

Lilian Bryan

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Lilian Bryan was one of the early Montessori pioneers in Atlanta, teaching in the very first AMI Montessori school in the South of the United States.

In 1968 Lilian Bryan was commissioned by Mario Montessori, son of Maria Montessori, to establish the MONTESSORI INSTITUTE OF ATLANTA, teacher training center, and consequently, she directed comprehensive AMI Primary teacher training courses at this internationally acclaimed training center for 43 years. The AMI courses in Atlanta attracted women and men from all continents to study with Lilian Bryan. Lilian Bryan's expertise of over 50 years of work with children and adults ranges at both levels of Montessori education: from birth to age three, as well as from age three to six years. Ms. Bryan holds both AMI diplomas: for the Primary (1964 – Washington, DC) and for the Assistant to Infancy (1986 – Rome, Italy) levels.



Lilian Bryan's many years of Montessori work have won her worldwide recognition. Besides being the Co-Founder of the Montessori Institute of Atlanta, she established several new AMI training courses and directed courses in Houston-Texas, St. Paul-Minnesota, San Diego-California; Johannesburg-South Africa and Uppsala-Sweden, Zurich-Switzerland and in Vienna-Austria. She has trained well over a thousand AMI Primary teachers over the course of her career.

Ms. Bryan is a sought-after lecturer at AMI teacher training courses in the US, Austria and Germany. She regularly conducts seminars, workshops and refresher courses for teachers, assistants, parents, and educators. Ms. Bryan travels worldwide (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Sweden, Mexico, Brazil, China, the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan and, of course, the United States) to work with Montessori schools to share her many years of experience, and by helping to establish a deeper understanding of the Montessori philosophy and its educational practices, per AMI standards and to raise public awareness of the benefits of Montessori education for children everywhere.

Lilian Bryan is national and international AMI Examiner at teacher training courses and she is official AMI school consultant for the Association Montessori Internationale in the US and abroad. Lilian was awarded Honorary Membership to the Austrian Montessori Society and was named Living Legacy by the Montessori Administrators of Georgia, USA.

Lilian Bryan was born in Berlin, Germany and was raised and educated in Austria. She has made Atlanta her home since 1953, where she enjoys her children and grandchildren. She is fluent in German and English, and is familiar with other languages as well.