

# 2026 TCML-MN teachers and staff introduction



# Director/Academic: Pei-Wen Fang



I speak Taiwanese, Mandarin, English and a little bit Japanese.

I love playing zither 古箏 and piano, watching hockey games, cooking and hiking.

I currently teach upper-level Mandarin at Macalester College. I am the program director for the Concordia Language Village STARTALK program. I used to teach World Languages and Cultures to 6th–12th graders in public schools across Minnesota, Texas, South Dakota, Ohio, and Illinois

Born and raised in Taiwan, both my parents are teachers. London and Boston are my second homes. My family has lived in Minnesota since 2002. I love to visit Stillwater, MN. Favorite quote, by Helen Keller, is: “I once complained about not having beautiful shoes, until I met someone who had no feet.”

# Administration: Olive Chen



My mother tongue is Taiwanese and Mandarin. I can also speak a little bit of Russian.

My favorite activities include traveling, hiking, baking, and cooking. I love exploring new places, enjoying the beauty of nature through hiking, and spending time in the kitchen creating delicious food and baked treats.

My profession is in sales. My strengths are promotion and communication—I enjoy helping others understand the advantages and benefits of products and services. I especially like meeting new people and building friendships with individuals from different backgrounds.

I grew up in Taiwan and came to the United States in 2004 to pursue my master's degree in Slavic Languages at Indiana University Bloomington. My husband and I moved to St. Paul in 2011, where we decided to raise our family in this welcoming and friendly city.

# Treasurer: Jerry Chang



I speak Mandarin, English, and a little bit of Taiwanese.

I love to travel and watch Netflix and YouTube. Also I like to cook and play different kind of sports.

I'm a mechanical engineer with a strong focus on modeling simulation and analysis. In addition to my engineering background, I previously served as a Mandarin teacher at TCCLS, teaching kindergarten and first-grade students.

I grew up in Taiwan and went to the University of Iowa for my Master's degree. I moved to Minnesota in 1996 and raised my family here in the Twin Cities since then.

# Teacher: Audrey Wang 王老師



I speak Mandarin, English, and a little bit Taiwanese.

I love traveling, watching movies, going to concerts, and hanging out with friends!

I used to teach English at the Minnesota English Language Program, and now I'm an EL teacher at a public elementary school.

I was born in Iowa but grew up in Taiwan. I moved here two years ago for my master's degree. I love learning and teaching languages! Hopefully, we have lots of fun in class :)



# Teacher Audrey Wang 王老師

## 王老師 Audrey LaoShi 教學方向/理念 Teaching Philosophy

I've worked with language learners as an elementary EL teacher, and this is my second year working specifically with Mandarin Chinese learners in addition to teaching English. I'm passionate about teaching languages and believe learning should be fun and enjoyable! In our language class, I want to create a warm and inclusive environment in which we can explore the language and Taiwanese culture together. I also hope everyone feels comfortable sharing and celebrating their own cultures. I'm looking forward to meeting you, and I hope we can learn a lot from each other as we begin this journey together! As a language learner, my experiences have always been great, and I hope to bring that same positive experience to our class!

哈囉大家好！我是Audrey老師，我是一名小學英文老師。而這學期會是我第二年在中文學校教中文！在我們的語言課中，我希望能創造一個溫暖的環境，讓大家一起探索語言和臺灣文化。我也希望每個人都能感到自在，並勇於分享自己的文化！我非常期待見到你們，希望我們在這學期能有豐富的收穫！作為一名語言學習者，我的學習過程一直都非常愉快，希望能將這種積極與快樂的經驗帶到課堂中！

# Teacher: Joseph 林老師



I speak Mandarin, Taiwanese, and English fluently.

I enjoy all kinds of sports and my favorite is swimming.

I'm a high school teacher, teaching Chinese level 1 to level 6 and IB SL/HL courses to students in grades 9-12.

This is what I look like when I am not in the classroom.





