

**DR. RONGHUA “JOHN” OUYANG
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It is the recommendation of the Chair and Faculty of the Department of Childhood Education, the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, that Dr. Ronghua “John” Ouyang be appointed as a tenured Professor of Childhood Education effective July 1, 2008.

Dr. Ouyang earned the Ed. D. in Elementary Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He currently holds a tenured position as Professor of Educational Technology at Kennesaw State University. He has held a variety of leadership roles in higher education, including Graduate Program Coordinator of Early Childhood and Elementary Education and Director of the Chinese Proficiency Testing Center. Dr. Ouyang is a scholar and leader with several broad areas of expertise. He is clearly an early childhood expert, having been a teacher and administrator at the kindergarten and elementary levels, and having earned his terminal degree in Elementary Education. He holds master’s degrees in the areas of English/ESL and Information Technology. Further, he is also an expert in Chinese education and has published with some regularity on topics relative to education in China.

An accomplished scholar, Dr. Ouyang has published in leading books and journals in the areas of early childhood education and educational technology. He has also published on a number of general education topics as well as treatises on psychology and marriage and family. His works, which have appeared in both English- and Chinese-language outlets, include two books, numerous book chapters and articles, book reviews, and monographs. English-language journals/book series carrying his work include *Journal of Computing in Childhood Education*, *Reaching Through Teaching*, *Technological Horizons in Education*, and *Information Technology and Teacher Education Annual*.

Dr. Ouyang has an extensive record of service to the profession, including offices held in the Sino-American Education Consortium and the Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States. He has served on a variety of institutional committees and has received awards for his distinguished service and scholarship on several occasions.

Dr. Ouyang has a solid record of teaching at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral levels, and he has supervised clinical experiences of teacher education students. His college/university and K-12 teaching and leadership experiences have included institutions in both China and the United States. While at Kennesaw State University, he has made great strides in the growth of the elementary and early childhood graduate programs, focusing extensively on recruitment of students from a broad regional geographic area and offering of courses via community cohort models.

In sum, Dr. Ouyang exceeds all UNF criteria for tenure at the University of North Florida and is worthy of a tenured appointment to the faculty.