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### *Message from the CAERDA President Dr. Duc-Le To*

Dear CAERDA members,

I hope all of you had a pleasant summer. In late September, you all received an e-mail message from the CAERDA Board making two important announcements. First, the Board announced the Call for Proposals for the 2008 CAERDA Conference, which will be held in New York City on March 23-24, 2008. You can find out more about the conference from this newsletter and the CAERDA website ([www.caerda.org](http://www.caerda.org)). Second, the Board regretfully announced that it had accepted Dr. Leigh Wang's resignation and her departure from the presidency. The Board understands this was a hard decision for Leigh and wishes her the best. Leigh did an excellent job in organizing the 2007 CAERDA Conference in Chicago last April ensuring that it was a very successful conference with prominent speakers and high-quality presentations. Leigh is currently co-editing the first book for the CAERDA Book Series with Dr. Quofang Li of Michigan State University.

The Board also thanks two outgoing Board members, Dr. Wu-Tien Wu and Dr. Ji-Mei Chang, who have completed their terms. The Board has also approved Ji-Mei's retirement from her two other positions (positions of controller and advisor). Both Wu-Tien and Ji-Mei are CAERDA lifetime members, who have made many contributions over years and will continue to give their support to the Association. The Board thanks Wu-Tien and Ji-Mei for their contributions and leadership and wishes them good luck.

The Board appointed Dr. Rhoda Lowinger of the New York State Education Department as an advisor to CAERDA for a three-year term (2007-2010). Rhoda will join the other seven current CAERDA Advisors: Shwu-Yong L. Huang (National Taiwan University), Chi-en Hwang (Cedarville University), Samuel Peng (National Taiwan Normal University), Jianping Shen (Western Michigan University), Fang Wu (Howard University), Steve Yuen (University of Southern Mississippi), and Yong Zhao (Michigan State University).

To ensure a smooth transition in leadership, the board elected me as the new President and Dr. Chuang Wang as the new Vice President and the 2008 Conference Chair. With great honor, I accepted the Board's appointment to serve as the new President. My first priority is to work with our new conference chair to organize a successful, high-quality, and well-attended 2008 CAERDA Conference in New York City. I will need your support to achieve the goal. So, please submit proposals and help distribute the conference announcement and call for proposals to your colleagues and friends. Please also volunteer as a reviewer, chair, discussant, and/or a site helper. Most important of all, to participate and attend the conference.

In keeping with CAERDA's mission of promoting excellence in education for Chinese and Chinese American students and researchers, for the next few years, we will focus our efforts on several fronts:

1. Outreach. Increasing our presence in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the U.S. by systematically reaching out to other associations.
2. Service. Expanding our services to our members by incorporating informational workshops at our conferences and by developing an academic recognition program for our members.
3. Quality. Improving the quality of our conference and publication through systematic outreach to relevant organizations, increasing the pool of keynote speakers, and publish a post-conference edited book on the conference theme. Thanks to Dr. Jinfa Cai (CAERDA Book Series editor) and Dr. Leigh Wang and Dr. Guofang Li (the first book's co-editors), our first book on model minority is in process and scheduled to be published by Information Age Press next year.

To address these issues and carrying out the related activities, we need support from not only our members but also other individuals and organizations. In addition to human resources we also need financial support. There are many ways that you can help as an individual or an organization. You can join CAERDA as a member, make donations, or volunteer your time to work with us on these issues. Please let me know which issue(s) you would be interested in working on and the best way to contact you.

Best regards,  
Duc-Le To



*Message from the 2007-2010 CAERDA Vice President &  
Conference Chair: Dr. Chuang Wang*

Dear CAERDA members,

I am very pleased to share with you that our next annual conference is to be held in New York City on March 23 & 24 of 2008. The major theme of this conference is "East meets west: The role of Chinese culture and language in global education." Please refer to the Call for Proposal (CFP) in this newsletter for details of submission guidelines. As usual, we also welcome all papers that are not closely related to the major theme but would be of practical importance to the understanding and improvement of education in general. To make it convenient for our members, we scheduled our conference in the same location as the annual conference of American Educational Research Association (AERA) and a day earlier and together with AERA. For people who do not work or live in the United State, our conference acceptance letter is valid for the U. S. consulate to issue visiting visa. You may also apply for travel fund in your own institution to attend this conference. Please also be aware that all types of proposals (individual papers, symposiums, posters) are welcome. The deadline for submission is November 19, 2007.

You can submit your proposal online through the Online Proposal Submission System (<http://dragon.ep.usm.edu/~caerda/2008confproposal.htm>). I would also appreciate if you could consider coming to our traditional networking in a natural setting of a dinner at New York City. No matter if you are able to join us this year or not, would you please pass on the conference announcement and CFP to your colleagues and students? I really appreciate your contribution, in whatever form, to the enhancement of the connection between Chinese scholars in general and the development of our association in particular.



## 2008 Conference Announcement & Call for Proposals

### Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association

2008 CAERDA International Conference

March 23-24, 2008

New York City, New York, U.S.A.

Conference Theme

***East Meets West: The Role of Chinese Culture and Language in Global Education***

### CALLS FOR PAPERS

Submission Deadline: November 19, 2007

The Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association (CAERDA) warmly extends the invitation to solicit proposals for presentations at its 2008 International Conference on March 23-24, 2008 in New York City, U.S.A. This annual event, held in conjunction with the American Educational Research Association (AERA), provides an exciting opportunity for educators, researchers, and policy makers from around the world to engage in scholarly exchange and invigorating dialogue on issues related to educational excellence and equity, particularly among Chinese and Chinese Americans.

