Building Global Relations Through Debate

China Debate Education Network

Robert Trapp, with Eric Barnes Chen Xiangjing Melissa Franke Teresa Green He Jing Una Kimokeo-Goes Jackson Miller Kathleen Spring Yang Ge
Building Global Relations Through Debate

China Debate Education Network

For information about this book, contact:
Robert Trapp,
Willamette University, Salem
Oregon, USA
trapp@willamette.edu
1-503-370-6624
About The Authors

Robert Trapp (Professor and Director of Debate, Willamette University, Salem Oregon, USA)

Eric Barnes, (Associate Professor and Director of Debate, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, New York, USA)

Chen Xiangjing, (Professor and Dean, Xi’an Jiaotong University, Xi’an, PRC)

Melissa Franke, (Professor and Director of Debate, Seattle University, Seattle Washington, USA)

Teresa Green, (Coordinator, China Debate Education Network, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, USA)

He Jing, (Professor and English Debate Coach, Fudan University, Shanghai, PRC)

Una Kimokeo-Goes, (Professor and Associate Director of Debate, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, USA)

Jackson Miller (Professor and Director of Forensics, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, USA)

Kathleen Spring (Professor and Collection Management Librarian, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, USA)

Yang Ge (Professor and English Debate Coach, Dalian Nationalities University, Dalian, PRC)
Preface

This textbook is the result of work of a team of people who were instrumental in the creation of the China Debate Education Network (CDEN) over a three-year period from 2012 through 2015. CDEN is a loose association of teachers and students from six universities in the United States and three hundred and eighty universities in the People’s Republic of China. Over the course of the first three years of CDEN, over 5,700 students and almost 2,000 teachers and judges have participated in debate events held in various provinces of the People’s Republic of China.

The formal mission of CDEN is to provide opportunities for Chinese University students along with students from other nations, primarily the United States, to come together in friendly competition to discuss issues of importance to each of those societies. Our goal is to transcend our individual national viewpoints and to learn from one another so that we may truly become global citizens in addition to citizens of the PRC and USA. Thus, the title of this book is *Building Global Relations Through Debate*.

The chapters that follow are about how to participate in a debate format called *Worlds-Style Debate*. The chapters stress ideas about how to become effective debaters, emphasizing that an effective debater is an ethical debater whose goal is to go beyond merely winning the debate and toward debating in a manner that respects other debaters and judges even through the process of resolving disagreements. To be an excellent debater is first and foremost, to be a good and an ethical person.