

# Hong Gang Jin

Professor of Chinese  
Director of Associated Colleges in China

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Hong Gang Jin is currently a senior visiting professor at University of Macau and a regular faculty member at Hamilton College in the US. Jin joined Hamilton College in 1989 after she received her master's and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Being a full professor of East Asian Languages and Literatures, Jin's primary interest is language processing and language acquisition. In addition to her books on *Psychology of Language Development* and *Studies of Language Acquisition*, she has published numerous articles in professional journals. Recently her research focus has been on classroom process and its effect on language acquisition, resulting in eight articles published in 2004-2007 in *Language Learning*, *Journal of Chinese Language Teachers Association*, and other edited books. Jin is also interested in language pedagogy and technology. She is the lead author of three sets of Chinese language textbooks and multimedia CDs. In 2007, Jin was appointed as William R. Kenan Professor of East Asian Languages and Literatures, a special professorship awarded by the president of the college. Jin is actively involved in the US national professional organizations and committees. She was on the board of directors of Chinese Language Teachers Association (CLTA) during 2002-2006 and was the president of CLTA during 2004-2005. In 2006 Jin was elected vice president of National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL) and she has just assumed her presidency of NCOLCTL for 2008-2010. Jin is also involved in the AP Chinese development in the US and was appointed as one of the seven members on the AP Development Committee by the College Board. During 2007-2008, Jin received three major grants from the Henry Luce Foundation and the US Department of Education totaling \$1,380,000 to develop innovative study abroad programs in China.

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## Education

- Ph.D., 1989, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL. Thesis Title: Language Universals, Language

Typology, and L2 Acquisition: A cross-sectional study of adult English speakers learning Chinese as a second language.

- M.A., 1986, English as a Second Language, University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, IL.
  - B.A., 1982, English Language and Literature, Shanxi University., Taiyuan, Shanxi, China.
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#### Areas of Interest

- Second Language Acquisition
  - Psycholinguistics
  - Ethnography of Communication
  - Classroom Communication and Interaction
  - Language Pedagogy
  - Computer Assisted Language Instruction
  - Teacher Education and Teacher Training
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#### Positions Held

- Professor of Chinese (2000-Present), Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, Hamilton College
- Associate Professor of Chinese (1995-2000), East Asian Languages and Literatures, Hamilton College
- Assistant Professor of Chinese (1989-95), East Asian Languages and Literatures, Hamilton College
- Program Director (1989-2000), East Asian Languages and Literatures, Hamilton College
- General Director (1996-Present), Associated Colleges in China (ACC, a study abroad consortium in Beijing administered by Hamilton College)
- Field Director (1996), Associated Colleges in China (ACC), Beijing, China
- Visiting Assistant Professor (1993), Beijing Normal University, teaching a graduate level course entitled Psycholinguistics
- Assistant Professor (Summer 1990), Summer School, Middlebury College
- Instructor (Summer 1986-1989), Summer School, Middlebury College
- Chinese Teaching Assistant (1985-1988), East Asian Languages and Literatures, University of Illinois

- Instructor (1982-1984), Taiyuan Institute of Technology, Taiyuan, Shanxi, China
  - Research Assistant (1987-1989), Department of Educational Psychology, University of Illinois
  - Librarian (Spring 1985), ESL Library at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana
  - Train Conductor (1976-1978), Taiyuan Railway Company, Taiyuan, Shanxi, China
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## Publications

### *Books*

2003 留學中國 Crossing Paths: Living and Learning in China, (Textbook, CD Rom) Hong Gang Jin and De Bao Xu et al, Cheng and Tsui Publishing Company: Boston. Second edition: Beijing University Press: Beijing, China.

2003 中國之路 Shifting Tides: Culture in Contemporary China, (Textbook, CD Rom) Hong Gang Jin and De Bao Xu et al, Cheng and Tsui Publishing Company: Boston. Second edition: Beijing University Press: Beijing, China.

2000 中國社會文化寫實 China Scene: A Multimedia Approach to Chinese Language and Culture, (Textbook, CD Rom) Hong Gang Jin, De Bao Xu, and James Hargett, Cheng and Tsui Publishing Company: Boston.

1997 語言獲得理論 Yuyan Huode Lilun (Studies on Language Acquisition), in Contemporary Linguistic Theory Series Vol I, James Huang & De Bao Xu eds., China Social Sciences Publishing House: Beijing, China.

