

My name is Annie C. Ku. I have been a Chinese language educator for 23 years in varied institutions: heritage schools, local library, public & private high schools and community college. Thirteen years ago, I seized the opportunity to promote Chinese as a foreign language in one of Massachusetts' leading school systems – Concord Public School District – where the program was credited as a trailblazer in the Greater Boston Area and has since expanded into a network of five Chinese teachers. In 2000, I was invited to create a Chinese Program at Middlesex School, a private boarding co-ed high school in Concord, MA. In my tenure, the program has grown into a department of six course levels ranging from Introductory to AP and post AP. I believe that continuous professional development is critical for improving the quality of my teaching. In the summer of 2006 I took part in the first AP Chinese Language and Culture Summer Institute in Goucher College, and I had learned tremendously from Professor Tseng Miaofen. Since then I have been seeking opportunities to return to her classroom. This summer I do not need to lead students to China, and I look forward to seeing this long-time wish come true. Thank you.