SAVANNAH, GEORGIA DECEMBER, 2015
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Welcome to the Confucius Institute first year-end Newsletter at Savannah State University. Our mission is to promote the study of Chinese language, culture, and history; and to enhance educational exchange between the US and China. CISSU was founded through a partnership between Savannah State University, the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), and Jiujiang University. Currently there are 500 Confucius Institutes operating on 6 continents around the world, 109 are in the United States in addition to the one thousand Confucius classrooms.

Through collaboration with China based educational partners, campus, and Savannah’s community, the Confucius Institute has provided in the last year the opportunity for over 158 learners to study Chinese language, culture and history. If you are interested in promoting cultural understanding please contact us. We are particularly interested in volunteers who are willing to work with us. Since the establishment of the Confucius Institute on October 29th, 2014, CISSU has used the wealth of history, expertise, and resources available in Georgia, the United States and in China to advance CI’s mission. In 2015 over sixteen (16) cultural programs and activities were presented to the campus and the community. If you are interested in promoting cultural understanding please contact us. We are particularly interested in finding volunteers to work with us on programs.

Have an enjoyable and prosperous New Year

Peggy Blood PhD, Director
Confucius Institute at Savannah State University
FROM THE DIRECTORS
院长致辞

Dear faculty, staff, students and community students,

A year ago, my colleagues and I came here to devote ourselves to satisfying the demands of people who wanted to learn the Chinese language. We wanted to enhance the understanding of the Chinese language and culture for these people, to strengthen an educational and cultural exchange and cooperation between China and the United States, to deepen friendly relationships with the United States, to promote the development of multi-culturalism, and to help to develop a harmonious world.

In the past year, with the help of Dr. Dozier, our faculty, staff and our students, we have made some wonderful achievements. We have approximate 200 registered students; we have had more than 3000 people attending our activities. CI at SSU has had an overwhelming influence in Savannah. Thank you so much for your help and support.

In the future we will continue to do our very best to serve you, but we still need your help and support – we welcome all opinions and suggestions, and your comments will be greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year to you all!
祝大家新年快乐！

Co-director: Qijuan Luo
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Confucius Institute at SSU
SSU nonprofit Confucius Institute, the CI’s aim is to serve as a platform that promotes **intercultural understanding** as well as the study of Chinese language and culture (including art, music and literature), and to enhance educational exchange between the US and China. It is our hope that through this platform, that greater understanding among people will be heightened to the benefit of future generations.

**CI Goals:**
- To provide greater cohesion and understanding within the community, (residents from all cultures and ethnicities share and be part of CI cultural programs)
- To offer Chinese language to Savannah State University and communities
- To offer program experiences in Chinese culture for greater understanding.
- To facilitate intercultural exchanges between USA and China.
- To facilitate opportunities for cooperative understanding between businesses in US and China.
- To provide greater Chinese language opportunities to SSU and the community.
FACULTY AND STAFF

Directors:

Dr Peggy Blood
Ms. Qijuan Luo

Instructor:

Chunzi Zhang
Yao Liu
Chunxue Ding
What CI participants are saying:

Four members in Amanda Wathen’s passed HSK level1 and level2 together in 2015 said:

“I feel bad I can’t continue leaning Chinese here, my family is moving to China and may stay there forever. I like learning Chinese here and I appreciate the help you gave to my family on our China trip.”

http://www.dosavannah.com/article/tue-10132015-2246/vox-populi-i-would-thank-ssu-s-confucius-institute
In the past year, different levels of Chinese Language and cultural courses were offered through instruction, face to face and on-line, to SSU faculty, students, staff, and Savannah community. Seventeen (17) classes were taught totaling with approximately one hundred fifty eight (158) enrolled students.

Additionally, CISSU organized sixteen (16) cultural activities. Over 3200 local residents have supported CISSU activities.

In order to provide a better service to the community and universities, a CISSU Advisory Committee with more than 30 members was established by representatives from various professional and non-professional sectors, of which made a significant community impact to on the work of CISSU.
Confucius Institute at Savannah State University (CISSU) was established by Jiujiang University and Savannah State University to promote Chinese languages and culture. The agreement was signed and approved by Ms. Xu Lin, Chief Executive of Confucius Institute Headquarters, on November 27th, 2013 and was officially opened to the public on October 29th, 2014 with a staff of three: Director, Co-director, and an instructor. CISSU is the third public historical black College and University (HBCU) to establish an institute in the United States.

Zhang Yiqun, Education Counselor of Consulate General of PRC in Houston, visited CI at SSU on 14th October 2014.
CI staff attended “Savannah Asia Festival” on 28th March 2015. Director Luo and Zhang Laoshi holding a Chinese book show. About 400 people passed our booth and watched CI stage performances.
Gan Xiaoqing, President of Jiujiang University, visited SSU on April 12th, 2015.

