

**Chinese Language Teachers Association of Texas  
2009 Annual Conference**

***Connecting Classroom Teaching to the Real World***

**Sponsors:**

College of Education and Human Development, UTSA  
Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies, UTSA  
East Asia Institute, UTSA  
Confucius Institute, Texas A&M University  
Education Office, Consulate General of People's Republic of China in Houston

**Date and Time:** Saturday, August 29, 2009

**Meeting Location:** Business Building 2.06.04, University of Texas at San Antonio

**Book Exhibit (8:30AM-6:00PM)**

Cheng & Tsui Publisher  
BetterChinese  
YesChinese  
Routledge Publisher  
Columbia University Press

**Conference Program**

8:00-8:50     **Registration**

8:50-9:30     **Opening**

**Chair: Marshall McArthur, President of CLTA-TX**

Dr. Betty Merchant, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development  
Dr. Daniel Gelo, Dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts  
Dr. Robert Milk, Director of the Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies  
Dr. Claudia Ross, College of the Holy Cross, Vice President of National CLTA  
Dr. Guohua Yan, Education Office, Consulate General of People's Republic of China

9:30-10:30     **K-12 Chinese Language Programs in San Antonio**

Linda Marsh, Principals of Brackenridge HS, SAISD  
Dr. Debbie Callihan, LOTE Coordinator, North East ISD  
Dora Espiritu, Principal of James Butler Bonham Academy at SAISD

10:30-10:45     **Break**

10:45-12:00     **How Long Does it Take to Learn Chinese?**

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Claudia Ross  
College of the Holy Cross, Vice President of National CLTA

12:00-1:00     **Lunch, CLTA-Texas Annual Member Meeting**

1:00-1:30     **2009 Texas Startalk Chinese Program**

Meng Yeh, Rice University  
*Word to World: Teacher Professional Program*  
Ardon Chang, Fort Worth Chinese School  
*MySpaceYourSpace: Student Summer Program*

**Chair: Ardon Chang, Vice President of CLTA-TX**

1:30-3:00

**Hidden Treasure: Resources from Chinese Heritage Language Schools**

Pei-Yu Shih and Honor Phillips, San Antonio Chinese Culture Institute

*Student Centered Learning: Stimulating Communication*

Amy Chen, Austin Chinese School

*Collaborative Roles of Teachers and Parents in Heritage Language Learning*

Mily Meng, Hua Hsing Chinese School, Dallas

*Integrating Culture into Language Classroom*

Li Jia, UTSA

*Media and Technology in Effective Chinese Literacy Instruction*

3:00-3:15

**Break**

3:15-4:30

**Media, Minds, and Methods**

Zhang Jie, Trinity University

*Teaching Modern China through Films*

Weidong Shih, Texas A&M University

*Teaching the "Ba" Sentence*

Mimi Yu, UTSA

*Language Teaching and Learning in the Web 2.0 Environment*

4:30-5:45

**Challenges and Solutions**

Kelly Long, Anderson High School, Austin ISD

*Positive Language Environment through Activities and Projects*

Xueling Xu, Reagan High School, North East ISD, San Antonio

*Achieving Success in NEISD Chinese Programs*

Sarah Tsai, Bellaire High School, Houston ISD

*Bringing Authentic Chinese Experience to the Classroom*