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Meet Our Keynote Speakers

**Dr. Hua-Hua Chang** is a Professor in Education, Psychology, and Statistics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), U.S.A. His research interests include large scale assessment, Item Response Theory, Computerized Adaptive Testing, Test Equity, and Cognitive Diagnosis. Recently, his work has been concentrated on developing item selection methods for large scale implementation of web-based assessment. Dr. Chang has given many psychometric workshops in Australia, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, The Netherlands, and the U.S. He was awarded several times as *Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students* at UIUC. Dr. Chang has won a number of awards since 2005, including Fulbright Senior Specialist Award, the 2008 National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) Annual Award, and the 2011 AERA-Division D’s Award for Significant Contribution to Educational Measurement and Research Methodology. He was elected Fellow of AERA in 2010, and President of the Psychometric Society (2012-2013). Most recently, he has become the Editor in Chief of the *Applied Psychological Measurement*.

**Dr. Xitao Fan** is the Chair Professor & Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Macau, Macao, China. He is an AERA Fellow of 2012. Prior to his current appointment, he was associate, full, and endowed chair professor (Curry Memorial Professor of Education) in the Curry School of Education, University of Virginia, U.S.A. (2000-2011), and assistant/associate professor at the Utah State University, U.S.A. (1993-2000). He holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Texas A&M University, U.S.A. (1993). His teaching and research interests include quantitative methods, reliability and validity issues in measurement, and meta-analytic studies. He has conducted numerous methodological and substantive studies involving large-scale longitudinal databases, studies about reliability and validity issues in measurement, studies on multivariate techniques in general and structural equation modeling, growth modeling, and mixture modeling in particular. He served as associate editor (2000-2004) and editor (2004-2010) of *Educational and Psychological Measurement (EPM)* published by SAGE Publications. He has been involved in numerous grants funded by US federal agencies (e.g., NSF, IES, NIH).
Meet Our Editors

Dr. Kwok Keung Ho received his education in Hong Kong, U.S.A., and Canada. He is the editor of the New Horizons in Education since 1994, editorial member of two international journals, and a board member of two high schools and Christian organizations in Hong Kong. He was a high school teacher (1970-1981) and principal (1981-1994), and a visiting scholar to U.K., U.S.A., and Australia. He becomes a tertiary educator since 1994, served in four universities. He is now a research fellow of Lingnan University in Hong Kong. He has experience in consultancy work with schools and different departments of the Government and universities. He has more than 200 publications, including books and reports, book chapters, journal, magazine, and newspaper articles, and has been an editor of numerous books and journals. He has been invited to speak in conferences and churches. His major areas of interest are medium of instruction, research, creativity, policy, curriculum, assessment, and religious education.

Dr. Binbin Jiang is professor in Educational Leadership at Kennesaw State University. She currently serves as the Editor-In-Chief for the New Waves –Educational Research and Development Journal, the Journal for the Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association. She was educated in both China and the United States and has engaged in postsecondary teaching and educational administration in both countries over the past 25 years. Her research and publications are in the areas of effective teaching and leadership in relationship to multicultural education, international education, professional development in cross-cultural contexts, and teaching English as a second or foreign language. Dr. Jiang has published extensively in journals and books and received various awards for her scholarship. Her recent publication is the co-authored book, Transforming America: Cultural Cohesion, Educational Achievement and Global Competitiveness (Peter Lang, 2011).
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Dr. Kwok-Tung Tsui is an Associate Professor in Curriculum and Instruction and Associate Dean of Faculty of Education Studies at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. He is the Editor of the Journal of Quality School Education, the Journal for the Hong Kong Primary Education Research Association. Dr. Tsui was a secondary school teacher and special school teacher in his early career and has engaged in teacher education since 1982. His teaching and research interests include curriculum leadership, teacher leadership, teacher effectiveness and professional development. He had been appointed by the World Bank to be an International Consultant of the School Education Quality Assurance Program in Vietnam in 2008-09 and a nation-wide Primary Teacher Project in Vietnam in 2000. His recent research is a large-scale survey on Curriculum Leadership and Management in Primary Schools contracted by the Education Bureau of the Hong Kong Government.
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### Concurrent Session

**Junior Ballroom A**

**Teaching and Learning Languages**

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(Puay Kian Tan, Rui Bai, [ptan615@gmail.com](mailto:ptan615@gmail.com), United World College of South East Asia, Singapore)

2. **Acculturation and Heritage Language Maintenance of Chinese American**  
(Grace Huey-Yuh Lin, [graceylin@hotmail.com](mailto:graceylin@hotmail.com), Elon University, USA)

3. **Chinese Character Learning Strategies and Character Learning Performance**  
(Ko-Yin Sung, [ksung124@yahoo.com](mailto:ksung124@yahoo.com), Utah State University, USA)

Facilitator: Puay Kian Tan, United World College of South East Asia, Singapore

### Concurrent Session

**Junior Ballroom B**

**Teaching and Learning Languages**

1. **Effect of Direct Vocabulary Instruction on Reading Comprehension**  
(Mary Horn, Jay Feng, [feng_j@mercer.edu](mailto:feng_j@mercer.edu), Mercer University, USA)

2. **Inquiry on the Improvement of Less Commonly Taught Language Education in U.S. Colleges**  
(Amani Zaier, [amani.zaier@ttu.edu](mailto:amani.zaier@ttu.edu), Texas Tech University, USA)

3. **Learning English at College: Challenges and Opportunities for Chinese Immigrant Students in Academic Settings**  
(Lurong Wang, [lurong.wang@utoronto.ca](mailto:lurong.wang@utoronto.ca), University of Toronto, Canada)

Facilitator: Yi-Lung Kuo, Johns Hopkins University, USA
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| | 2. *Effect of Ability Grouping on Coping Strategies and Self-esteem of Hong Kong Primary School Children*  
(Fung Ying Angela Siu, Chi Shing Tse, afysiu@cuhk.edu.hk, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong) |
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(Derek Cheung, spcheung@cuhk.edu.hk, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong) |
| | 3. *Exploring Ways of Engaging Pre-Service Teachers in Online Collaborative Knowledge Construction*  
(Fei Gao, gaofei9@gmail.com, Bowling Green State University, USA) |
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2. *Pedagogy of Arts-Based Research: Dancing for Learning and Teaching*  
(Xiaoxia Che, Rosa Hong Chen, hrchen@sfu.ca, Sichuan Provincial Arts Research Institute, China)  
3. *Strategy-based Instruction: Teaching Writing Strategies in Singapore Primary Schools*  
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| 9:50am – 10:50am | Keynote Session                              | **Asian Institutions’ Quest for “World-Class” Status: Career Opportunities and Challenges in the Greater China Region and Asia**  
Dr. Xitao Fan, xtfan@umac.mo  
University of Macau, Macao, China |
| 10:50am – 11:00am | Break                                        |                                                                         |
| 11:00am – 12:00pm | Panel Session                                | **The Past, Current, & Future Directions of CAERDA**  
Panel Facilitator:  
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University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA  
Panel Speakers:  
Dr. Kit-Tai Hau, kthau@cuhk.edu.hk  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Rhoda Lowinger, rlowinge@mail.nysed.gov  
New York State Education Department, USA  
Dr. Aubrey Wang, awang@sju.edu  
Saint Joseph’s University, USA |
| 12:00pm – 12:20pm | Closing Remarks                              | Rui Bai, Vice President & Conference Chair, CAERDA, bairui@ntu.edu.sg  
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore |
| 12:30pm – 2:00pm  | CAERDA Board Meeting                         |                                                                         |