

## **2018 CLTA-WA New Vice President and Board of Director Candidates' Bios**

### **Vice President Candidate: Jeremy Smith**

I am humbled and honored to learn that I have been nominated as a candidate for the position of Vice-President of this estimable organization. If chosen, I will do my best to serve the Board and Members of CLTA-WA to the utmost of my ability.

Currently, I am the Middle School Mandarin Teacher at The Westside School in Seattle. I have been teaching language for the last decade in many different learning communities both here and abroad but I have never felt a greater sense of community and belonging than I do here in Washington State. As a member of the CLTA-WA board this past year, I have seen the tremendous amount of care and passion that our teachers share for each other and the growth of our discipline. Years of effort have gone into building a platform that our community can use to help deepen their connections and practice. My greatest hope is that I can play some part in helping foster the work that has been done by working with the board to continue promoting new avenues for teachers to share their work and practice, as well as continuing to promote and build coalitions with other communities across the state.

### **Board of Director Candidate: Chungqing (Tracy) Ge**

Chunqing (Tracy) Ge is currently a Chinese teacher at Sammamish High School, Bellevue School District. She has taught there for 10 years now. Since 2008, she has been teaching Chinese at various schools at the Bellevue School District, including Newport High, Tyee Middle School and Tillicum Middle School. She graduated with a Master's of Education from the University of Washington, Seattle in June 2008. She has earned endorsement in Early Childhood Special Education, Chinese and ELL. Prior to coming to Seattle, she had taught college English in China Agricultural University for 9 years. Chunqing Ge has served as a board member of the Chinese Language Teachers' Association (CLTA-WA) for two terms and is currently the representative to the Washington Association for Language Teaching (WAFLT).

She is willing to continue to serve for the board of the CLTA-WA and contribute her time and effort for the mission of the CLTA-WA.

### **Board of Director Candidate: Zhiling Hu**

Zhiling Hu, currently is the Chinese Dual Language program teacher at Tillicum Middle School. She is the founder of the Chinese dual language program in secondary level at Bellevue School District. She has designed and developed the curriculum for both Chinese Language arts and Social studies for this program with many supports from her colleagues and other professional teachers. Before working as a middle school teacher, she had been working as a Chinese teacher in World language department at Bellevue College for two years. Before moving to the US five years ago, she had been a tenured faculty at Dalian University of Foreign Language, teaching Chinese language and culture to foreign students. She earned her Master degree in Beijing Normal University, majored in Master of Teaching Chinese to

Speakers of Other Languages. She received her Washington state teacher's certificate through Pacific Lutheran University and now she holds professional certificate.

### **Board of Director Candidate: Xi Sun**

Xi Sun is a Chinese teacher at Jingmei Elementary School in Bellevue School District, Washington. Before this, she was the lead teacher at Global Village Academy in Colorado, and developed teaching materials and instruction materials for K – 5 grades of Chinese immersion program. She also worked with the Mandarin Matrix and the University of Utah Confucius Institute and developed Dual Language Immersion teaching materials. She is one of the teacher leader candidates in the Asia Society Teacher Leader Cultivation Program. As an Asia Society teacher fellow, she has created three TEQ Chinese teaching video lesson. She presented at different conferences like The ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo, National Chinese Language Conference (NCLC), New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYSAFLT) Annual Conference, New York International Conference on Chinese Teaching, Project for Developing Chinese Language Teachers (DCLT) of New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. She holds master degrees in Teaching Chinese (K-12), and Teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) from the New York University.

### **Board of Director Candidate: Jingran Wan**

My name is Jingran Wan. I am very glad to serve for CLTA-WA and speak for part-time teachers, substitute teachers, and self-employed Chinese teachers. I am a part-time Chinese teacher with WA residency teacher certificate and China Teacher Certificate. I have teaching experience for almost 12 years and administration experience for ten years. I worked as a long-term sub teacher in a private school at Seattle in 2016-2017 and now I am working in three Chinese schools. I am also a sub teacher at Bellevue School District. Apart from teaching, I devote myself in non-profit local organizations concerning language learning and K-12 education. Part-time teachers are majority of Chinese teachers in Washington State. I met many part-time teachers, sub-teachers, and teachers who teach kids Chinese at home and take care of their family at the same time. They are smart, passionate and hard-working; however, their efforts are downgraded. They need the supports from our teacher community. Also, as many teachers are independent teachers, it is hard for them to get information about professional development, or communicate with education experts and full-time teachers. I suggest that CLTA-WA can conduct both online and onsite teaching training workshops because many part-time teachers work on weekends and cannot attend onsite workshops. CLTA-WA is a warm family for all the Chinese teachers in Washington State; CLTA-WA will speak for us.