



Title of the Event:

B & K Montessori Friends Series: "Back to the Roots" From Cincinnati to Changhua: The Montessori Legacy of Beth and Ken Bronsil

Event Background

In 2005, Taiwan's Montessori education reached a historic turning point. Beth and Ken Bronsil from the Montessori Program at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, USA, brought the seeds of international Montessori education to Taiwan, establishing the first American Montessori Society (AMS) affiliated teacher training center and it also was accredited by Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE). This "Back to the Roots" series is dedicated to honoring their remarkable contributions and continuing their passion for education.

There are 11 sessions scheduled between November 2nd and December 22nd, 2024.

Event Schedule

Session	Date	Location	Speakers and Topics
1	2024/11/2 9:00 - 15:00	De Lai Montessori Preschool, Taoyuan, Taiwan	09:00-10:20 Matt Bronsil, “Early History of Montessori Education” 10:40-12:00 Sharon Chang, “How Montessori Education Supports Social-Emotional Development and Self-Regulation in Young Children” 13:00-15:00 Jalen Hsiao, “Nurturing the Wonder of Chinese Characters in 3-6 Year-Olds”
2	2024/11/3 9:00 - 15:00	Gen Shin Montessori Preschool, Taipei, Taiwan	09:00-11:00 Su-Chen Chen, “Applying the Montessori Method in Long-Term Care: Strategies to Enhance Elderly Self-Care Abilities” 11:00-15:00 Sherry Su, “The Beauty Through a Child's Eyes, from Visual to Spiritual: The Power of Montessori Environmental Aesthetics”
3	2024/11/9 9:00 - 15:00	Karlwitte Montessori Preschool, Taipei, Taiwan	09:00-10:40 Matt Bronsil, “English as a Foreign Language in a Montessori Classroom” 11:00-12:00 Sharon Chang, “Helping Children Fall in Love with Reading: Tips for Cultivating Reading Habits from an Early Age” 13:00-15:00 Jalen Hsiao, “Nurturing the Wonder of Chinese Characters in 6-12 Year-Olds”
4	2024/11/10 9:00 - 15:00	Harmony Montessori Elementary School, Taichung, Taiwan	Sherry Su, “The Beauty Through a Child's Eyes, from Visual to Spiritual: The Power of Montessori Environmental Aesthetics”
5	2024/11/22 13:00 - 16:30	Macao Montessori Center, Macao	13:00-14:00 Sharon Chang, “Growth Strategies in an Age of Stress: Techniques for Self-Regulation and Emotional Control” 14:10-16:30 Iris Lee, Little Hands, Big Creations: The Charm and Value of Montessori Sewing Activities
6	2024/11/23 19:00 - 21:00	Macao Montessori Center, Macao	19:00-21:00 Kevin Tseng, “Understanding the Causes Behind Children’s Behavior and Solutions”

7	2024/11/30 9:00 - 17:30	Peacelion Montessori Education Center, Shenzhen, China	09:00-12:00 Iris Lee, “Little Hands, Big Creations: The Charm and Value of Montessori Sewing Activities” 13:00-15:00 Matt Bronsil, “English as a Foreign Language in a Montessori Classroom” 15:30-17:30 Sharon Chang, “Emotional Mapping: A Journey of Self-Discovery through ‘The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse’”
8	2024/12/1 9:00 - 15:00	Peacelion Montessori Education Center, Shenzhen, China	Sherry Su, “The Beauty Through a Child's Eyes, from Visual to Spiritual: The Power of Montessori Environmental Aesthetics”
9	2024/12/14 9:00 - 15:00	Casa Montessori Preschool, Taichung, Taiwan	09:00-10:20 Kevin, Tseng, “Understanding the Causes Behind Children’s Behavior and Solutions” 10:40-12:00 Matt Bronsil, “Early Childhood Literacy” 13:00-15:00 Iris Lee, “Little Hands, Big Creations: The Charm and Value of Montessori Sewing Activities”
10	2024/12/21 9:00 - 15:00	Sun Haw Montessori Preschool, Tainan, Taiwan	09:00-12:00 Jalen Hsiao, “Nurturing the Wonder of Chinese Characters in 3-12 Years-Old” 13:00-15:00 Sharon Chang, “Growth Strategies in an Age of Stress: Techniques for Self-Regulation and Emotional Control”
11	2024/12/22 9:00 - 15:00	Chi Huei Montessori Preschool, Zhubei, Taiwan	09:00-10:00 Hui-Chuan (Mimi), Hshieh, “Raising Little Buffetts Through Montessori” 10:20-12:00 Matt Bronsil, “Early History of Montessori Education” 13:00-15:00 Sherry Su, “The Beauty Through a Child's Eyes, from Visual to Spiritual: The Power of Montessori Environmental Aesthetics”

