



# 2015 MAINE CHINESE CONFERENCE

*Thinking Globally – Acting Locally*

I October 30-31 | Bangor, Husson University |

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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  
Sponsored by: Hanban, the Consulate General of China in New York, [Lee Academy](#), [Washington Academy](#), [Jonh Bapst High School](#)

## Conference Schedule

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

**8:00**     **Registration, Breakfast, and Displays**

**9:00**     **Welcome and Introductions** (With Performances)  
**Jing Zhang**, Director, Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine (CLCCM)  
**Nelson Durgin**, Mayor, the City of Bangor  
**Lynne Coy-Ogan**, Vice President, Husson University

**9:10**     Chinese and American National Song  
Silence for **Bruce Lindberg** who was former headmaster of Lee Academy

**9:15**     **Session Keynote Address:**  
**Promoting Culture and Educational Exchange**  
**Yongji Xu**, Counselor, the Consulate General of China in New York  
**Perspectives on Chinese Language Learning in Maine**  
**Jay Ketner**, World Language Specialist, Maine Department of Education  
**What Is Involved in Foreign Language Teaching and Learning**  
**Jimmy Wildman**, President-Elect, the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers

**10:30**    **Break and Refreshments**

#### **Session I (same room):**

**10:45**    **Intro to Language in Action**  
**Ray Pelletier**, Professor Emeritus, Modern Languages, University of Maine

**10:55**    **How to Integrate Chinese Crafts into Your Classroom**  
**Jennifer DeCristoforo**, Author of *Lucky Bamboo Book of Crafts*

**11:30**    **What I learned in the Summer Teacher Leader Institute and What I have been Trying to Do in my Teaching?**  
**Chunli Crane**, Chinese Teacher, Bangor High School

#### **Session II (another room):**

**11:00**    **Counselor Yongji Xu meets with scholars who have been China, students who are learning Chinese, and invited principals and parents**  
(A separate agenda will be available)

**12:00**    Lunch with recognitions and announcements

#### **Afternoon Session**

**1:00**     **Workshop: The Revised National Standards**  
**Jimmy Wildman**, President-Elect, the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers

- 2:20**     **Break and Refreshments**
- 2:30**     **Teaching Experience Sharing: What Works and What Doesn't (Language & Culture)**  
**Moderators:** **Robert Canning**, Chinese Teacher, Foxcroft Academy; **Haiyan Yu**, Chinese Teacher, Washington Academy; **Xuemei Li**, Chinese Teacher, Lincoln Academy; and other invited teachers
- 3:10**     **Case Study: Did I Make the Same Mistakes with my Teaching?**  
**Teaching Observation, Analysis and Feedback aligning up with STARTALK Principles**  
**Moderators:** **Suzhong Tian**, Academic Officer, Bangor Chinese School (BCS) and CLCCM; Trainer and Curriculum specialist of STARTALK teacher program at BCS; **Michelle Geaghan**, Director, Multilingual Project Management and Facilitation and Executives, ACE Lingual
- 3:45**     **School Forum (American and Chinese): What Americans Don't Know about China**  
**Moderators:** **Mel MacKay**, Head of School, John Bapst High School; **Zhiguo Fan**, Vice Director, Education Center for International Exchange of Heilongjiang Province, China; **Gus LeBlanc**, Headmaster, Lee Academy; **Jim Chasse**, Principal, Orono High School; **Judson McBrine**, Head of School, Washington Academy; **David Sturdevant**, Head of School, Lincoln Academy; and more invited school leaders.
- 4:30**     **Wrap-up of the Day**  
**Elizabeth Chabe**, Chair, CLCCM; **James Kenny**, Chair, Confucius Classroom at CLCCM; **Gerry Palmer**, Former Mayor, the City of Bangor; **Jing Zhang**, Director, CLCCM

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 8:30**     **Breakfast**
- 9:00**     **Workshop: Differences between Chinese Food, American Food, and French Food**  
**Lusheng Le**, Chinese Food Specialist, Maine Confucius Classroom  
**Elizabeth Chabe**, Chair, Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine  
**Ray Pelletier**, Professor Emeritus, Modern Languages, University of Maine
- 9:45**     **Chinese Food Making Demonstration (Hand-Made Noodles, Steam Dumplings and Dishes)**  
**Moderators:** **Elizabeth Chabe**, Chair, Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine; **Ray Pelletier**, Professor Emeritus, Modern Languages, University of Maine; **Zhongbiao Feng**, Senior Cook, Bangor Chinese School and **Lusheng Le**, Chinese Food Specialist, Maine Confucius Classroom
- 12:00**    **Lunch time**
- 12:45**    **Workshop: Making Chinese Crafts**  
**Jennifer DeCristoforo**, Author of *Lucky Bamboo Book of Crafts*
- 2:00**     **Program Wrap-up and Follow-up and Closing with Dragon Dance**  
James Kenny, Jing Zhang, Gerry Palmer, Elizabeth Chabe, Ray Pelletier, Steven Wong

