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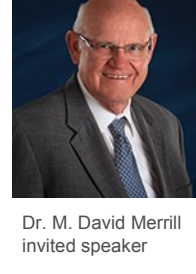
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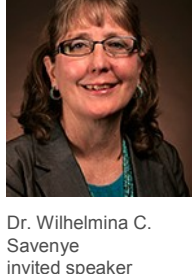
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Four Featured Speakers



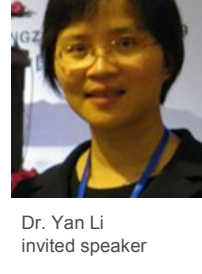
Dr. M. David Merrill
invited speaker



Dr. Wilhelmina C. Savenye
invited speaker



Dr. Jan Herrington
invited speaker



Dr. Yan Li
invited speaker

Dr. M. David Merrill



Dr. M. David Merrill is professor emeritus at Utah State University. Dr. Merrill has been engaged in the study of effective, efficient and engaging instruction for more than 50 years since he started his PhD program at the University of Illinois in 1961. He was honored to receive the AECT Distinguished Service Award 2001 for advancing the field of Instructional Technology through Scholarship, Teaching and Leadership. He received a life time achievement award from the Utah State University College of Education 2010; and he was recognized as an Honored Alumni for the College of Education at BYU 2011. He recently received the ETR&D Distinguished Development Award from AECT.

Dr. Wilhelmina C. Savenye



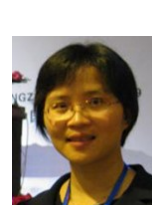
Dr. Wilhelmina (Willi) Savenye is a Professor and Program Leader of the Educational Technology graduate programs at Arizona State University. Previous positions have included: The University of Texas at Austin; San Diego State University, and Nova Southeastern University (summer adjunct). She began her career in instructional media, serving on the staff of what is now Seattle Pacific University, as well as North Seattle and Bellevue Community Colleges, and the Bellevue (WA) School District. For the past few years, she has had the pleasure of working with Texas State University, San Marcos, Instructional Technology staff in leading Technology Integration Summer Workshops for faculty. She earned her MEd and PhD in Educational Technology from ASU, as well as an AA in Media Technology and BA in Anthropology (University of Washington.)

Dr. Jan Herrington



Dr. Jan Herrington is a Professor of Education at Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia. She has been active in the promotion and support of the effective use of educational technologies in learning in schools and universities for over two decades. In this time, she has co-written or edited a range of books, including Authentic learning environments in higher education (with Anthony Herrington) and, most recently, A guide to authentic e-learning (with Thomas C Reeves and Ron Oliver), which was winner of the AECT Outstanding Book of the Year Award in 2010. Jan's current research focuses on authentic learning, the design of effective online learning environments for schools and higher education, and mobile learning.

Dr. Yan Li



Dr. Yan Li received her Ph.D. from the Department of Agricultural Education at Texas A&M University in 2004 and is currently a Professor of Educational Technology at Zhejiang University, China. Her research interests include distance education, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) education, media education, and diffusion of educational innovations. In recent years, she has presided over several national and provincial-level research projects and has published numerous academic papers or books in the area of educational technology. Dr. Li's publications have appeared in journals, such as Computers & Education, British Journal of Educational Technology, Asia Pacific Journal of Education, and Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education. Dr. Li was honored as a "Distinguished Young Scholar" of Zhejiang University in 2011 and a "Distinguished Young Social Scholar of Zhejiang Province" in 2013.

Visa Information

Chinese government issues F visas to those who intend to go to China for exchanges, visits, study tours, and other activities. To apply for an F visa, you need to prepare the basic documents including:

- a passport
- a visa application form
- a photo
- a photocopy of previous Chinese visas; and
- an invitation letter issued by East China Normal University from China.

The invitation letter needs to contain:

- Applicant's personal information (full name, gender, date of birth, etc.)
- Information on the planned visit (purpose of visit, arrival and departure dates, place(s) to be visited, relations between the applicant and the inviting entity or individual, financial source for expenditures)
- Information on the inviting entity or individual (name, contact telephone number, address, official stamp, signature of the legal representative or the inviting individual)

Note: please e-mail your personal information including the following to East China Normal University Ms. Liqiu Li, at lqli@dec.ecnu.edu.cn and copy Dr. Xiaoqing Gu at xqgu@ses.ecnu.edu.cn.

- Name,
- Gender,
- Date of Birth,
- Passport Number,
- Nationality, and
- arrival and departure dates

To those who are not applying for the visa in their own countries of citizenship, you need to also provide the proof of legal stay or residence status in the country where you apply for the visa.

