

Bio of SI Speakers

Richard T Armour, JP



Appointed as the Secretary-General of the UGC in January 2012, Dr Armour has extensive experience in higher education administration and management, having served in senior positions in various local universities as well as in UK and Australia. Much of his academic work has been in the field of higher education. In 1992, Dr Armour first came to Hong Kong and took up the post of Director of Academic Planning at the CityU. He became the Registrar of the Open University of Hong Kong in 1996. In 2006, Dr Armour moved to Australia as the Academic Registrar at Griffith University. He returned to Hong Kong in 2009 to take up the post of Senior Advisor to the President at the HKUST.

Cindy Chan

Ms Cindy Chan is the Assistant Director (Advancement and Administration) of the Centre of Development and Resources of Students (CEDARS) at the University of Hong Kong. She is passionate about student development work and keen in driving social entrepreneurship on campus. She has started numerous initiatives and used approaches such as pedagogies of service learning to enrich the learning experience of students.

Cecilia K Y Chan Bio



Dr. Cecilia Chan is the Head of Professional Development and an Associate Professor at the Centre of the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in The University of Hong Kong (HKU). Cecilia has a dual cultural background; she was originally born in Hong Kong but grew up in Ireland. In addition to her dual cultural background, she also has a dual discipline expertise in engineering and education; she has been playing an important role in enhancing engineering, business and science education. Her combined expertise in these fields and multi-cultural experience enabled her to lead and conduct research on topics such as assessment, technology enhanced learning and the development and assessment of 21st century skills from east to west in the different disciplines.

Being dedicated to developing engineering education, Cecilia is the founding chairperson of the E3R (Engineering Education Enhancement and Research) Asia network which not only act as a platform for engineering education researchers, teachers and practitioners to share innovative teaching practices and insights in engineering education, but also provide support in teaching and research, grants application, research and journal publications.

Cecilia holds a PhD in Engineering from Trinity College, a postgraduate diploma and a MA in Higher Education. She also held a Fellowship from King's College London. She has received many teaching awards and has over 20 years of effective practical experience in engaging students. Dr. Chan has involved in over 30 research/project grants with a total funding of over HK\$30,000,000. She is also the recipient of the University of Hong Kong's Outstanding Young Researcher Award in 2015/16.

Albert Chau



Prof. Albert Chau is newly appointed to be Vice-President for Teaching and Learning (VPTL) at Hong Kong Baptist University, with effect from 1 July 2016. He will be responsible for the University's teaching and learning for the nurturing of creative, caring and ethical global citizens. Prof Chau was Dean of Student Affairs and Director of General Education of the University of Hong Kong. He received his bachelor degree in engineering and Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology from the University of Hong Kong in 1983 and 1984 respectively. Subsequently he was awarded a master and a Ph.D. degree in psychology by the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA in 1991 and 1992 respectively. He started to teach at the Department of Psychology of the University of Hong Kong in 1992. He was Associate Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences from (2000-2002) and Warden of University Hall (1996-2006). He was appointed as Director of General Education and Dean of Student Affairs in 2002 and 2005 respectively.

Paul Cheung



Professor Paul Cheung is Director of the Technology Transfer Office and Professor in the Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering at the University of Hong Kong. He is also Programme Director of the MSc in E-Commerce and Internet Computing programme at the University. He joined the University of Hong Kong since 1980 and was Dean of Engineering from 1994-2000. He was Associate Vice-President (Research) from 2012-15, and just stepped down from that position on 1 January 2016. He is responsible in driving many innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives in the University including the DreamCatchers, the Entrepreneurship Academy and the TSSSU@HKU program.

Professor Cheung received his B.Sc.(Eng) degree with First Class Honours and Ph.D. degree from the Imperial College, University of London, both in Electrical Engineering in 1973 and 1978, respectively. His research interests include computer architecture, digital system design, digital signal processing and biomedical engineering.

Professor Cheung is active in serving the professional community, and was the IEEE Asia Pacific Director from 1995-96 and IEEE Secretary in 1997. From 2007-14, he was a Director of the IEEE Foundation and was the Foundation's Vice-President (2010) and Treasurer (2013-14). He was Chair of the IEEE Awards Board from 2007-08 and chaired the IEEE Medal of Honor Committee from 2009-12. He is currently the Chair of the IEEE Honorary Member Selection Committee.