The theme for the 2008 CAERDA Conference is "***East Meets West: The Role of Chinese Culture and Language in Global Education.***" In the United States, the Asian and Pacific Islander population is projected to grow 213 percent, from 10.7 million to 33.4 million, in the next 50 years. As the largest Asian subgroup, the Chinese population has also grown rapidly. There are more Chinese immigrant children in American schools today than a decade ago. Furthermore, with its tremendous economic growth, China has emerged as one of the leading economies in the world. American educators and educators around the world are starting to realize the urgent needs for learning Chinese culture and language, not just to understand better Chinese people and students but also to possess a functional proficiency of the Chinese language in order to be competitive in a global economy. Within this broad conference theme, we are particularly interested in research in the following sub-theme areas:

**Sub-theme 1:** Teaching and learning of Chinese language in the U.S. and other non-Chinese-speaking nations, particularly in elementary and public schools, colleges, and universities;

**Sub-theme 2:** Experiences of children of Chinese immigrant families in learning and adapting to education and school systems in the U.S. and other non-Chinese-speaking nations;

**Sub-theme 3:** Comparative studies of teaching and learning experiences of Chinese and non-Chinese students in various academic subjects under the influence of cultures and languages. We also welcome research on these topics with not only Chinese languages and cultures but also other Asian cultures and languages.

Finally, in keeping with the CAERDA conference tradition, we welcome studies on other areas of research and practice that may not directly relate to the conference theme but contribute to the understanding of important educational issues in the twenty-first century.

For more information on the Conference Call, please visit the CAERDA website (<http://www.CAERDA.org>) or the direct Conference site (<http://www.caerda.org/conference.htm>). The Online Proposal Submission System (<http://dragon.ep.usm.edu/~caerda/2008confproposal.htm>) is now open until November 19, 2007. Please direct your questions concerning the conference to Dr. Chuang Wang, Vice President and the Conference Chair ([cwang15@uncc.edu](mailto:cwang15@uncc.edu)).

We look forward to receiving your proposals and seeing you at the Conference in New York City.

Cordially,

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Chuang Wang, CAERDA Vice President and Conference Chair ([cwang15@uncc.edu](mailto:cwang15@uncc.edu))



## CAERDA Dissertation Award Announcement

### Call for nomination of the CAERDA Dissertation Award

The CAERDA provides a Dissertation Award for Chinese and Chinese Americans who have completed a quality dissertation on education or anyone who has completed a quality dissertation related to the education and teaching of Chinese all over the world.

Each nomination must be submitted with related information by at least two CAERDA members by December 31 of each year. The nomination package must include a nomination letter, an abstract and a copy of the full dissertation, and an endorsement letter from one member of the dissertation committee.

The CAERDA Awards Committee is responsible for processing the applications and for notifying the nominees, the President, and Conference Chair, of the final decision. It will present the award at a plenary session at the association's annual conference.

The recipients will receive a plaque commemorating the award and be allocated an appropriate amount of time to present the work or deliver an acceptance speech at the CAERDA conference. The upcoming conference is scheduled on March 23-24, 2008, in New York City.

For correspondence, please contact Dr. Shwu-yong L. Huang, Chair of the Awards Committee at the Center for Teacher Education, National Taiwan University, No. 1, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei 106 Taiwan. E-mail address: [syliou@ntu.edu.tw](mailto:syliou@ntu.edu.tw).

Thank you very much for your interest.

The Awards Committee



## CAERDA Launches a Book Series

The CAERDA has voted to launch a book series. The purpose of this book series is to promote excellence and equity for all, with research and educational implications from studies on Chinese and Asian American education or studies by Chinese and Chinese American scholars and practitioners. The book series is linked to (but not limited to) the annual theme of the Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association (CAERDA) annual International Conference with contributing authors serving as keynote speakers, invited panelists, and paper presenters.

As such, each book in the Series has a focused theme with multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives structured in an integrated framework. The book series shall provide current and insightful information for educational researchers, school administrators, policy makers, and practitioners to achieve excellence for Asian American education and general education for all. With the international scope of the authorship and issues addressed, the series is directed at an international audience. However, in the era of globalization, we expect a book series on international issues to have domestic appeal as well in the United States.

The CAERDA appointed Professor Jinfa Cai of the University of Delaware to serve as the Editor-in-Chief. We have a distinctive group of Advisory Board Members:

Kit-Tai Hau, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
John Hawkins, UCLA  
Ruth Hayhoe, University of Toronto  
Alan Schoenfeld, UC-Berkley  
Jianping Shen, Western Michigan University  
Catherine Snow, Harvard University  
Kenneth Wong, Brown University

Information Age Publisher, Inc. will publish the book series. The first book, *Model Minority Myths Revisited: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Demystifying Asian American Education Experience*, edited by Guofang Li and Lihshing Wang, is to be published in 2008.

If you are interested in submitting a book proposal for consideration, please complete the Book Proposal Form and send it to Dr. Jinfa Cai at [jcai@udel.edu](mailto:jcai@udel.edu).



## Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed your membership for 2008, please do it now!

Here is what to do: Download the membership application/renewal form from our membership website: <http://www.caerda.org/membership.htm>. Fill it out and send the completed form along with a check for the annual membership fee to the following address: **CAERDA, P. O. Box 612, Ardmore, PA 19003-9998**. If you have problems with downloading the form or any questions concerning your membership, please contact: **duc-le.to@ed.gov**. When you fill out the form, please make sure that the e-mail address and mailing address on the form are correct.

Thank you for your support for CAERDA. The Association will not be able to survive without your support.



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