



2014 MAINE CHINESE CONFERENCE

Thinking Globally - Acting Locally

|October 17-18, 2014|Bangor, Husson University|

Presented by: [The Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine](#), [Maine Confucius Classroom](#), and [Bangor Chinese School](#)
In collaboration with: [the Maine Department of Education](#), [the University of Maine](#), [the City of Bangor](#), and [Husson University](#)
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Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8:00** **Registration, Breakfast, and Displays**
- 9:00** **Welcome and Introductions with Taiqi and Chinese Ancient Dance by OHS Scholars**
Jing Zhang, Director, Chinese Language and Culture Center & Confucius Classroom of Maine
Benjamin Sprague, Mayor, the City of Bangor
Lynne Coy-Ogan, Vice President, Husson University
- 9:15** **Session Keynote Address:**
Promote Culture and Education Exchange through Concrete Educational Cooperation
Yongji Xu, Counselor, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in New York
New Directions of Maine Education for the Future
Jay Ketner, World Language Specialist, Maine Department of Education
"Transfer" in Chinese Language Teaching and Learning
Jennifer Eddy, Professor, the City University of New York
- 10:45** **Break and Refreshments**
- 11:00** **What the Confucius Classroom at CLCCM Will Bring to Maine-China Education**
Chunfang Tian, Director, Education Center for International Exchange of Heilongjiang, China
James Kenny, Chairman, Confucius Classroom of Maine
- 11:15** **Teaching Practical Culture in the Chinese Classroom a Magical Way**
Minyi Zhao, Chinese Teacher, Lee Academy
- 11:45** **Case Study: What Would I Chang If I Taught the Class**
Jing Zhang, Director, Chinese Language and Culture Center & Confucius Classroom of Maine
- 12:15** Lunch with a Taste of Maine Lobster with Announcements and Awards
- 1:00** **World Languages in K-12 Public Education in Maine**
Jay Ketner World Language Specialist, Maine Department of Education
- 2:00** **My Experience Living and Working in China: Culture and Business Lessons Learned**
Steve Edmonson, District Director, SCORE Maine #0172
- 2:30** **Break and Refreshments**
- 2:45** **OPI Familiarization: How Much Do You Know?**
Jennifer Eddy, Professor, the City University of New York
- 3:45** **School Forum: International Programs (IP) and Chinese Programs**
Moderator: Mel Mackay Headmaster, John Bapst High School; **Gus LeBlanc**, Headmaster, Lee Academy; **Jim Chasse** and **Mackenzie Hanson**, Principal and Director, IP, OHS, **Erin Wright**, Assistant Director, IP, UMaine; **Clint Williams** and **Maggie Ren**, Head, IP, MCI; **Colleen Grover**, Director, IP, Husson
- 4:30** **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 18

8:30 Breakfast

9:00 Session Keynote Address:

Current Trade Issues between China and the US

Michael Riedel, Director, Office of Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Embassy Beijing

9:45 *My Travel Experience in China: Big, Beautiful, Modern, and Challenging*

Gerry Palmer, Former Mayor of the City of Bangor

Ray Pelletier, Professor, Modern Languages, University of Maine

10:15 Break/Refreshments

11:00 *Some Thoughts about China*

Kristin Vekasi, Professor, Political Science, University of Maine

11:30 *When and Which Activities Should Be Used to Engage Students' Learning*

Representatives, BCS STARTALK Program and Maine Chinese Teachers Association

12:00 Lunchtime Presentations

Unforgettable Experiences Gained from the "Study in China" Program through CLCCM

Seth Rutter, Felix Festa High School, New City, NY; **Chris Morgan**, Bangor High School, Bangor, 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

1:00 *Introduction to the Beijing Opera*

Teresa Lu, Chinese Culture Teacher, Boston, Massachusetts

1:30 *Workshop: What Maine Can Do in Medical Education and Cooperation with China*

Howard Jones, Physician and Director of Occupational Illness, Eastern Maine Healthcare System

What I Learned from Studying Traditional Chinese Medicine in China

Elizabeth Morgan, Student of Husson University

2:30 *Program Wrap-up and Follow-up*

James Kenny, Jing Zhang, Gerry Palmer, Elizabeth Chabe, and Ray Pelletier

Note: Kick-off Performers:

Taiqi Demonstration

Zhan Huang, Orono High School Visit Scholar

Ancient Chinese Dance

Shan Li, Orono High School Visit Scholar

