to Eugene to become the morning Lead Teacher in the Swallow Room.

T’nika loves working with children and their families. Enjoying being able to witness each child’s growth.

When not at work, she enjoys swimming, jogging, hiking, reading books and tea! She also loves her two tabby cats, Kemet and Hotep.

Lizzy (Elizabeth) Schuster was born and raised in Beaverton, Oregon and has lived in Eugene for the past five years. She is the second oldest of seven kids. Lizzy received her Bachelor’s of Education in Family and Human Services in March 2014 from the University of Oregon.

As an undergraduate, Lizzy started working at Moss Street in 2010 and worked as a student assistant in the Swallow Room. Lizzy has interned at the Relief Nursery, SAIL housing (a housing community for adults with disabilities), Early Childhood Cares' specialized autism classroom, and Early Head Start. She also worked in the ones/twos classroom at Oak Street Development Center over the summer. At the UO, Lizzy played sousaphone in the Oregon Marching Band.

In her free time, Lizzy has been teaching herself guitar, loves taking trips up to Beaverton to visit family, and volunteering abroad. She also loves singing, hiking, Dutch Bros, and being silly with her kiddos in her classroom!

Lizzy loves working in the Swallow classroom because they are creative, adventurous, and loving and ask so many wonderful questions about the world!

Amber Matthews is the morning lead teacher in the swallow room. She was born in California, but has lived in the Eugene/Springfield area for most of her life and absolutely loves it here. Amber went to the University of Oregon and Received a B.S in Family and Human Services with an Early Childhood Education emphasis. She has past experience in preschool and kindergarten environments as well as with at risk children at Willamette family and WomenSpace.

The 2 year olds, that Amber is fortunate enough to work with, bring her absolute joy. She is constantly amazed at how fast children are developing at that age and it is really special to be a part of that process.

Amber is married and has 3 children of her own. She loves to spend time with her family playing board games, watching movies, and finding fun local places to explore. She is also a certified pastry chef and loves to bake!