Ann Kildahl



Ann Kildahl was appointed as the first full-time Sustainability Manager at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) in 2008. In this role, she is responsible for the strategic planning and development of a comprehensive sustainability program in cooperation with the university's senior management and facilities team, academic faculty, staff, and students. Focus areas include pilot projects in energy efficiency/greenhouse gas emissions management, waste management/recycling, water conservation, food services, and transportation; student engagement; local and international network development; sustainability reporting and communications. She previously served as Deputy and Acting Executive Director of the Asia Society Hong Kong Center, playing a critical strategic planning and operational role in the programming, membership, fundraising, budget and administration of the largest overseas office of this New York-based non-profit organization focused on Asian and broader global issues. At the Asia Society, she was part of a small team responsible for a landmark historic preservation and adaptive re-use project at the site of a nineteenth-century British military installation, now home to the Asia Society. Since joining HKU, Ms. Kildahl has spoken frequently on sustainability issues for HKU classes and student groups, visiting delegations and conferences in Hong Kong and overseas. Originally from the United States, she is a graduate of Smith College (BA) and Columbia University (MIA) and is currently pursuing a PhD in Education at HKU.

Nancy Law



Professor Nancy Law is currently Deputy Director of the Centre for Information Technology in Education (CITE) in the Faculty of Education of the University of Hong Kong, after serving as its Founding Director for 15 years from 1998. She is also the co-convenor of the Sciences of Learning Strategic Research Theme of the University. She serves/has served on a number of policy advisory boards/working groups related to ICT in education for the University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong government and other community groups. She was a core member of the International Study Centre for the SITES 2006 (Second Information Technology in Education Study 2006), served on the Editorial and Publication Committee of the IEA and the Technology Working Group of the Cisco-Intel-Microsoft Project on Assessment and Teaching of 21st Century Skills, the Board of Directors of the International Society of the Learning Sciences, the Editorial Boards of the International Journal of Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning and the International Journal of Web Based Communities. She has also been invited to provide expert input/consultancy to the European Commission, UNESCO and OECD on various aspects of technology-enhanced learning. Her research interests include international comparative studies of pedagogical innovations and information technology, models of ICT integration in schools and change leadership, computer supported collaborative learning and the use of expressive and exploratory computer-based learning environments.

Antony Leung



Mr Antony Leung, former Financial Secretary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, is Group Chairman & CEO of Nan Fung Group, a leading regional conglomerate focusing on property & investment businesses. He is also Independent Non-Executive Director of China Merchants Bank, Chairman of charity organizations Heifer International Hong Kong and Food Angel, and Chairman of Harvard Business School Association of Hong Kong.

Mr. Leung has extensive experience in financial services, including Chairman of Greater China of Blackstone, Chairman of Asia of JP Morgan Chase, Asia Head of Citi Private Bank, Regional Head of Citi Investment Bank, Treasury and Greater China. In addition, he was independent director of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited, American International Assurance (Hong Kong) Limited, and international advisory board member of China Development Bank. His past public service include Non-Official Member of the Executive Council, member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Airport Authority, Chairman of the Education Commission and University Grants Committee in Hong Kong.

George Tham



George Tham is the Associate Dean (Quality Assurance) in the Faculty of Engineering, and he represents the Faculty in the teaching and learning quality aspects. George is a very experienced educationalist as he has more than 34 years of teaching experience. He took up various senior management positions at the University and Faculty levels including serving as the Associate Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) in 2014 and the Dean of Faculty of Engineering between 2011 and 2012. His profile in teaching and learning as well as in quality assurance is extremely relevant and important to the development of new experiential learning initiatives under Project Mingde. George is a firm believer of a non-credit-bearing experiential learning programme as he believes that students would never devote themselves fully to learn beyond what the curriculum prescribes. As a Professor in the Geotechnical Engineering discipline, George has spent lots of time leading students to visit the project sites in Guangxi, Sichuan and Vietnam to conduct site surveying and discuss the site constraints and features with students. He is currently the project leader and champion of a new project of Project Mingde, namely: Teacher Quarters of Daping Primary School. His passion and devotion in Project Mingde has earned him the HKU's Outstanding Teaching Award (Team) in 2010. Being a member of the Project Mingde Board, George plays a pivotal role in Project Mingde by liaising with the Board members, donors and senior management of the University to set strategic directions and plans to Project Mingde.

