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Born and raised in a family of high school teachers in Shanghai, I love my name given by my parents - a rainbow in the early morning. A rainbow is formed where sunrays and raindrops meet. Life is a lot like a rainbow - a mixture of rain and sunshine. The complexity of rain and sunshine, pain and wonder, light and darkness fused within the human soul are the sign of a life being truly lived.

My passion for life always influence my students, inspiring them to communicate and share the raining and shinning moments in their lives. I truly enjoy the process of exchanging different language and culture practices, perspectives and products with my students.

Various labels could be used to identify me - a native speaker of Mandarin Chinese and Shanghai Dialect, a learner of English and German, a graduate student specialized in TESOL and TCFL, a teacher of English and Chinese as foreign languages, and a frequent traveler between China and the United States.

In Norse mythology, a rainbow was believed to be the road between gods and human beings and represent a meeting point with the sacred and a place of transformation. My career and life mission is to take full advantages of my multilingual and multicultural experience and expertise to build a bridge between China and the United States like a rainbow.