Bio: Laura McGilvra

I am a Washington State Court certified Mandarin Chinese interpreter. I have a Master’s degree in Conference Interpretation and have taught interpretation at Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS). Most of the work I do involves conference interpretation, business meetings and negotiations. In the past couple of years, I have done more judiciary interpretation than before. I studied Journalism in college and earned a degree for it. I also have a nursing degree and was a registered nurse.

I am from Taiwan originally. I worked on small farms growing up, and in factories during summer vacations, earning my own tuition when I was going to school there. I think my working while growing up helped build a character of hard work and perseverance, besides I loved being able to work to contribute to my very humble family.

I am an active person, so other than continuing to improve my knowledge and skills related to my professional work, I also enjoy hiking, traveling, gardening, playing the piano, baking, and fencing. I also love to sit down and listen to good podcasts and read a book, especially books with good stories and good endings. I love animals, especially dogs!