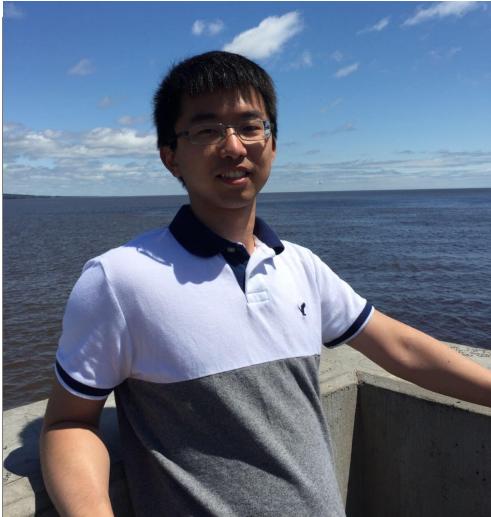
Teacher:  
Joseph Lin

## Teacher: Lin LaoShi 教學方向/理念 Teaching Philosophy

I am from Taiwan and can speak Mandarin and Taiwanese fluently. My vision for Chinese teaching and learning is to create an immersive, engaging, and culturally rich environment where students not only learn the language, but also develop an appreciation for Chinese culture and its global significance. The primary purpose of my teaching Chinese is to equip students with the language skills necessary to communicate effectively and to gain an understanding of Chinese culture and its real-world applications. My learning goals for students include achieving proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in Chinese, as well as developing intercultural competence and fostering a strong sense of educational equity. I believe that teaching should be student-centered, inclusive, and culturally responsive, enabling students to gain a deep understanding of the world around them and become engaged global citizens.

My teaching methods aim to create an engaging and supportive learning environment that encourages student participation and collaboration. By creating an interactive and immersive learning environment, we can improve students' enthusiasm for learning Chinese. I believe that emphasizing real-world applications and cultural context helps students understand the relevance of their learning and encourages them to use the language outside of the classroom. Ultimately, students not only improve their language skills but also develop the critical thinking, problem-solving skills, cultural awareness, and dispositions they need to thrive in a changing world.

# Teacher: Chung-Hsuan Huang 黃老師

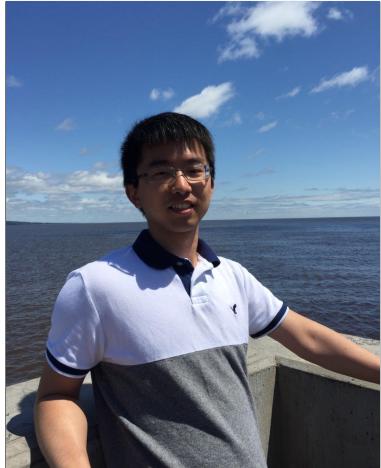


I speak Mandarin Chinese and English

I enjoy playing sports with my son, playing video games and listening to podcasts

I was a [TCCLS](#) teacher in 2019. I work as a data scientist.

I grew up in Taiwan and moved to Minnesota in 2012. During university, I joined a juggling club and appeared on television because I could solve a Rubik's Cube with my left hand while juggling two balls with my right.



## Teacher Chung-Hsuan Huang 黃老師

### Chung-Hsuan Huang 黃崇軒 Teaching Philosophy

我在台灣長大，擁有豐富的教學經驗，包括在補習班擔任教師、家教，以及在美國擔任教學助理。我曾在[TCCLS](#)擔任文化課教師（教授魔術方塊跟雜耍），後來短暫兼任中文教師。我的教學理念是：即便在GenAI日益進步、翻譯技術日臻完善的時代，學習語言仍是深入理解不同文化的關鍵敲門磚。在遵循主要教師課程內容的基礎上，我會融入台灣的網路文化與真實生活情境，設計生動且實用的教學活動，鼓勵學生在課堂之外積極運用中文，增強語言的實用性與文化連結。

Growing up in Taiwan, I have accumulated diverse teaching experiences, including working as a tutor, a cram school teacher, and a teaching assistant in the United States. I previously taught cultural classes (Rubik's Cube and Juggling) at [TCCLS](#) before briefly and then also work as a Chinese language teacher. My teaching philosophy centers on the belief that, even in an era of advancing GenAI and seamless translation tools, learning a language remains the key to understanding diverse cultures. While adhering to the main teacher's curriculum, I integrate elements of Taiwanese internet culture and real-life scenarios into my lessons, creating engaging and practical learning experiences that encourage students to actively use Chinese beyond the classroom, fostering both linguistic proficiency and cultural connection.

# Teacher: Stella Wang 王老師



I speak English  
and Mandarin

I enjoy listening to  
music, reading, and  
baking

I work at a 2-generation  
school that provides ESOL  
and workforce development  
classes for adults, and early  
childhood education for  
young children.

I grew up in  
Minnesota and am  
a heritage speaker  
of Mandarin. I love  
learning languages,  
and hope we will all  
have fun learning  
together this year.



**Teacher  
Stella Wang**  
**王老師**

**王老師 Stella LaoShi**  
**教學方向/理念 Teaching Philosophy**

I grew up in Minnesota and attended university here. I'm currently working at a 2-generation school for adults and young children.