At least once a year, the two presidents, Dr. Gan Xiaoqing, and Dr. Cheryl Dozier, President of SSU meet to officiate over the CI Board meeting. While visiting SSU, Dr. Gan donated his latest books on *The Analects of Confucius: An Axiomatic Interpretation* and lectured on it.
Dr. Wang Hongjie, history professor from Armstrong State University lectured on “Sichuan Food”. Sichuan is a region in Southwest China known for its spicy food.
Mask face Changing originated when ancient people painted their faces to drive away wild animals. Performers wear vividly colored masks, change from one face to another almost instantaneously with the swipe of a fan, a movement of the head, or wave of the hand.

Amazing China Opera show in Lucas Theater
2015 魅力中国京剧表演
Exhibition of Jewish refugee in Shanghai (1933-1941)
video of Jewish Refugee in Shanghai(1933-1941)
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rflm3pa9v58c8gx/AACIyoDmohBPvUkhjtoTdTKIa?dl=0

The exhibition brings together for the first time photos, personal stories and artifacts from Shanghai’s Jewish Refugee Museum
SSU Confucius Institute host Jiangsu Normal University art troupe at Armstrong State University on 17th September 2015.

Funded by CI headquarter, Jiangsu NU art troupe had toured in the US and show traditional Chinese music(instrument) and Martial Arts. Their first stop was Savannah.
Teachers and students of Confucius Institute celebrate global Confucius Institute Day. CI Day is program initiated by the CI Headquarter to celebrate the 10th anniversary of founding.
Mid-Autumn Day party at Confucius Institute, staff and students of CI & exchange students from JJU are celebrating the festival together.

The Mid-Autumn festival is a harvest festival celebrated by ethnic Chinese, held on the 15th day of the eighth month in Chinese Han Calendar. Mooncakes are the food for the day.
CI students took HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test level 1 and level 2), 96% of them passed the exam and obtained the certificate of HSK level 1 and 2. Candidates who passed HSK level 3 can apply scholarship to study to China.
CI teachers attended “International Week” in Armstrong State University
SSU Open Campus Day

Great partnerships and friends for life!
Exchange Student Meeting, Students from JJU shared their experiences on SSU campus and touring the US. SSU did the same about their visit to China and on the campus of JJU.
CI students and staff celebrate 2015 Spring Festival

Chinese New Year is an important Chinese festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar. It is also known as the Spring Festival, the literal translation of the modern Chinese name. Celebrations traditionally run from the evening preceding the first day, to the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the first calendar month.
CI Directors attending the 10\textsuperscript{th} global Confucius Institute Conference held in Shanghai Expo Center.

CI Directors and Gan Xiaoqing, President of JIU, taking photo with Lv yuqi, Associate Counsel of Department of Education, Jiangxi Province.
Dr Peggy Blood, with professor Tang Tan addressing class

Dr Peggy Blood, with Art and Language professors
Main Chinese Holidays

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Up Coming Events:

1. February, Confucius Institute celebrates Chinese New Year February 8th
2. March, music workshop with renowned Opera singer
3. April, Acupuncture lecture and demonstration
4. June, CI student delegation to China
5. Monthly CI film series

Please contact CI office for details

Answer the crossword in Chinese:
Across:
2 love the world
4 I want to go to China

Down:
1 I love learning Chinese
3 I miss you

Answers are in this newsletter
2016 Spring courses of Confucius Institute at SSU:

**CHINESE LANGUAGES COURSES:**

**CI011-01 ELEMENTARY CHINESE (LEVEL 1)** Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:00am

**CI011-02 ELEMENTARY CHINESE (LEVEL 1)** Mondays & Wednesdays 5:15 – 6:15pm

**CI011-03 ELEMENTARY CHINESE (LEVEL 1)** Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00am – 12:00pm

**CI011-05 ELEMENTARY CHINESE (LEVEL 1)** Saturdays 10:15 – 11:15am

**CI011-06 EXPERIENCING CHINESE (TRAVELING IN CHINA)** Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:15 – 6:15pm

**CI012-01 ELEMENTARY CHINESE (LEVEL 2)** Mondays & Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00pm

**CI012-02 ELEMENTARY CHINESE (LEVEL 2)** Saturdays 11:20am – 12:20pm

**CI021-01 INTERMEDIA CHINESE (LEVEL 1)** Mondays & Wednesdays 6:20 – 7:20pm

**CI021-02 INTERMEDIA CHINESE (LEVEL 1)** Mondays & Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00pm

**CI023-01 INTERMEDIA CHINESE (LEVEL 3)** Mondays & Wednesdays 12:00 – 1:00pm

**CI031-01 ADVANCED CHINESE (LEVEL 1)** Fridays 5:15-6:15, Saturdays 2-3pm

**CULTURE EXPERIENCING COURSES:**

**CI010-01 PAPERCUTTING**
Mondays & Wednesdays 12:00 – 1:00pm

**CI010-02 TAIJI**
Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30pm
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