

北乔治亚州立大学



Professional Development Workshop for Chinese Teachers Explore, Exchange, Enhance

Sponsored by

School of Arts & Letters and School of Education
North Georgia College & State University

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., April 18th, 2009

Guest speaker: Ms. Jian Gao



Jian Gao is a nationally acclaimed Chinese language teacher from Belmont Hill School and an innovator of teaching strategies.



Her students won the 1st and 2nd prizes at the last two US High School Student Chinese Speech Contests.



Her students, representing the USA against 28 teams from 24 nations, won the 2nd place at the “The 1st Chinese Bridge - Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign High School Students” in China in 2008.

Benefit from attending this workshop:

- ☺ Explore new ideas and approaches for more effective teaching and learning
- ☺ Experience “hands-on” activities and share your experiences with colleagues
- ☺ Earn 1 Professional Learning Unit (see “Workshop Description” below)

Cost: Free & lunch provided

Registration: Fill in the attached Registration Form and e-mail it to Dr. Yan Gao at ygao@ngcsu.edu by April 8th, 2009.

Place: Library Technology Center, Room 269; **[directions to NGCSU](#):** about one-hour drive north of I-285; **[parking](#):** behind the library, Building 9 on the map

Workshop Description

This workshop is listed as [Class Management and Motivation in the Chinese Classroom](#) at the website of Georgia Department of Education.

This ten-hour workshop aims at helping the Chinese teachers of high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools in the Atlanta area enhance their teaching. The workshop comprises three parts: pre-workshop (3 hours online), workshop (6 hours), and post workshop (1 hour online).

For the **pre-workshop component**, participants log into the course via WebCT/VISTA in order to access their reading assignments and to submit a short paper (about 750 words) in English presenting three successful examples from their teaching experiences. The submission deadline is **April 13th**.

The face-to-face part of the workshop is a six-hour meeting that contains two parts. The morning session (9:00 to 12:00) features the guest speaker Jian Gao, a nationally acclaimed teacher from Belmont Hill School in MA, who will demonstrate techniques and hands-on activities proven to be successful through students' performance. The afternoon session begins with a one-hour lecture given by Prof. Mariana Stone from the School of Education at NGCSU on classroom management. From 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm there will be a round-table discussion. Participants will be grouped according to their teaching levels to share their successful examples.

The **post-workshop** online component requires participants to submit a one-page conclusion of what they have learned and how they plan to apply it to their future teaching. The submission deadline is **April 27th**. Participants who complete the three components will receive a PLU certificate.

The participants interested in getting a PLU certificate will be given a code to access the WebCT/VSTA courseware at NGCSU after the registration.

The participants who do not apply for a PLU certificate can simply attend the workshop on April 18th. However, all participants need to register before midnight **April 8th**.