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## The Confucius Institute of The State of Washington

Supporting Chinese language education and  
Chinese culture understanding in the state of Washington

**Spring Program, 2024**

### Events

- **CIWA Higher Education Partner Workshop**
- **Chinese Proficiency Competition for College Students**
- **Panel Discussion: 50,000 Visits to A Better Future**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

Room 133, Anderson University Center  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Tacoma, WA 98447

**1:00 Reception**

**1-1:15 Opening Remarks**

Prof. Paul Manfredi, Chair of Chinese Studies & Director, CIWA, PLU.

**1:15-2:00 Work Lunch**

**2:00-3:15 CIWA Higher Education Partner Workshop**

**Speakers**

Lin Crowley Faculty, Evergreen State College.  
Hirsh Diamant Faculty, Evergreen State College.  
Julian Wu Professor of Chinese & Study Abroad Advisor,  
Western Washington University.  
Paul Manfredi Prof./Chair of Chinese Studies & CIWA Director, PLU.  
Linda Du Special Programs Manager, Shoreline Community College.

**3:15-3:30 Tea Break**

Chinese Bridge Competition contestants draw for competing order.

**3:30-4:30 Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition**

Master of Ceremony Prof. Yingqi Zheng, CIWA, PLU.  
Honorable Judges Prof. Xi Zhu, Prof. Lili Zhang, and Prof. Fei Ke.  
Guest Speaker Mr. Xiang Mingcan, Education Counselor  
Consulate General, P.R.C. in San Francisco  
(Interpreter: Ms. Lu Haihong).

**4:30-5:00 Tea Break**

**5:00-6:30 Panel Discussion - 50,000 Visits to A Better Future**

**Opening Remarks** Dr. Geoffrey Foy - Associate Provost & CIWA  
Board Chair, PLU.

**Host**

Prof. Paul Manfredi, Chair of Chinese Studies & CIWA Director, PLU.

**Panelists:**

Jeffrey Riedinger Vice Provost Emeritus of Global Affairs, UW.  
Michele Aoki International Education Administrator (Retired).  
Patrick Erwin Director of Educator Pathways, TPS.  
Veronica Trapani-Huebner Associate Director of Content, World Languages, OSPI, WA.  
Xiang Mingcan Education Counselor  
Consulate General, P.R.C in San Francisco  
(Interpreter: Ms. Lu Haihong).

**6:30 Dinner**