

Chinese Language Teachers Association Washington

华州中文教师学会

## Task-based Instructional Activities to Maximize Language Learning with Authentic Material and Reading Aloud

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**Co-sponsors:** Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA)  
University of Puget Sound  
Washington Association for Language Teaching (WAFLT)

**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 9:00am – 4:00pm  
**Location:** Tahoma Room, Commencement Hall, University of Puget Sound  
**Cost:** Free for CLTA-WA members; \$20.00 for non-members  
(CLTA-WA annual membership fee: \$30.00 for 7/1/2015—6/30/2016)

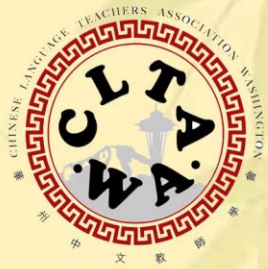
**Registration:** <https://goo.gl/7Sruha>

Refreshments will be provided. Participants are advised to bring their own lunch.  
The participants who attend the workshop *in its entirety* will receive 6 clock hours from WAFLT. No partial clock-hours will be given.

### **Workshop Program:**

**Three focus areas, each with theory and exemplars plus group work and presentation components.**

9:00 -11:00 Using authentic materials for learners at different levels  
10:30 -12:00 Developing literacy through extensive reading  
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch  
1:00 – 1:50 Developing literacy through extensive reading, Continued  
2:00 – 4:00 Task-based instruction: Theory and a language-learning experience



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## *About Dr. Cynthia Ning:*



**Cynthia Ning** is Associate Director of the University of Hawaii's Center for Chinese Studies, US director of its Confucius Institute, and author of the innovative textbooks *Encounters: Chinese Language & Culture Books 1-4 (2011-current)* and *Communicating in Chinese* (Yale, 1993).

Dr. Cynthia Ning frequently presents or conducts workshops both nationally and internationally on standards- and task-based language education, and the combination of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills with language learning. In her approach, she stresses the experience of the learner, and often puts trainees in the position of the learner by experimenting with languages such as Hindi and Mandinka.

Ning's professional credentials are significantly rich. They include President and Executive Director of CLTA, USA, President of Chinese Language Education Association, Hawaii, and Hawaii Association of Language Teachers. Since 2008 she has been director and principal investigator for the STARTALK Chinese summer teacher training workshop and student camp.

Cynthia Ning holds a PhD in Chinese literature from the U of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI.