Curriculum Design and Instructional Strategies for the 21st Century Chinese Classroom

Presenter: Michelle Wei-Cheng (魏以嫻)

Date: October 13 & 14, Saturday & Sunday
Time: October 13: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
October 14: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Place: Memorial Union Graham Room 226, ASU Tempe Campus

To prepare students for communicating and interacting in today’s interconnected world, Chinese language classrooms need to emphasize students’ communicative competence. In this workshop, participants will learn about a four-year high school Chinese curriculum that has been designed to maximize students’ proficiency in the interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication.

The workshop will engage teachers in using task-based instruction and will offer strategies for combining proficiency-based and achievement-based assessments. We will also explore other pedagogical approaches that result in creating and sustaining a successful Chinese curriculum, in which students are completely immersed in the target language.

Michelle Wei-Cheng (魏以嫻)

Michelle is a Mandarin Chinese teacher and the World Language Curriculum and Assessment Leader (Department Chair) at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA). She also regularly presents and shares her teaching experiences in national and local conferences and workshops.

Since 2011, Michelle has been a master teacher for ASU’s Confucius Institute and ASU’s Chinese Flagship Program Online CSSSA (Chinese for Secondary School Students in Arizona) Wiggio Curriculum group. During her visits to ASU, she generally shared her curriculum designs and practical approaches with CSSSA members.

Michelle also has been a lead teacher of the Chinese Institute Secondary School Teacher Training Program and Chinese STARTALK Program at the University of Nebraska.

This event is FREE and open to the public. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Grace Xie at wenjing.xie@asu.edu before September 28.