1995 語言發展心理學 The Psychology of Language Development, on comparative studies of Chinese and English language acquisition, Wunan Book Company LTD: Taipei, Taiwan, 1995 (first edition), 1997 (second edition), 1999 (third edition), 2003 (fourth edition).

1995 中文突破 Chinese Breakthrough, Language Learning Through Live TV Materials, (Textbook, multimedia CD Rom) Hong Gang Jin, De Bao Xu and John Berninghausen, Chen and Tsui Publishing Company: Boston, 1995 (first edition), 1997 (second edition), 2000 (third edition).

### *Articles*

2005 "Form-focused Instruction and Second Language Learning: Some Pedagogical Considerations and Teaching Techniques," *Journal for Chinese Language Teachers Association (JCLTA)*, Vol. 40 No.2, 2005.

2004 "The Importance of Teachers' Questions in CFL Teacher Training," *Journal for Chinese Language Teachers Association (JCLTA)*, Vol. 39 No.3, August 2004.

2004 "A Thematic Approach to Language Forms and Functions," *Journal for Chinese Language Teachers Association (JCLTA)*, Vol. 39 No. 2: 85-109, May 2004.

2004 "The Role of Formulaic Speech in Teaching and Learning Patterned Chinese Structures," *Journal for Chinese Language Teachers Association (JCLTA)*, Vol. 39 No. 1: 45-62, February 2004.

2004 "Multimedia Effects on Chinese Character Acquisition," *Proceedings on Conference on Chinese language teaching and Pedagogy*, Chicago, 2004.

2003 "Empirical Evidence on Character Recognition in Multimedia Chinese Tasks," *Concentric: Studies of Literature and Linguistics*, Vol. 29 No. 2: 36-58, June 2003.

1994 "The Acquisition of Anaphora and Control in Chinese Children's 'Ask' 'Help', and 'Promise' Verbs," *Proceedings of First International Symposium on Information Processing of Chinese Language*, Beijing, 1994.

1994 "Topic-prominence and Subject-prominence in L2 Acquisition: Evidence of English-to-Chinese Typological Transfer," *Language Learning: A Journal of Research in Language Studies*, Vol. 44 No.1: 101-122, March 1994.

1993 "Language Universals in the Acquisition of Chinese Language," *Journal of Chinese Teaching in the World*, January Issue: 150-157, 1993.

1992 "Pragmaticization and the L2 Acquisition of Chinese Ba Constructions," *Journal of Chinese Teacher's Association (JCLTA)*, Vol. XXVIII No. 3: 33-52, 1992.

1991 "An Acquisitional Study of Chinese as a Second Language: a Psycholinguistic Approach," *Proceedings of the Symposium on Chinese Culture at Shanghai International Studies Institute*, May 1991.

### *Multimedia CDs*

Interactive CD-ROMs, 1.3GB for China Scene in collaboration with De Bao Xu (published 2005).

Interactive CD-ROM, 630MB for Chinese Breakthrough-Learning Chinese through TV and Newspapers in collaboration with De Bao Xu (published 1996).

Interactive CD-ROMs, 1.3GB for Chinese Primer in collaboration with De Bao Xu (being reviewed by Princeton University Press).

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#### National and College Awards

1998 "1998 Outstanding Professor of the Year" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education, 1998. This award is also honored by citations from Vice-President Al Gore, Governor George Pataki, and Congressman Sherwood Boehlert.

1995 "Class of 1963 Award for Excellence in Teaching" Hamilton College, 1995. This award is granted once a year to an untenured faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching.

1986-1988 "Outstanding Teacher" awarded at the University of Illinois in 1986, 1987, and 1988 while serving as Teaching Assistant.

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#### National and Regional Conferences and Workshops Organized

2005 Princeton in Beijing Teacher Training Workshop on Interactive Skills (4 hours with 65 selected participants) at Princeton in Beijing, Beijing Normal University, June 2005, Beijing, China. (workshop organizer and speaker)

2005 A Professional Development Workshop on CFL Teachers' Questioning Techniques (90 minutes with 45 selected participants) at National Taiwan Normal University, June 2005, Taipei, Taiwan. (Workshop chair, organizer, and key speaker)

2004 The National Forum on CFL Teacher Development, cosponsored with NOCFL, 4 July 2004, Beijing, China. (Conference Chair, organizer, and presenter)

2004 The Third International Conference on Technology and Chinese Language Teaching (TCLT3) 28-31 May 2004, Columbia University, NYC. (Conference organizer and presenter)

2004 CFL Teacher Training Workshop (II) (3 days with 45 selected participants) at National Taiwan Normal University, June 2004, Taipei, Taiwan. (Workshop chair, organizer, and key speaker).