As a heritage speaker and learner of Chinese myself, I recognize how rewarding and fun language learning can be and hope to share my enthusiasm for the Chinese language and culture with students. I hope students will build confidence in their language abilities and see the practical uses of Mandarin in real life situations. I value the diverse perspectives that individuals bring to the classroom, and hope to create a comfortable and inclusive environment where we can all learn from and support each other.

# Teacher: Alice Wu 吳老師



I speak Mandarin, English and a little bit of Taiwanese.

I enjoy traveling, learning different cultures, watching movies and listening to music.

I was a sub Mandarin teacher at TCCLS and then became a real one for a couple years. Now I work at an ECFE program as a paraprofessional teacher.

I was born in Taiwan and moved to Minnesota eleven years ago. I like to have a fun learning environment for the students. And I also like to learn something new from them. The best thing about teaching is we all learn new things from each other. I hope everyone can have a great time learning together.



**Teacher  
Alice Wu  
吳老師**

## 吳老師 Alice LaoShi 教學方向/理念 Teaching Philosophy

我在台灣是英文系畢業，在美國的第一年是國中中文老師，隨後在中文學校當代課老師最後演變成正式的中文老師。我喜歡學習新的語言以及文化，更喜歡學習新事物。

我的教學理念：希望大家能夠開心地互相交流以及輕鬆的快樂學習。最重要的是能夠營造好玩的學習環境讓大家都像朋友一樣聊天。

我的教學目標主要著重在中文日常生活會話和聽力，介紹基本的認字方法來增進大家的自信！希望大家有很多口語表達的機會，期待與大家相見歡。

I was born and raised in Taipei, Taiwan where I graduated with a degree in English. I moved to Minnesota after college and became a Middle School Chinese teacher my first year, then afterwards I became a Chinese teacher at TCCLS. I love learning new languages and culture. I'm always interested in learning something new!

My teaching philosophy: I wish that everyone in my class feels happy and comfortable learning Chinese. I emphasize having a friendly environment where we can all feel free to practice speaking and learning from each other. My teaching target is to teach everyday living speaking and listening and introduce fundamental characters to build confidence in all my students.

# Teacher: Yi-Fen Kuan 關逸芬



Fluent in  
Mandarin Chinese  
and English.

I enjoy traveling, drawing, singing, listening to music and playing board games.

I worked at the Twin Cities Chinese Language School from 2009 to 2017, serving as a Chinese teacher from 2009 to 2011 and as the principal from 2011 to 2017. I also worked in District 833 from 2009 to 2025, including eleven years as a Chinese teacher, two years as an instructional coach, and one year as an AVID teacher.

I was born and grew up in Taichung, Taiwan. I came to the United States for graduate school and attended the University of Iowa. Later, I moved to the Twin Cities. I am married and have two boys.



## Teacher

# Yi-Fen Kuan

## 關老師

## Yi-Fen Kuan 關逸芬 Teaching Philosophy

我從事中文教學15年，始終希望學生能在學習中文語言與文化的過程中感受到樂趣與成就感。我的課程風格有趣活潑，強調以學生為中心，希望能符合學生不同的需求，引領學生主動地創造自己的學習過程，而不是被動地接收老師提供的訊息。我的教育背景是從心理輔導開始，後來因緣際會投入中文教學後，進一步取得了「中文為第二語言」的學位與教師資格，在公立學校也會擔任教學教練的工作，這樣的經驗更加強了我的教學理念，學生才是自己學習的主導者，老師領進門，修行絕對是靠學生自己。

I have been teaching Chinese for 15 years and have always hoped that students can find joy and a sense of accomplishment in the process of learning the Chinese language and culture.

My teaching style is engaging and interactive, with a strong emphasis on student-centered learning. I aim to meet the diverse needs of learners and to guide them in actively shaping their own learning journey, rather than passively receiving information from the teacher.

My educational background began in psychology and counseling. Later, I transitioned into teaching Chinese and went on to earn a degree in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language along with a state-issued teaching license. I have also worked as an instructional coach in public schools. These experiences have further strengthened my teaching philosophy: **students are the true drivers of their own learning.** As the saying goes, **“A teacher opens the door, but it is the student who must walk through it.”**

# Teacher: Samuel Miller 慕老師

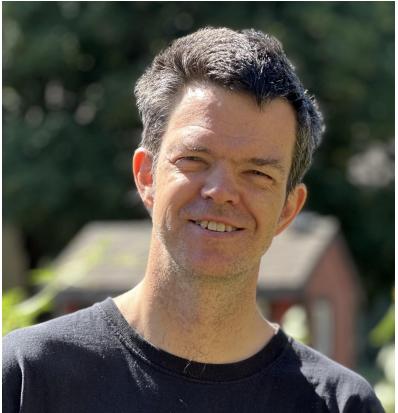


I speak English and Mandarin.

