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Bio

Most of my professional career, I worked with registered investment advisory firms as a Financial Advisor and a certified investment and fiduciary management analyst. I eventually started my own firm but after reaching normal retirement age (10 years ago), I turned less proactive in running the business and took up teaching part-time.

At first, the major attraction for me was "Mandarin Immersion" within SFUSD (San Francisco Unified School District). I taught math and social studies and science in Mandarin half day, then in English the rest of the time. That was very exciting. But Mandarin Immersion curricula so far has not taken off in San Francisco, and gradually I started to teach other disciplines to middle and elementary level students. While I like teaching to new immigrants, one can't choose a particular student body to teach. That's okay. Now with the Pandemic, teaching will be done remotely - what that means precisely is still unclear.

Prior to college and graduate school, I devoted 4 years to military schools and service in the Navy and Army of the Republic of China (Taiwan). My preschool education before military school was traditional "Chinese"; elementary and junior high, basic 50's era New York City public school ("SP") education. And high school, a mish-mash of Chinese and American education which included traveling back and forth from Taiwan to New York, and also a year in reformatory school.

What is interesting is that my parents were with the UN when first established, when the Republic of China not the PRC was a founding member. And so, as a child I met many of the "uncles and aunties" of my parents' generation, and often times, their teachers – all of whom received traditional Chinese education, Confucian, emphasis on ethics, morality, history. Truly a class of literati - many of whom were well spoken and literate and published in English and Chinese, and often other languages such as French or German. The only advice that I received from my father upon entering college was "study the Classics, especially the Greek tragedies," not to be a doctor or lawyer or famous or make lots of money. The one exception -PhD degrees – these were highly prized by many Chinese.