2003 CFL Teacher Training Workshop (I) (3 day with 40 participants) at National Taiwan Normal University, July 2003, Taipei, Taiwan. (Workshop chair, organizer, and key speaker).

2002 The Second Conference on Technology and Chinese Language Teaching in the 21st Century , 9-11 June 2002, Yale University, New Haven, CT. (Conference co-chair, organizer, and presenter)

2000 The First Technology and Chinese Language Teaching in the 21st Century, 8-11 June 2000, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY. (Conference co-chair, organizer, and presenter)

1999 The Second ACIC Conference on Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, 12-13 November 1999, Beijing, China.

1995 North East American Chinese Teacher's Conference, 18 March 1995, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY.

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#### Professional Papers at Conferences

“Embarking of AP Chinese and Challenges of CFL Field.” Keynote Speaker at NCACLS 2005, August, 2005, Edison, NJ.

“Multimedia Effects and Chinese Character Processing: An Empirical Study of CFL Learners from Three Different Orthographic Backgrounds ”, paper presented at ICICE’2005, June 2005, Taipei, Taiwan

“Teaching Techniques and Second Language Acquisition”. Keynote Speaker at 2005 International Symposium on Operational Strategies and Pedagogy for Chinese Programs in the 21 st Century. June, 2005, Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan

“CLF Syntactic Maturity: The Syntactic Complexity in CFL learners’ Writing Development”, paper presented at 9 th International Conference on Teaching Chinese as a Second Language. July, 2005, Beijing, China

“Learners’ Beliefs and their Effect on CFL Learning”, paper presented at the Annual Conference of NCOLCTL, April, 2005, Madison, WI.

“A Comparative Study of Beliefs between CFL Learners and Teachers”, paper presented at the Annual Princeton Chinese Pedagogy Conference, April, 2005, Princeton, NJ.

“Interactive Techniques in Form-focused Instruction”. Paper presented at the National Forum on CFL Teacher Development, July, 2004, CUEB, Beijing, China,

“Teachers’ Questions in CFL Teacher Training.” Paper resented at ACTFL and CLTA Annual Conference’2003, Philadelphia, PA.

“A thematic Approach to Language Forms and Functions and Its Presentational Effects.” Paper presentation and panel chairing at Conference on Chinese Language Instructional Materials, July, 2003, University of Hawaii, Honolulu.

“ Empirical Evidence on Character Recognition in Multimedia Chinese Tasks” Paper presentation at Chicago Conference on Chinese Pedagogy, October 2002, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

“The Role of Formulaic Speech in Teaching and Learning Patterned Chinese Structures”. Paper presentation at ACTFL and CLTA Annual Conference’2002, November 2002, Salt Lake City.

"Pedagogical Theories and Implications on Holistic Approach to the Advanced Language Curriculum", invited lecture and workshop, Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, Yale University, 4/6-4/7, 2001

"Bridging the Gap between Language Studies and Area Studies", AAS Round-table discussion Session, Chicago, IL 3/23-3/25, 2001,

"A Template for Video-based Language Instruction", paper and computer demonstration co-presented with De Bao Xu at Calico, Central Florida University, 3/13-17, 2001

"An Overview of Multimedia Development in the Chinese Teaching Field", paper presented at Technology and the Chinese Language Teaching in the 21st Century in June, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, 6/9-11, 2000.

"Selection Criteria for 'Key Structures' in CFL", paper presented at Second Symposium on Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, Beijing, China, 11/12-13, 1999

"Multimedia Oriented Teaching Approach in Language Teaching", paper presented at Conference on Chinese Language Teaching and Learning, Columbia University, NYC, 10/15-10/17, 1999

"Combining Experience-Centered and Mind-Centered Learning Activities through Multimedia Materials", paper presented with De Bao Xu at Calico'99, Miami University, OH, 6/2-6/5, 1999

"Interactive Activities for First Year Chinese", paper presented at the Conference of Chinese Teachers in the New England Area, Wesleyan University, CT, 5/23, 1999

"A Multimedia Approach to Chinese Topic-comment Structures for Advanced Chinese Students", paper presented with De Bao Xu at the Princeton Conference on Chinese Language Instruction, Princeton, 4/24, 1999

