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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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