

National
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For
Asian Languages
Newsletter



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From the Director

The National Resource Center for Asian Languages, at California State University, Fullerton, is one of 16 Language Resource Centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide resources for teaching and learning of commonly less taught languages in the nation.

With the focus on less commonly taught languages, NRCAL aspires to:

- 1) research on dual language immersion, including the integration of technology
- 2) develop and disseminate resources and teaching materials to dual immersion and foreign language teachers in K-16 settings;
- 3) provide professional development opportunities for teachers that focus on effective teaching strategies, assessment, and educational technology;
- 4) develop, verify, and disseminate assessment tools and practices; and
- 5) operate intensive summer language institutes for pre-service and in-service teachers and employees and owners of local businesses.

We look forward to working with various university, school, and community partners to improve the quality of education for all students in the years to come!

Natalie Tran, Ph.D.

*Director of National Resource Center for Asian Languages
Associate Professor of Educational Leadership*





Vietnamese English
Dual Language
Immersion Classroom

White Center Heights
Elementary
Seattle, Washington

About the National Resource Center for Asian Languages

The National Resource Center for Asian Languages (NRCAL) was designed to improve the nation's capacity for the teaching and learning of Asian languages including Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, and Japanese. California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) has made a strong commitment to supporting less commonly taught languages, serving diverse student populations, expanding research on second language acquisition, and enhancing teaching and learning. NRCAL's main focus is to improve the teaching, learning, and research of Asian languages in the United States by drawing on the expertise of Asian language scholars, educators, and community stakeholders.

Center Leaders

Director:

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Chuc-Van Bui, *Instructor, University of California, Los Angeles, California State University, Long Beach*

Professional Development Calendar

Feb. 3-5 (Tuesday – Thursday)
Apr. 14-16 (Tuesday – Thursday)
July 20-24 (Monday – Friday)

Location:
Professional Activities Center
Pollak Library North 4th Floor

Cal State Fullerton
800 N. State College
Fullerton CA 92831

Photo: White Center Heights Elem., Seattle WA



Professional Development

- Training teachers to develop innovative instructional materials, effective pedagogies, and appropriate assessment tools will heighten students' interest in learning multiple languages, thus preparing students to become competitive members of a multicultural global economy.
- Professional development sessions for are held per year with 3-day pull-out sessions during the academic year, and one intensive 5-day Summer Institute session, all strategically designed to provide teachers with on-going support.

Benefits:

- Receive training from content and teaching experts
- Network with educators teaching Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, and Japanese languages

For More Information or to contribute:

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February Professional Development

Date: February 3 – 5, 2015

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (7:30 am check in)

Location: California State University, Fullerton
Professional Activity Center,
Pollak Library North-4th floor (PLN-403)

Content:

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Assessment

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NRCAL will be supported and evaluated by an advisory board, which will consist of members of CSUF faculty and administration, P-12-district administration, and community stakeholders. The Advisory Board members will meet to provide updates on NRCAL's activities and seek guidance to advance the Center's work. Members of the Advisory Board include:

Claire Cavallaro, *Dean of College of Education*

Sheryl Fontaine, *Dean of College of Humanities and Social Science*

Marian Kim Phelps, *Superintendent of Westminster School District*

Kelly McAmis, *Assistant Superintendent of Garden Grove Unified School District*

Benard Koontz, *Language Learning Director of Highline Public Schools*

Cynthia Petitt, *Coordinator of Multilingual and English Learner Services, Anaheim Union High School District*

Jan Gustafson Corea, *CEO of California Association for Bilingual Education*

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