"Toward a Multimedia Approach for Beginning and Intermediate Chinese Courses--A Sample of Computer Assisted Interactive Lessons", paper and demo with De Bao Xu at ACTFL'98 annual meeting, Chicago, 11/21, 1998

"Multimedia Material Development for Advanced Chinese Language", multimedia presentation with De Bao Xu at Calico'98, San Diego, 7/5--7/9, 1998

"Working toward interactive Chinese Language Teaching for Intermediate Students", multimedia presentation at Conference on Chinese Language Instruction: Materials and Pedagogy, Princeton University, 4/25, 1998

"Using Authentic Materials to Develop a Multimedia Course for Advanced Students", paper and demo with De Bao Xu at the panel "Test and Multimedia Material Development for CFL Instruction", ACTFL'97 annual meeting, Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee, November 20-23, 1997.

"Quality Control and Curricular Design of ACC", paper presented at ACTFL'97 annual meeting, Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee, November 20-23, 1997.

"Using Macromedia Director in the Chinese Language Teaching", software presentation at Mellon Language Technology Workshop, Colgate University, June 2-5, 1997

"Making Study Abroad an Essential Part of the Curriculum: The Curricular Set-Up and Teacher Training of ACC", paper at The 1997 Conference of Chinese Language Teaching in the Northeast Area, Middlebury College, May 10-11, 1997

"Chinese Language Teaching in the 20th Century", lecture given to the Association of Chinese teachers as a foreign language in Beijing, November, 1996

"Sources, Design, and Utilization of Multimedia Courses for Chinese language Teaching". Paper presented at ACTFL'96, Anaheim, Nov.17-20, 1996

"The Balance between Receptive and Productive Skills." Paper presented at the Conference of Chinese Teachers in the New England Area: Bowdin College, April 20-21, 1996;

"Holistic or Discrete Approach to Language Testing?", paper presented at the Conference on Language and Culture at Cornell University, May 6, 1996;

"A Multimedia Approach to Language Teaching: Rethinking and Restructuring the Language Class", a three hour lecture joint by De Bao Xu at Vassar Language Symposium, April 18, 1996

"Absence of Complementizer System in Early Child Chinese." Paper to be presented at the Joint Meeting of the Fourth International Conference on Chinese Linguistics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 27-30, 1995.

"Reading Comprehension of TV news and QT-Dictation." Paper presented at the Conference of Chinese Teachers in the New England Area: Multimedia Approach to Chinese Language Teaching, Hamilton College, April 15-16, 1995.

"A Multimedia Teaching Materials for the Beginning Level Chinese." Paper presented at ACTFL'95 Atlanta, Nov. 16-19, 1994

"How to Assess Student's Communicative Ability in Oral Examinations." Paper presented at 1994 New England Area College Chinese Teachers Conference, Connecticut College, 1994.

"Using Multimedia Materials to Teach Advanced Chinese Language." Paper presented at 1993 Annual ACTFLE Conference, San Antonio, 1993.

"The Acquisition of Anaphora and Control in Chinese 'Ask', 'Help', and 'Promise' Verbs: An Reanalysis of the Experimental Study." Paper presented at the First International Symposium on Information Processing of Chinese Language, Beijing, China, 1993

"How Did Chinese Children Acquire Control Verbs of 'Ask', 'Help', and 'Promise' Verbs?" Paper presented at the Second North American Chinese Linguistics Conference, Delaware, 1993.

"Combining TV Broadcasting Programs with Chinese Newspaper to Teach Reading Skills in Chinese." Paper presented at Princeton Workshop on Chinese Language Pedagogy, Princeton, NJ, 1993.

"Alternation Rules and Social Norms in Chinese Address Terms." Paper presented at 1992 Annual ACTFLE Conference, Washington D.C, 1992.

"An Acquisitional Study of Chinese as a Second Language: a Psycholinguistic Approach." Paper presented at the International Symposium on Chinese Culture and the World in Shanghai, May, 1991.

"Pragmaticization and the Acquisition of Chinese as a Second Language." Paper presented at 11th Second Language Research Forum at Southern California University, February, 1991.

"Second Language Acquisition of Chinese 'Ba' Constructions." Paper presented at 1990 Annual ACTFL Conference, 1990.

"Language Universals and Language Acquisition on Chinese Word Order." Paper presented at Second North-east Conference on Chinese Linguistics, 1990.