Amy Tsui



Professor Amy B.M. Tsui is Chair Professor (language and education) in the Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong. From 2007-2014, she was Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) of HKU. She led the historical reform of three-year to four-year undergraduate education at HKU and oversaw teaching and learning quality at undergraduate and taught postgraduate levels. As a scholar Professor Tsui has published 9 books and over 100 journal papers and book chapters on curriculum reform, teaching excellence, teacher development, language policy, classroom discourse, and conversational analysis, and has presented numerous keynotes on the reform and her research areas in international conferences in Asia, including Japan, S. Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Brunei, Taiwan and China, and also in the U.K., U.S., Europe, Australia, S. Africa, and Mexico. She serves on the editorial / advisory boards of a number of international refereed journals, the International Advisory Board of the University of Helsinki, and the Governing Board of the International Baccalaureate, and is an international advisory panel member of the Ministry of Education, Singapore Government. She obtained her PhD in linguistics in 1986 at The University of Birmingham, UK.

Bernadette Tsui



Bernadette's rich experience in institutional advancement is captured in her book "The City with a Heart - Stories of Giving from Hong Kong and Hong Kong University" <情義之都——從港大到香港的捐贈傳奇>, published in 2014.

She is Honorary Professor of Practice at The University of Hong Kong, and her academic interests include philanthropic studies, NGO management and civil society. She also teaches fundraising for The Education University of Hong Kong (EMA in Arts Management and Entrepreneurship) as well as the Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (Master of Fine Arts in Theatre and Entertainment Arts). She is an advocate of CASE - Council for Advancement and Support of Education, headquartered in Washington DC - currently serving as CASE Asia-Pacific's faculty for the training institutes in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

She received her BA and MPhil in drama from HKU, and pursued theatre studies at New York University as well as in Japan and Germany. She started as a stage director and later worked in television and radio. She has a regular column in the Hong Kong Economic Journal, Hong Kong's leading business newspaper.

Henry Wai



Mr. Henry Wai is a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts graduate of the University of Hong Kong. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of the UK.

Mr. Wai worked in a bank and also a textile company before joining the University as a junior administrator. During his 40 plus years in the University, he has been working in almost all areas of the University administration. Since 2002, he has been the Registrar of the University, and the Head of the Registry (which looks after operations in all administrative areas, except finance, estates and campus development, and student affairs). He has worked with 6 Vice-Chancellors of the University and 4 Council Chairmen, and witnessed all the changes in the University in the past four decades.

Yuk-Shan Wong



Professor Yuk-Shan Wong is currently the President of the Open University of Hong Kong. He obtained his PhD in Plant Biochemistry from McGill University of Canada in 1979. Since the 1980s, Professor Wong has performed teaching, research and administration work at various universities, namely the Polytechnic University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has published 8 books and over 160 international journal papers in the areas of environmental biotechnology, plant biochemistry and mangrove conservation. Professor Wong is currently a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology in the UK and a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institution of Science.

Professor Wong is a Deputy to the National People's Congress of China and a member of the Committee of the Hong Kong Basic Law, the PRC. Professor Wong is also the Chairman of the Hong Kong Consumer Council. Professor Wong served as the Chairman of the Education Bureau's Vetting Committee for the Allocation of Sites and Start-up Loan for Post-secondary Education Providers, the President of the Society of Hong Kong Scholars, Chairman of the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong, Deputy Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Environment, Chairman of Wetland Advisory Committee and member of the Executive Board of the Hong Kong Institution of Science. From 2001 to 2007, Professor Wong had been actively involved in education reform and he was the Chairman of the Curriculum Development Council, a member of the University Grants Committee, a member of Education Commission and a member of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications.

Professor Wong has been appointed Justice of Peace in 2001 and received a Bronze Bauhinia Star medal in 2004.