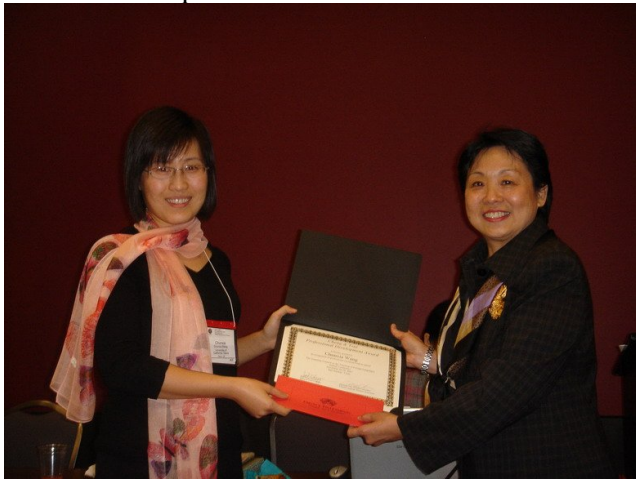


of California at Davis. Zhang won the Award for her project of “Written Chinese (shumianyu): A Sequential Approach to Build Learners’ Comprehension”, and Wang took the award for her research on “PowerPoint-facilitated classroom Chinese teaching: Five design principles.” Jill Cheng of the Cheng and Tsui Company was on hand to present the awards to the two winners.



Chunxia Wang receives the Cheng & Tsui Professional Development Award from Jill Cheng



Yongfang Zhang receives the Cheng & Tsui Professional Development Award from Jill Cheng

(Reported by Chengzhi Chu for the Awards Committee)

Winner of the 2007 Jiede Empirical Research

The winner of the 2007 Jiede Empirical Research Grant is Ms. Sun-A Kim, doctoral student from the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The title of her research project is “Developmental Stages in Reading Chinese Characters as a Second Language”. (*Cui Songren*)

**Chicago Suburban Chinese Teachers Association
Second SWAP Shop**

Chicago Suburban Chinese Teachers Association hosted the second SWAP Shop in this semester on December 1, 2007 at New Trier Township High School at Northfield. About 20 teachers participated in the SWAP Shop. They are from Chicago suburban or urban public and private Schools or from Wisconsin or the teachers still in the training programs or some university teachers or administrators. The teachers shared their lesson plans and the methodology that they applied in delivering a lesson, such as TPR, pictures, authentic materials and task-based activities etc. Some teachers shared ideas and experience of how to build a good Chinese program and some software which assists their teaching. Those teachers who attended ACTFL at San Antonio also shared their thoughts.

The presenters or speakers are:

Sara Bosa, Aaron Bray, Janet Jianhong Wang, Di Li, Marlene Ren, Shau Ying Chieng, Meredith Haihong Shi, Dr. Yvonne Lau, Julia Kessel and Min-I Lee.

(*Meredith Haihong Shi*, President of Chicago Suburban Chinese Teachers' Association (CSCTA).

2007 PSLC Chinese LearnLab Symposium successfully held at Carnegie Mellon University

The 2007 Pittsburgh Science of Learning Center (PSLC, <http://learnlab.org>, supported by NSF) Chinese LearnLab Symposium, organized by Professor Sue-mei Wu, was successfully held at Carnegie Mellon University on October 19, 2007. There were over 70 people from 28 different schools in attendance. The attendees came from 7 different states: Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Oklahoma. It was great for the Chinese instructors to