

# COLLOQUIUM BY KAIDI CHEN

THE PEDAGOGY OF PERFORMING ANOTHER CULTURE: “FACT” AND “ACT”

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VENUE: ACADEMIC BUILDING 1079

*The Pedagogy of Performing another Culture: “FACT” and “ACT”*

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\* The event is also a faculty recruitment seminar for Language and Culture Center.

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## ABSTRACT:

My presentation talks about the Performed Culture Approach proposed by Walker and Noda and how it is implemented in the liberal-arts setting like Allegheny College with various versions. This approach claims that culture can be presented as performable elements, and that the knowledge of a language resides in the performance of the culture. Therefore, it emphasizes that students participate in the culture and they do so as well-informed foreigners rather than natives. In my presentation, I will first introduce both cognitive and cultural origins of the Performed Culture Approach. Then I will illustrate its implementation via the distinction of “FACT” and “ACT”. For the first two lessons, I give “FACT” by integrating practices into instructions. Methods such as communicative language teaching and audio-lingual method effectively reinforce instructions. In the third lesson, by creating authentic scenarios I propel students to “ACT” through performances. Students are encouraged to perform taking into consideration place, time, role, script and audience.

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## BIO:

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St. Louis and an M.A. in Chinese Linguistics from the University of Macau. His research interests include Chinese linguistics and literacy, second language acquisition and Chinese language pedagogy.

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Hope to see you all.

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