Event Details

Session 1

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: De Lai Montessori Preschool, Taoyuan, Taiwan

Speakers and Topics

9:00-10:20

Speaker: Matt Bronsil

Topic: Early History of Montessori Education

Matt Bronsil was born into a Montessori education family, with both parents being Montessori teachers and teacher trainers. He began teaching in 2001, and after obtaining his AMS Montessori Early Childhood certification in 2006, he started teaching Montessori English courses in Taiwan. He is the author of two books: *Before the Sandpaper Letters* and *English as a Foreign Language in the Montessori Classroom*. As the son of Beth and Ken Bronsil, he is honored to be the opening speaker, sharing their contributions to Montessori education.

Key Points:

1. The origins of Montessori education and the establishment of the first Montessori school in 1907.
2. Challenges Montessori faced in expanding to the United States.
3. The growth of the Montessori movement in Taiwan since the late 1970s.

10:40-12:00

Speaker: Sharon Chang

Topic: How Montessori Education Supports Social-Emotional Development and Self-Regulation in Young Children

Sharon Chang, the founder of Taiwan's first AMS-certified teacher training center, was a close friend and student of Beth and Ken Bronsil. Her teaching spans Taiwan and China, where she promotes Montessori and peace education.

Key Points:

1. The importance of social-emotional development in young children.
2. How the Montessori classroom environment fosters self-regulation.
3. Practical strategies and Montessori materials to help children develop social-emotional and self-regulation skills.

Speakers and Topics

13:00-15:00

Speaker: Jalen Hsiao

Topic: Nurturing the Wonder of Chinese Characters in 3-6 Year-Olds

Jalen Hsiao holds an M.Ed from Xavier University and is certified by AMS (6-12) and AMI (3-6). Currently, Jalen is the co-founder and Principal of the Elementary Division at Harmony Montessori Experimental Education Institution in Taichung. With extensive experience in Montessori teacher training, Jalen specializes in the Early Childhood Cultural curriculum as well as the Chinese and Arts curriculum for ages 3-12. Additionally, Jalen has been a speaker at the Montessori Conference in Shanghai.

Key Points:

1. The characteristics and needs of young children learning Chinese characters.
2. How Montessori teaching methods can inspire interest in learning Chinese characters.
3. Designing materials and activities to nurture children's language development through Chinese characters.

Session 2

Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: Gen Shin Montessori Preschool, Taipei, Taiwan

Speakers and Topics

9:00-11:00

Speaker: Su-Chen, Chen

Topic: Applying the Montessori Method in Long-Term Care: Strategies to Enhance Elderly Self-Care Abilities

Su-Chen, Chen holds a PhD in Education from South Dakota State University, with a focus on Early Childhood Special Education. She is certified in Montessori education for ages 0-12, 12-18, and elderly care. Currently, she chairs the Montessori Long-Term Care Association and Montessori Education Foundation. She founded Snail Baby Care Center and Casa Preschool and has served as an Assistant Professor at Chaoyang University of Technology, with extensive research and publications.

Key Points:

1. Application of Montessori Method in Long-Term Care.
2. Strategies for Enhancing Self-Care Abilities.
3. Maintaining Sensory Stimulation and Cognitive Abilities.
4. Personalized Activities and Social Interaction.

11:00-15:00

Speaker: Bi-Chu (Sherry), Su

Topic: The Beauty Through a Child's Eyes, from Visual to Spiritual: The Power of Montessori Environmental Aesthetics

Sherry Su is a senior Montessori educator with a Master's in Montessori Education, holding certifications from both AMI and AMS for teaching children aged 0-9. She is currently the HOS of Gen Shin Montessori Preschool in Taipei and holds several key roles in Montessori education. In addition to her leadership positions, she lectures at universities and training programs, sharing her expertise at various educational forums both in Taiwan and internationally. In 2023, Sherry led the Flower Arrangement Art Workshop at the AMI 7th Annual Conference in Beijing, China, during the Aesthetic Education for Children and Montessori Localization Academic Symposium.

Key Points:

This practical workshop is designed for Montessori teachers working with IT and EC children, focusing on enhancing the classroom environment through aesthetics and interactive activities.

1. Environmental Importance
2. Aesthetic Enhancements
3. Hands-on Learning
4. Classroom Enrichment

Session 3

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: Karlwitte Montessori Preschool, Taipei, Taiwan

Speakers and Topics

9:00-10:40

Speaker: Matt Bronsil

Topic: English as a Foreign Language in a Montessori Classroom

Matt Bronsil was born into a Montessori education family, with both parents being Montessori teachers and teacher trainers. He began teaching in 2001, and after obtaining his AMS Montessori Early Childhood certification in 2006, he started teaching Montessori English courses in Taiwan. He is the author of two books: *Before the Sandpaper Letters* and *English as a Foreign Language in the Montessori Classroom*.

Key Points:

Though there are Montessori schools around the world, there is little information about teaching a foreign or second language in a Montessori environment. Matt Bronsil has been working in Taiwan for almost 2 decades and shares his experience and expertise of teaching English as a foreign language in a Montessori environment for 3–6-year-olds.

11:00-12:00

Speaker: Sharon Chang

Topic: Helping Children Fall in Love with Reading: Tips for Cultivating Reading Habits from an Early Age

Sharon Chang has served in leadership roles such as China Branch Director of the Centre for Advanced Montessori Studies in Vancouver and was the founder and CEO of Trillium Montessori School in Shanghai as well as the Trillium Montessori Teacher Education Institute in Taiwan. Sharon has played an active role in promoting Montessori education across Taiwan and China, including translating and publishing Dr. Sonnie McFarland's *Honoring the Light of the Child* into Chinese.

Key Points:

1. The importance of reading for a child's language, cognitive, and emotional development.
2. Master the art of selecting age-appropriate and engaging books based on the child's interests.
3. Learn fun and engaging parent-child reading techniques to help children fall in love with reading.
4. Create an environment that sparks an interest in reading.

Speakers and Topics

13:00-15:00

Speaker: Jalen Hsiao

Topic: Nurturing the Wonder of Chinese Characters in 6-12 Year-Olds

Jalen Hsiao holds an M.Ed from Xavier University and is certified by AMS (6-12) and AMI (3-6). Currently, Jalen is the co-founder and Principal of the Elementary Division at Harmony Montessori Experimental Education Institution in Taichung. With extensive experience in Montessori teacher training, Jalen specializes in the Early Childhood Cultural curriculum as well as the Chinese and Arts curriculum for ages 3-12. Additionally, Jalen has been a speaker at the Montessori Conference in Shanghai.

Key Points:

1. Jalen will guide participants in exploring the wonders of Chinese characters in Montessori education.
2. The focus will be on engaging children aged 6-12 with Chinese characters.
3. The session will present how the Chinese character curriculum integrates with other subjects in the Montessori approach.

Session 4

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: Harmony Montessori Elementary School, Taichung, Taiwan

Speaker and Topic

Speaker: Bi-Chu (Sherry), Su

Topic: The Beauty Through a Child's Eyes, from Visual to Spiritual: The Power of Montessori Environmental Aesthetics

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Key Points:

This practical workshop is designed for Montessori teachers working with elementary children, focusing on enhancing the classroom environment through aesthetics and interactive activities.

1. Environmental Importance
2. Aesthetic Enhancements
3. Hands-on Learning
4. Classroom Enrichment

Session 5

Date: Friday, November 22, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM (NST)

Location: Macao Montessori Center, Macao

Speakers and Topics

13:00-14:00

Speaker: Sharon Chang

Topic: Growth Strategies in an Age of Stress: Techniques for Self-Regulation and Emotional Control

Sharon Chang has served in leadership roles such as China Branch Director of the Centre for Advanced Montessori Studies in Vancouver and was the founder and CEO of Trillium Montessori School in Shanghai as well as the Trillium Montessori Teacher Education Institute in Taiwan. Sharon has played an active role in promoting Montessori education across Taiwan and China, including translating and publishing Dr. Sonnie McFarland's Honoring the Light of the Child into Chinese.

Key Points:

1. What is Self-Regulation?
2. Why is Self-Regulation important?
3. Five aspects of Self -Regulation
4. Strategies to enhance children's Self-Regulation

14:10-16:30

Speaker: Chia-Hua (Iris), Lee

Topic: Little Hands, Big Creations: The Charm and Value of Montessori Sewing Activities

Iris Lee holds an M.Ed from Xavier University and is an AMS-certified teacher for ages 3-12. She is currently the practicum coordinator at Shenzhen Peacelion Montessori Teacher Training Center. Her previous roles include AMS China Operations Coordinator, Conference Director for the Montessori Conference in Shanghai (MCSH), Chief Coordinator for China for the Montessori Institute of Xavier University, Special Assistant to the CEO at Taiwan Trillium Montessori Teacher Education Institute, and a teacher at Taiwan Trillium Montessori School.

Key Points:

1. The theory behind sewing activities and the developmental benefits for children.
2. How to design a year-long plan to support children in mastering various skills.
3. A hands-on session will allow participants to experience and understand the application of sewing activities in different age groups.

Session 6

Date: Saturday, November 23, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (NST)

Location: Macao Montessori Center, Macao

Speaker and Topic

Speaker: Kevin S. Tsang

Topic: Understanding the Causes Behind Children's Behavior and Solutions

Kevin Tseng holds an M.Ed from Xavier University (2010) and certifications from Sensory Integration International and the AMS Early Childhood level. With over six years of experience as a Montessori teacher and more than ten years as a Sensory Integration Interventionist for early childhood education (ECE), Kevin has been invited as an instructor for sensory integration education at various institutions. He has served as an interpreter for international Montessori conferences and as an education consultant for several Montessori groups in China. From 2010 to 2019, Kevin conducted 307 "Aid to Life" workshops across China and Taiwan. He currently works with children's rehab hospitals as a liaison expert, promoting inclusion programs between Montessori schools and rehab hospitals in China.

Key Points:

This seminar will introduce the fundamentals of neuroscience and sensory integration in relation to child development. Participants will gain the following from the seminar:

1. The neurological and physiological reasons behind children's emotional behavior and learning.
2. A practical mental and physical health screening checklist (a comprehensive checklist of nutrition, sleep, and behavior).
3. An explanation of how to analyze the findings and communicate effectively with parents.

Session 7

Date: Saturday, November 30, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (NST)

Location: Peacelion Montessori Education Center, Shenzhen, Chin

Speakers and Topics

9:00-12:00

Speaker: Chia-Hua (Iris), Lee

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Speakers and Topics

15:30-17:30

Speaker: Sharon Chang

Topic: Emotional Mapping: A Journey of Self-Discovery through “The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse”

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Key Points:

This workshop is specially designed for graduates from CAMSV China Branch

1. Group discussions and sharing
2. Mindfulness practice
3. Emotional Mapping
4. Writing a letter to oneself

Session 8

Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: Peacelion Montessori Education Center, Shenzhen, China

Speakers and Topics

Speaker: Bi-Chu (Sherry), Su

Topic: The Beauty Through a Child's Eyes, from Visual to Spiritual: The Power of Montessori Environmental Aesthetics

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Key Points:

This hands-on workshop is tailored for Montessori teachers working with children aged 2.5 to 6, with a focus on improving the classroom environment through aesthetics and engaging activities.

1. Environmental Importance
2. Aesthetic Enhancements
3. Hands-on Learning
4. Classroom Enrichment

Session 9

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: Casa Montessori Preschool, Taichung, Taiwan

Speakers and Topics

9:00-10:20

Speaker: Kevin S, Tseng

Topic: Understanding the Causes Behind Children's Behavior and Solutions

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Speakers and Topics

10:40-12:00

Speaker: Matt Bronsil

Topic: Early Childhood Literacy

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Key Points:

We all know about the sandpaper letters and movable alphabet, but there are many other skills that children need to be successful readers. In 2000, the National Reading Panel identified five elements needed for teaching reading: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. This talk will focus on phonemic awareness and phonics to tie them together, but also talk about the other 3 aspects.

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Session 10

Date: Saturday, December 21, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: Sun Haw Montessori Preschool, Tainan, Taiwan

Speakers and Topics

9:00-12:00

Speaker: Jalen Hsiao

Topic: Nurturing the Wonder of Chinese Characters in 3-12 Years-Old

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Session 11

Date: Sunday, December 22, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (NST)

Location: Chi Hwei Montessori Preschool, Zhubei, Taiwan

Speakers and Topics

9:00-10:00

Speaker: Hui-Chuan (Mimi), Hshieh

Topic: Raising Little Buffetts Through Montessori

Mimi holds a PhD in Early Childhood Curriculum Design from East China Normal University in Shanghai, an MBA from Phoenix University in New Zealand, and a Master's in Montessori Education from Xavier University. She is an AMS-certified Montessori teacher for ages 0-12 and a certified instructor from the International Institute of Financial Intelligence (IIFQ). Her experience includes serving as Director of the Early Childhood Education Institute at Far East Education Group in Shanghai, CEO of the Children's Financial Literacy Training Base in Shanghai, and Director/Principal of a Montessori infant and preschool program.

Key Points:

1. Importance of Financial Literacy
2. Building Healthy Money Habits
3. Understanding the Value of Money
4. Enhancing Problem-Solving Skills
5. Boosting Confidence and Decision-Making

10:20-12:00

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