

[Chinese-American Professors' Association in Connecticut \(CAPA-CT\)](#)

**The Third Interdisciplinary Conference:  
*Transformation in Higher Education***

Time: Saturday, November 11, 2017

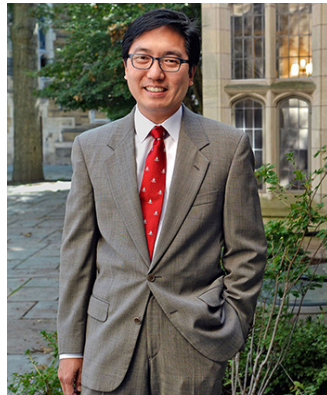
Location: Hall of Graduate Studies (HGS), Yale University  
[320 York St, New Haven, CT 06511](#)

**Morning Sessions**

09:30-10:00 Registration (Online registration is welcome at  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-cap-a-ct-conference-tickets-39307821753?aff=eac2>)

10:00-10:10 Welcome and Introduction – Dr. Xiusheng Yang and Dr. Y. Richard Yang

10:10-10:25 **Opening Address - Dr. Marvin Chun, Yale University.** (Speaker introduction: Dr. Y. Richard Yang)



Dr. Marvin Chun, Dean of Yale College, is the Richard M. Colgate Professor of Psychology and professor of neuroscience at Yale University. ( <https://news.yale.edu/2017/04/27/teacher-and-researcher-marvin-chun-named-dean-yale-college> )

10: 25-10:45 **Keynote Speech - Dr. Neil Albert Salonen, Bridgeport University: *International Collaboration in Higher Education Between USA and China*** (Speaker introduction: Dr. Congsheng Wu)



Dr. Neil Albert Salonen is President of University of Bridgeport. He joined the UB Board of Trustees in 1992, becoming chairman in 1995. In 2000, he was appointed UB's ninth president. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neil\\_Albert\\_Salonen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neil_Albert_Salonen))

**10:45-11:00 Keynote Speech – Consul Shuai Zhang and Consul Wenhua Wang, Consulate General of PRC in New York: *Building Double First-class Universities in China*** (Speaker introduction: Dr. Yan Quan Liu)

Consul Shuai Zhang is responsible for public diplomacy, relations with students and scholars in upstate New York, and education research.

Consul Wenhua Wang is responsible for educational exchanges, relations with overseas alumni associations of Chinese universities and other overseas Chinese professional associations, "Chunhui Cup" Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition, relations with students and scholars in Long Island City.

**11:00-11:20 Keynote Speech – Dr. Connie Chung, Harvard University.** (Speaker introduction: Dr. Jian-Zhong Lin)

Connie K. Chung is the Associate Director for the Global Education Innovation Initiative at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a research-practice-policy collaborative that works with education institutions in seven countries. (<https://scholar.harvard.edu/conniekchung/bio>)

**11:30-12:30 Panel Discussion: *40 years of Chinese Higher Education after the Restoration of the National College Entrance Examination in China: 1977-2017*** (Moderators: Dr. Y. Richard Yang and Dr. Andy Hao)

Panelists:

**Dr. Xiusheng Yang** (1977), University of Connecticut

**Dr. Yanbin Liu** (1988)

**Dr. Miaowei Weng** (1997), Southern Connecticut State University

**Dr. Yiyi Liu (2007),**

**12:30-14:00 Luncheon**

**Greetings from coordinate CT professional associations** (Guests introduction: Dr. Liu)

- Chinese Association for Science & Technology in Connecticut (CAST-CT)
- Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professional Association-CT (SAPA-CT)
- Tsinghua and Peking University Alumni Associations
- Center for Urban and Global Studies
- The Connecticut Chinese Culture Association (CCCA)

**CAPA-CT Business Meeting \*\***

### **Afternoon Sessions**

**14:00-15:30 Roundtable Disciplinary Forums**

**Business** (Moderator: Dr. Xiaohong He)

**Health Science** (Moderators: Dr. Yong Zhu and Dr. Qian Wu)

**Science and Engineering** (Moderator: Dr. Y. Richard Yang)

**Social Science** (Moderators: Dr. Xi Chen and Dr. Meina Cai)

15:40 Adjournment

### **Acknowledgment**

The CAPA-CT Board wishes to express its deep gratitude for those who have generously contributed to the conference.

### **Note:**

The Conference is free for CAPA-CT members and invited participants. A \$35 registration fee from non-members covers program cost and luncheon, plus a one-year membership (if qualified). CAPA-CT calls for membership renewal at registration. The membership fee can also be paid online at <http://capa-ct.org/wp/membership/>.

**Donation to CAPA-CT is warmly welcomed.**

## **\*\* CAPA-CT Business Meeting Agenda**

- Call for order (Dr. Yan Quan Liu)
- Annual activity report (Dr. Xiusheng Yang and Dr. Y. Richard Yang)
- Membership committee report (Dr. Yong Zhu and Dr. Jing'an Tang)
- Treasurer's report (Dr. Xinyi Lu)
- Election (Self-nomination is welcome) (Dr. Meina Cai)
- Adjournment