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**EDUCATION**

**June 2002:** Ph.D. in Child Development and Learning

University College London (UCL), Institute of Education (IOE), United Kingdom

Thesis: “How children’s use of knowledge about the structure of Chinese

characters help them learn novel character”

Award: Short-listed as Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award 2003 by

International Reading Association

**November 1996:** Master of Arts (MA) in Education in Child Development

University College London (UCL), Institute of Education (IOE), United Kingdom

Dissertation: “The Linguistic information of stroke-patterns for young Chinese readers”

**August 1995** Advanced Diploma in Education

University College London (UCL), Institute of Education (IOE), United Kingdom

**June 1994:** Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Chinese Literature (Major); Foreign Languages and Literature

(Minor)

Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

**AREA OF EXPERTISE**

**Child Development** Cognitive and Developmental Psychology, Literacy and Numeracy Development

**Childhood Education**  Learning to read, Working memory and arithmetic achievement, Bilingualism,

Children’s literature

**Mandarin Teaching** Mandarin teaching and learning to foreign students

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (selected list)**

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| **2021-Present** | **Lecturer at Dhurakij Pundint University** |
| Post-graduateLearning and Cognition  Research Methods in Education  Journal Paper Writing and Review |
| **2019-2021**  **2011-2018**  **2005-2009**  **2002-2005** | **Assistant Teacher at Harrow International School, Bangkok**  **Head of Mandarin at Gresham’s School, UK**  **Teacher at Harrow International School, Beijing**  **Assistant Professor at Tzu-Chi University, Taiwan** |
| Undergraduate Child Development  Psychology  Human Development  Children’s Literature  English for Children  Children’s Play |

**PUBLICATION / PROCEEDING (selected list)**

* Tsai, K.-C., Nunes, T., & Barros, R. (in press). The effectiveness of an intervention programme on working memory plus arithmetic knowledge. *DPU International Conference on Business Innovation and Social Sciences, Dhurakij Pundit University, Bangkok, Thailand*.
* Tsai, K.-C. (2020). The role of structure awareness in learning Chinese script.

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