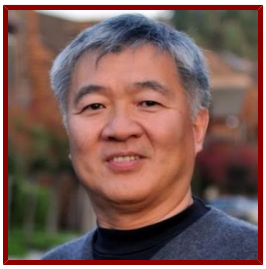
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PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for East Asian Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- BA, East China Normal University , English Language and Literature (1974)
- MA, University of Oregon , Linguistics (1984)
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Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My primary research interest is in Chinese linguistics studying how linguistic forms and meanings vary systematically in different socio-cultural contexts in modern Chinese languages. My other works concern with morphosyntactic changes in the history of Chinese and pedagogical grammar in teaching Chinese as Second Language.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Beginning Classical Chinese, First Quarter: CHINA 105, CHINA 205 (Aut)
- Beginning Classical Chinese, Second Quarter: CHINA 106, CHINA 206 (Win)
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- Beginning Classical Chinese, First Quarter: CHINA 105, CHINA 205 (Aut)
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- Chinese Language, Culture, and Society: OSPBEIJ 60 (Spr)
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- Beginning Classical Chinese, First Quarter: CHINA 105, CHINA 205 (Aut)
- Beginning Classical Chinese, Second Quarter: CHINA 106, CHINA 206 (Win)
- Seminar in Chinese Syntax: CHINA 391 (Spr)
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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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  Oxford University Press.2015
- **Chinese: A linguistic introduction**
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  Cambridge University Press.2006
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