



2016 MAINE CHINESE CONFERENCE

Thinking Globally - Acting Locally

| October 28-29, 2016 | Spectacular Event Center |

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 (draft)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 8:30** **Registration, refreshments, and display set up**
- 9:00** **Welcome and Introductions**
Chinese and American National Song
Jing Zhang, Director, Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine (CLCCM)
The Economic Value of International Culture
Sean Faircloth, Mayor, the City of Bangor
- 9:30** **Cultural Performances: Dai Dance, Taiji, Speaking Chinese and more...**
- 9: 50** **Keynote Address:**
Yongji Xu, Counselor, the Consulate General of China in New York

Rhyme It! Act It! Speak It!
Jian Gao, Chinese Teacher and Program Specialist, Monomoy Regional School District, MA
- 11:30** **Workshop: Teaching Culture and Language through Making Chinese Crafts**
Jennifer DeCristoforo, Author of *Lucky Bamboo Book of Crafts*
- 11:30** **(another room): Counselor Yongji Xu meets with scholars who have been China, currently study in China, students who are learning Chinese, and invited principals and parents** (A separate agenda will be available)
- 12:15** Lunch with recognitions and announcements
- 1:00** **Session 1**
Preparing Students for an Interconnected World
Jay Ketner, World Language Specialist, Maine Department of Education
- 1:45** **Panel Discussion – How to increase enrollment in Chinese language program? Is Quality of Staff the only Way?**
Jian Gao, teachers, students and admins for other schools
- 2:30** *Break*
- 2:40** **Session 2**
Principles and Practices of Student-Centered Classroom: This is what I Did and It works in my classroom
Robert Canning, Suzhong Tian, and other invited Chinese teachers from Maine Schools with Demonstration of the strategies in creating activities to make students engaged

Proficiency Assessment

Delia Kenny, Curriculum Specialist and Teacher Trainer, Bangor Chinese School STARTALK

3:20 Session 3

How Different if I Know Chinese

Moderator: **Gus LeBlanc**, Headmaster, Lee Academy

Maggie Ren, Admission Development and Data Analyst, Maine Central Institute

4:00 Session 4

Sharing Time: Domestic and international resources of teaching and learning Chinese

Jing Zhang, Director, CLCCM

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 29

8:30 *Refreshments*

9:00 *So, you're thinking of traveling to China...*

Alan Clemence, Owner, Burroughs Machine Tool Products; **Zoe Horton**, Thornton Academy;

Frank Daley-Young, St. Anselm's Abbey School, Washington DC; Aarav Singh, William S Cohen School

10:00 *Learning Culture and Language Through Cooking*

Ray Pelletier, **Elizabeth Chabe**, and invited food specialist from local restaurant

11:00 *Break*

11:15 *Workshop: Lion Dance and Fan Dance*

Christine Chou, Owner, China Garden Restaurant

Chunli Crane, Chinese Teacher of Bangor High School

12:15 *Lunch time*

1:00 *Program Wrap-up and Follow-up*

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

