

My name is Pingping Liu, and my major is Chinese language and culture. I received my Bachelor's degree from the Liaoning University in 1993. Upon graduation, I became a journalist in Xinhua News agency, the largest official news organization in China. I have been reporting economic, educational and political news for 6 years. After moving to America, I began a career of teaching Chinese, and have been a Chinese teacher in private and public schools in Michigan for seven years.

When I was a little girl, my parents always told me to respect teachers. In ancient Chinese cultures teachers are often viewed as important as parents. The Chinese character “师傅” is the ancient name of teachers. “师” means teaching and “傅” means father. In my little heart, I rally dreamed to become a teacher.

After growing up, I entered Liaoning University studying Chinese Language and Culture and hoping to become a Chinese teacher after graduation. However, the communist education system did not allow college students to select careers on their own. I was sent to Xinhua News Agency. Although disappointed, I soon became a very successful journalist.

I entered the U.S in 2000 when I got married to my current husband. Very soon I found an opportunity to realize my dream of teaching Chinese. I started to teach Chinese in the weekend schools in the local Chinese community in Michigan. In 2007 I started to work as a part-time Chinese teacher in the public schools of Oakland and Washtenaw counties. In 2009 I finally become a full-time Chinese teacher in Ann Arbor school district teaching high school students under a temporary teaching permit.

Throughout my teaching career, I found that I love this profession and hope that teaching can be my life career.