



2013 MAINE CHINESE CONFERENCE

Thinking Globally - Acting Locally

| October 25-26, 2013 | Husson University |

Presented by: [The Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine](#) and [Bangor Chinese School](#)

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Program Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 8:00** **Registration, Breakfast and Displays**
- 9:00** **Welcome, National Anthems and Introductions**
Jing Zhang, Director, the Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine
Nelson Durgin, Mayor, the City of Bangor
Lynne Coy-Ogan, Provost, Husson University
- 9:15** **Session Keynote Address:**
The Perspectives of Educational Cooperation between the USA and China
Jianjun Cen, Counselor, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in New York
Changes of Maine Education in the Past Decade
Nancy Mullins, Maine Department of Education
- 10:00** **Confucius Classroom Opening Ceremony for the Chinese Language & Culture Center of Maine**
Chunfang Tian, Director, Education Center for International Exchange of Heilongjiang, China
Chenyun Liu, Director, Confucius Institute at University of Massachusetts Boston
James Kenny, Chairman, the Chinese Language & Culture Center of Maine
- 10:15** **Break and Refreshments**
- 10: 30** **Methods and Strategies in Teaching Foreign Languages**
Ray Pelletier and his students, Professor, University of Maine
- 11:15** **Use of Social Media and Portfolios in the Language Classroom**
Colin Penley, Chinese Teacher, Gould Academy
- 11:45** **Sister Schools: Model for a More Integrated and Sustainable International Program**
Suzanne Fox, President, Fox Intercultural Consulting Services
- 12:15** Lunch with a taste of Maine Lobster; Lunchtime presentation
The Story of Bangor-Harbin Sister-City Relationship
Gerry Palmer, the Former Mayor, the City of Bangor
- 1:00** **Two-Way Engagement: Chinese Language Programs as a Conduit for Facilitating Rewarding Interactions between Chinese International Students and Their American Peers**
Guang Yang, Chinese Teacher, Maine Central Institute
- 1: 45** **Head, Heart and Hand: The Important Mission of Teacher Education**
Helena Curtain, well-known expert on second language teaching from Wisconsin
- 3:00** **Break and Refreshments**

- 3:15** ***Chinese Students Came to Maine; What They Bring to the State***
Gus LeBlanc, Headmaster, Lee Academy; **Mel MacKay**, Head of School, John Bapst High School; **C.K. Kwai**, Director, International Programs, University of Maine; **Jim Chasse**, Principal, Orono High School; Chinese students (representing various schools)
- 4:00** ***How to Keep Students out of Their Seats***
Chris Crocker and Jae Hubbard, Foreign Language Teachers, Orono High School
- 4:45** ***Teaching and Learning Chinese: Challenges, Opportunities and Resources***
Chinese Teachers of Maine Chinese Teacher Association, Students, Model Chinese Programs, and Representatives of Confucius Classrooms and Institutes of Maine and Nationwide

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 8:30** ***Breakfast***
- 9:00** ***Session Keynote Address:
Strategies for Sustaining Target Language Use in the Classroom***
Helena Curtain, well-known expert on second language teaching from Wisconsin
- 10:00** ***Learning About the U.S. Through Living in China: Some Lessons and Myths***
Richard Powell, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute for Leadership and Democracy, University of Maine
- 10:45** ***Break/Refreshments***
- 11:00** ***From L2 Teaching Principles to Best Teaching Practices in K-12 Classrooms:
A Case Study of a Chinese Language Teacher Education Program in the US***
Alice Zhang, Professor of University of Maryland
- 11:45** ***Lunchtime Presentations***
- Unforgettable Experience Gained from "Study in China" Program***
Seth Rutter, Felix Festa Middle School, New City, NY; **Williams Martin**, Orono High School, Orono, Maine; **Abby Jones**, John Bapst High School, Bangor, Maine
- Why is Chinese Important to Me?***
Student Representatives of Chinese Programs in Maine schools and Bangor Chinese School
- 12:45** ***Ten Commonly Used Activities and Games in the Chinese Classroom***
Maine Chinese Teachers and Students (representatives)
- 1:30** ***Workshop: Traditional Chinese Medicine***
Susan Murch, Specialist of Jade Branch Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
Howard Jones, Physician, Eastern Maine Medical Center
- Workshop: Food and Health***
Christine Chou, Owner of Chopsticks and China Garden Restaurants
- 2:30** ***From Blueberries and Lobsters to New Balance Shoes***
Representatives from Wyman's of Maine, Maine Lobster Company and New Balance
- 3:00** ***Program Wrap-up and Follow-up***
James Kenny, Jing Zhang, Gerry Palmer and Elizabeth Viselli

