

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLTA Annual Meeting An Important Announcement

The CLTA Program Committee is about to send out notices of the acceptance and rejection of proposals for the CLTA Annual Meeting in November. ACTFL has asked all of its affiliated organizations to follow a uniform notification procedure, and the CLTA notices are being sent from the ACTFL website. The notice will list the sender as

"DO NOT REPLY@allacademic.com"

The message line will say "CLTA 2007 Annual Meeting."

Please be on the look out, if you submitted a proposal to the CLTA program committee! Thank you.

Claudia Ross, Program Chair

A New Empirical Research Workshop for CLTA Members in November 2007

Finding Research Topics and Designing Empirical Studies on CFL

The Jiede Committee is pleased to offer a brand new workshop by Professor Sharon Xiaohong Wen during the ACTFL/CLTA Annual Meeting in San Antonio this year. To meet the increasing need of our CLTA members who are interested in empirical research but do not have specific ideas where to start with, this workshop is designed to help participants, particularly junior faculty members who will

be up for tenure review, engage in meaningful and feasible research on Teaching/Learning Chinese as a Foreign Language (CFL). The workshop will first review research studies conducted in teaching or learning Chinese as a foreign language in the United States. Drawing upon the findings of previous studies, potential topics will be identified and discussed. Feasibility and requirements of prospective projects will be analyzed. Considerations and concerns on designing the study, collecting data, and carrying out the project will be examined. Participants are encouraged to share their current research topics, and discuss their approaches in conducting their studies. This is hands-on experience, a time and a place to exchange our thoughts and viewpoints on research in learning and teaching Chinese as a foreign language.

At present, we would like to get a sense of how well this endeavor will be received by the CLTA membership. If you are interested in this workshop, please contact Professor Sharon Xiaohong Wen (xwen@uh.edu) as soon as possible. There is a charge for \$50 per person to cover the organizational expenses. We will update the information periodically in the CLTA Newsletter and through e-mail.

CET Academic Programs announces its summer 2007 Chinese Language Teacher Training Workshop

This is a five-day workshop for instructors of Chinese at all levels.

Lectures, demonstrations and practice teaching sessions will emphasize interactive and *in situ* teaching methods. Topics covered include: