

I was born in Beijing, China, as the youngest of five children, and spent my childhood in a labor camp with my family in central China during the Cultural Revolution. I received an undergraduate degree in international finance from Renmin University in Beijing, after China had just opened up to the world after 30 years of isolation. I came to the Pacific Northwest in 1985, working for a Chinese company's Seattle subsidiary. I earned an MBA degree in accounting from Seattle City University while I was working full time. I love language, and started interpreting as a volunteer at local hospitals. Interpretation and translation became the center of my professional life so much that I changed my career. I also love travel and have visited more than 90 countries. Every place I go, I discover something exciting and new to learn. I am an avid reader, movie lover and a volunteer docent at Seattle Art Museum.