I enjoy playing ball sports, such as baseball, basketball and volleyball.

I am studying Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at the U of M.

I was born and raised in Minnesota and then after college moved to Taiwan. I lived there for 20 years before moving back here several years ago.



**Teacher  
Samuel Miller**  
**慕老師**

慕老師 Mu LaoShi

**教學方向/理念 Teaching Philosophy**

We all come from different backgrounds and have different experiences, and each of us brings something to the table in our language class. As we learn together and from each other, we will be enriched to an even greater extent. I will do my best to ensure that everyone is engaged and has a chance to participate.

我們都從不同背景來到課堂上，而每一位都有寶貴的經驗可以分享。當我們一起從彼此的生命學習，我們得到加倍的收穫。我會盡力幫助每位學生融入以及參與課程中的每一個活動。

**課程特色 Class Highlights**

As an adult learner of Mandarin myself, I have been where my students are. I know the special challenges that native English speakers face in learning this language and can share with them my own experience.

我本身是長大才學中文的人，所以我過去跟我學生是一樣的景況。我明白英文母語學中文人的困難點，也能親自分享我克服的經歷。

# Teaching Assistant: Joey Yong 楊助教



I speak Mandarin, Cantonese, English, a bit of Spanish!

I enjoy reading, running, listening to music!

I have volunteered as a teaching assistant for kids K-5 for over half a decade!

I was born and raised in Flushing, NYC a predominantly mandarin-speaking immigrant town. I moved to Minnesota in the 6th grade and ended up really missing the Chinese culture I had in NYC! I hope to be able to share my experiences and continue to learn the Chinese culture that MN has to offer as a TA!

# Teaching Assistant (TA): Joli Lacy 雷助教



I speak English and Mandarin Chinese.

I enjoy walking my dogs, playing tennis, thrifting, and working out.

I am a Senior Merchandise Specialist at Target Corporation.

I was adopted from China when I was three and began studying Chinese at Yinghua Academy. I continued my Chinese studies in high school and at the University of Minnesota, where I participated in the Chinese Flagship Program. Most recently, I was awarded the Boren Scholarship to study Chinese at the Defense Language Institute.



## Teaching Assistant (TA)

**Joli Lacy**  
**雷麗麗**

### Joli Lacy 雷麗麗 教學方向/理念 Teaching Philosophy

My teaching philosophy is centered around empathy and joy, as learning Mandarin can be both challenging and deeply rewarding. I hope to emulate my previous Mandarin teachers who made Chinese enjoyable in the classroom and inspired me to continue practicing the language beyond it. I am excited to work with students to help them learn and deepen their understanding of the language and culture.

我的教學理念是以同理心和快樂為核心，因為學習中文既充滿挑戰，也能帶來豐厚的回報。我希望效仿我以前的中文老師，他們讓課堂上的學習充滿樂趣，並激勵我在課堂之外繼續練習中文。我很高興能夠與學生一起學習，幫助他們加深對中文語言和文化的理解。

# Teaching Assistant (TA): Yiting Wang 汪助教



I am a native Mandarin speaker. I also speak Taiwanese and English.

I enjoy exploring state and national parks, traveling places, and trying a variety of foods.

I studied Chinese Literature in college in Taiwan and I went to the University of Minnesota for my education credential.

I was born and raised in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

I've been teaching Mandarin since my years in my college and I love it.

I start my day with coffee or tea.

I support my husband in learning Mandarin!

I have two lovely cats.



## Teaching Assistant (TA)

**Yiting Wang**  
**汪助教**

### Yiting Wang 汪宜葶 教學方向/理念 Teaching Philosophy

Throughout my life, I have been deeply passionate about the Chinese language and culture. Since college, I have dedicated both my professional and personal time to this pursuit. I find great joy in sharing Chinese language and culture with others, and I believe learning is most meaningful when it is rooted in connection, curiosity, and mutual respect. I look forward to a year of learning, growing, and working together as a community.

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中文語言與文化一直是我學習與教學的核心。自大學起，我學習專業能力，並將個人熱情轉化為教學動力。我相信學習是一段持續成長的歷程，透過建立關係、鼓勵探索與尊重多元文化，學生能發展自信與深度理解。我期待在新的一年裡，與你一同學習、成長與合作。