"Address Terms Reflecting Social Norms and Changes in Mainland China and Taiwan." Paper presented at 1990 New York Conference On Asian Studies, 1990.

"Topic-Prominent and Subject Prominent in Learning Chinese as a Second Language." Paper presented at the Chinese Language Training Workshop at Middlebury College, 1989.

"Parameter Setting Model and Child Language Acquisition in Chinese". Paper presented at the Linguistic Forum at Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1988.

"Typological Parameters in Adult L2 Acquisition of the Chinese 'ba' Constructions " Paper presented at the Chinese Language Teaching Workshop at Middlebury College, 1988.

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#### Invited Guest Lectures

Beijing Normal University, June 2005. On Task-based Interactive Teaching Activities. Northeast Normal University of China, July 2005. On Classroom Process and Chinese Language Learning.

Beijing Language University, College of Humanities, Beijing, China, June, 2005. Form-focused Teaching and Activity Design.

Beijing University, College of CFL Teaching, Beijing, China, December, 2004. TQ studies and CFL classroom

Nankai University, College of Chinese Language and Culture, P. R. China, July, 2004: Discourse Analysis and Text Presentation, lecture presented at the National Forum on Chinese Linguistics and Pedagogy

Hong Kong Chinese University, Yale-Asia Center for Chinese language and Culture, Hong Kong, June, 2004. Interactivity and Small Group Work, guest lecture presented to the faculty of Yale Asian Center.

National Taiwan Chengchi University : Center for Chinese Language Studies, January, 2003: CFL Form-focused Instruction

National Taiwan University : Graduate Seminar, March 2003:

- Studies and Analysis on Initiating and Sustaining Classroom Interaction
- Form-focused and Task-based Instruction
- Studies of Formulaic Speech and SLA

Providence University : the Chinese Program, March 2003: A Thematic Approach to Lesson Organization: An Old or New Way to Text Presentation?

Chinkong University , Center for Chinese Studies: June, 2003: Input analysis as a Way of Understanding Learning Process National CFL Teachers' Association in Taiwan, May, 2003: Pedagogical Grammar and CFL

Capital University of Economics and Business : Center for Cultural Exchange, July, 2002: Multimedia Technology in Chinese Language and Culture Course Design,

co-presented with De Bao Xu

National Taiwan Normal University : GICFL, November, 2002:

- Chinese Character Processing Strategies in Multimedia Word Recognition Tasks
- Language Acquisition of the Children with Language Disorder

National Taiwan Normal University : Lecture Series for the Center of Chinese Language and Culture Studies, December, 2002:

- Strategy-based Instruction
  - Interaction and Language Learning
  - Role Play and Interactivity
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#### Grants

Freeman summer grants for Asian Studies, 2005

Freeman summer grants for Asian Studies, 2004

Freeman summer grants for Asian Studies, 2003

Freeman summer grant for Asian Studies, 2002

Luce Foundation summer grant for material development, summer, 2001

Middlebury CET grant for multimedia development with intern student, summer, 1998; fall, 1998; and spring 1999

Mellon grant for multimedia development, 1998

Mellon grant for technology, summer, 1997, 1998

Mellon grant for multimedia development, 1996

Hamilton research grant for equipment, 1995

Hamilton research grant, 1993

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#### College Service

General Director of ACC (1996--now)

Program Director of East Asian Languages and Literature (Fall, 1989--2000)

Field Director of ACC (1996, 1999, 2002)

Asian Studies Committee (Fall, 1989--)

Academic Council (Fall, 1993--1994)

Chairperson and Faculty Advisor of Phi Sigma Iota: An Honor Society for Foreign Languages at Hamilton College Branch, (1991-1994)

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#### Other Experiences

CLTA President 2004-2005

CLTA Vice President 2003-2004

CLTA Board of Directors for 2002-2005

Member of Chinese Task Force for the Field of Chinese Language Teaching and Learning 2001-2003

Program Consultant and Evaluator for the Chinese Program at United Nations, fall 2001 and spring 2002

Board Member of ACC 1996--now

Board Member of CET 1995

Program Consultant and Evaluator for East Asian Studies Program at Monmouth College, 1990.

Member of Association of Asian Studies, 1987--now.

Member of American Linguistics Association, 1989--now

Member of Chinese Language Teachers Association, 1989--now

Member of International Association of Chinese Linguistics, 1992-now

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