

## Chinese Language Education in Texas: Present and Future

### A Panel Discussion by Texas Experts on Language Education

Sponsored by

**CLTA-Texas and Rice Asian Studies**

Time: 5-7:00 pm, Thursday, October 25, 2007

Place: Keck 102, Rice University

Moderator: Meng Yeh

Estimated number of participants: 50-60

The intended audience includes K-16 Chinese language educators, Texas school district administrators and local community supporters. The purpose of the panel is to initiate a policy-oriented conversation among these three groups. Rice will 'webcast' at <http://webcast.rice.edu/> and archive the discussion online for those who are unable to attend.

### Panel of Experts

(Each panelist will present for approximately 25 minutes; ample time for audience question and answer will follow the presentations)

#### **Maria Trevino**

##### **Director of Language Other than English (LOTE), Texas Education Agency**

Ms. Trevino will discuss the current status of Texas foreign language curriculum K-12, Chinese teacher certificates and requirements, and proposals made to establish a K-12 Chinese program in Texas.

#### **Greta Lundgaard**

##### **LOTE Coordinator, Plano Independent School District**

Ms. Lundgaard will discuss the successes and challenges of the Chinese programs in Plano Independent School District, established in 2004. Plano ISD was awarded a Foreign Language Assistance Program Grant (FLAP) to develop the Chinese language program fully in October 2006.

#### **Rebecca Sharp**

##### **Program Coordinator, Institute for Chinese Language Teaching**

##### **Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, Rice University**

Ms. Sharp will discuss the goals of the Institute for Chinese Language Teaching at Rice University, funded by a grant from the Freeman Foundation, and the specifics of the Rice program that leads to certification. She will also discuss the individual courses and community collaborations involved.

### Direction and Map

Keck Hall is the building #35 on the Rice map:<http://www.rice.edu/maps/colormap.pdf>

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