What Do We Really Know About How Students Learn Chinese Characters?

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Place: MU 202 Alumni Lounge, ASU Tempe Campus

Michael E. Everson is an Associate Professor of Foreign Language Education at The University of Iowa. As such, he coordinates one of the few K-12 Chinese language teacher certification programs in the United States. His research interests include how American students learn to read in Chinese, as well as issues surrounding Chinese language learning and teaching in the United States. His scholarship has appeared in a variety of journals and book collections, with his most recently co-edited publications being “Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language: Theories and Applications” published by Cheng & Tsui, and “Research among Learners of Chinese as a Foreign Language” published by the National Foreign Language Research Center at The University of Hawaii. He is also one of the lead designers of “Read Chinese!” an online reading project designed for high school learners of Chinese. Professor Everson has served on a number of boards having to do with strategic planning initiatives for Chinese language education, such as the STARTALK program for Chinese language teacher development. He is also active with a number of organizations such as the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Asia Society, Chinese Language Teachers Association, and the National Foreign Language Center to further Chinese language education in the United States.

This event is FREE and open to the public. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Lihong Ge at lihong.ge@asu.edu before April 27.