Additional information for American citizens: The People's Republic of China has an Embassy in Washington D.C and five consulates-general in New York, NY; Chicago, IL; San Francisco, CA; Los Angeles, CA; and Houston, TX. To find out which one is for your residence area, please visit <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/zmzljis/t84229.htm>. For more visa information, please visit <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/hrsq/t943861.htm>.

Virtual Event

AECT-LKAOE 2015 Summer International Research Symposium (<http://aect.org/chinasymposium/>) will be accepting proposals for virtual presentations. The call for virtual presentation proposals begins on October 2, 2014 with the deadline for proposal submission on November 30, 2014. The virtual presentations will be held on June 17, 2015, Day One of the Symposium. Considering the time difference, virtual presentation sessions are scheduled from 8:00 PM — 10:00 PM Beijing time. There is a 12-hour difference between Beijing time and Eastern Daylight Time in the United States. Therefore, the virtual presentations will be 8:00 AM — 10:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time on the same date, June 17, 2015 in the United States.

You do not have to present in order to attend the virtual event of the Symposium. All the sessions of the Symposium on both Day One and Day Two will be available to the virtual event. You may register as a virtual attendee and attend those sessions in which you are interested. You may also ask questions to interact with the presenters of the onsite sessions. The registration rates for various packages are posted on the Symposium Website at <http://aect.org/chinasymposium/registration.html>. Registration for the virtual event will start on January 1, 2015. Welcome to the virtual event of AECT-LKAOE 2015 Summer International Research Symposium if you are unable to join us in Shanghai, China.

Please visit <http://www.timeanddate.com/> for time difference between Shanghai (Beijing Time) and your city. The following table is provided for your convenience.

City/Time Zone	Date and Time	City/Time Zone	Date and Time
AKDT, USA	4:30pm, June 15, 2015	London, UK	1:30 am, June 16, 2016
Vancouver, Canada	4:30pm, June 15, 2015	Paris, France	2:30 am, June 16, 2016
PDT, USA	5:30pm, June 15, 2015	Istanbul, Turkey	3:30 am, June 16, 2015
MDT, USA	6:30pm, June 15, 2015	Shanghai, China	8:30am, June 16, 2015
CDT, USA	7:30pm, June 15, 2015	Seoul, South Korea	9:30 am, June 16, 2016
EDT, USA	8:30pm, June 15, 2015	Tokyo, Japan	10:30 am, June 16, 2016
Honolulu, USA	2:30 pm, June 15, 2015	Sydney, Australia	10:30 am, June 16, 2016

Team Member Spotlight: Introducing Mr. Gongyin Mao



Mr. Gongyin Mao, one of our Virtual Event Technology Coordinators, is a staff member for five years at Network and Information Center of East China Normal University, in charge of technologies concerning Web server, Web security, Virtualization, DNS service, video conference and video live broadcast, etc.

Born in Shanghai but raised in Beijing, Gongyin speaks fluent Mandarin with a heavy Beijing accent. Influenced by his father, a historian and a researcher in China, Gongyin loves arts; however, in a society where science and engineering are weighed heavier than arts, Gongyin finally chose to take the major in engineering. He received a Bachelor's degree in Electronic Information Engineering at Beijing University of Post and Telecommunication in 2007 and a Master's degree in Computer Science and Technology at East China Normal University in 2013. Gongyin's hobby is not engineering related. He loves drama, reading, and computer games, especially, *Magic: The Gathering*.

Gongyin has a three-year old son. In his word, his son is better than he is in all aspects. Gongyin's philosophy is: "Learn from others; keep up with others; and never lag behind." Inspired by his philosophy, Gongyin has persistently kept learning. When asked what his goal was, Gongyin said: "It is still a riddle in terms of my ultimate goal, but my near objective is to do my best to support every virtual event I am in charge of." No wonder, he is doing such a wonderful job with preparation for the virtual event of our AECT-LKAOE 2015 Summer International Research Symposium. With his tremendous contribution, we can expect the virtual event of the Symposium to be a great success.

Thank you, Gongyin!

Chinese Traditional Performance on Day One

Invited by the local organizing committee of the Symposium, East China Normal University Arts Performing Team will provide beautiful Chinese traditional performance that reflects Chinese culture to all Symposium attendees. The performance will include Chinese folk songs, Chinese music, Chinese dancing, and more. The performance will be arranged on Day One of the Symposium between 4:25 PM and 6:00 PM before the welcoming reception. You are welcome to join us and enjoy Chinese culture.

