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Let’s meet the new teachers

I come from Huanggang Normal College and have been engaged in college English teaching for more than 13 years. I got my B.A. in 2003 and my MTCSOL (Master of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages) in 2012. I am honored to be chosen by Hanban to teach the Chinese language and provide cross-cultural activities in Savannah State University. I wish I would be a qualified teacher and envoy of propagating culture. I would like to learn, make friends and have fun in SSU.

Greetings, y'all! I am Liu Shuyu from Chengdu China! All my fatigue from flying for 28 hours vanished once I landed in this beautiful historic city full of friendly people. I am now teaching Chinese at DeRenne Middle School. I have previously taught ELA for nine years back in China. In my experience, culture plays an important role in language learning. The more students get to know the culture of another country, the better it will help them with the language. We are ALL language learners in the classroom. I hope to help students build interest and confidence in the Chinese language, while at the same time improving my English with their help! I am opening my arms for this new, exciting experience, and I hope you will follow our class on Twitter to experience some of what we are learning: @liulaoshi_cn
I am excited to share all of our joy and progress!

I am Ma Ling from Xi’an, China. I was a Chinese teacher in Xi Dian Experimental Primary School, and then became an English teacher in there. Now I work in Myers Middle School as a mandarin teacher. To work in the US will not only improve my ability of language teaching, but give me the chance to collect the first-hand teaching material in class. As an English teacher who worked in China for 17 years, I know that education values are largely shared by Americans and Chinese. What I will learn and experience in the US will provide new perspectives to Chinese educators. Back from America, I will share my experiences and friendship which with American colleagues and students, let more Chinese people know how do Americans learning and teaching, compare the differences of two education method. Chinese education and American education complement each other, and the two great nations can make progress spontaneously.
Confucius Institute at SSU provides Chinese language and various culture classes (Paper-cutting, Ethnic Dance, Folklore, T’ai chi etc.) at Savannah State University, St. Andrews School, DeRenne Middle School and Myers Middle School.

Savannah State University/Confucius Institute
Teaching and HSK Tests

Confucius Institute at Savannah State University is the only official test center in Savannah designated by Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarter which provides various Chinese proficiency tests. In the Spring Semester 2017, CI will hold Chinese Proficiency Tests as follow.

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2017 Fall Semester HSK & YCT Tests at CI at SSU

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Please visit the website: www.chinesetest.cn, login the username and passwords (if you have not, create one first) from TEST TAKER and select test level, form, test center and date, and finish the test registration on line.

How to pay?
Please pay at the Cashier's office in Hill Hall. (please bring receipt to the CI office) For more information, please feel free to contact us at (912)-358-3160, or email to:
- Jiayi Zhong: zhongj@savannahstate.edu
- Qijuan Luo: qijuanl@savannahstate.edu
On January 26, 2017 Confucius Institute at SSU hosted a Chinese Lunar New Year celebration. CI students enjoyed a variety of activities and demonstrations throughout the day such as guessing lantern riddles, Chinese traditional paper cutting, chopsticks game, shuttlecock kicking, Ping-Pong competition, making cards and red lucky envelopes and so on.

All the CI students enjoyed the Chinese New Year party held at CI language lab. Different kinds of Chinese traditional snacks were provided. What's more, SSU students and staff, as well as people from the community were amazed by the firework show ringing in the Year of the Rooster from the gazebo with hot cider, hot chocolate and a performance from a Chinese dancing dragon.
On Jan. 27, 2017, with the assistance Confucius Institute at SSU, St. Andrew’s School celebrated the Chinese New Year. Students were interested in Chinese traditional paper cutting and calligraphy experience activities. The Lion dance was loved by all the students and teachers. One teacher said, “This is really a very good opportunity for our students to experience and understand a different culture. We have two Chinese classes this year, students are fond of learning Chinese. I know the red color symbolized good fortune in Chinese culture. Hope the Chinese Red will also bring us happiness and good luck.”

为庆贺丁酉鸡年新春佳节，弘扬中国传统文化，美国萨凡纳州立大学孔子学院举办了“迎新春•庆丁酉•传文化” 2017春节系列庆祝活动，形式多样、内容丰富的中国春节庆祝活动成为了萨市一道亮丽的风景线。欢乐祥和的春节气氛无不感染着在校师生和当地民众。1月26日 孔院学生欢聚一堂，共同庆祝鸡年的到来。1月27日，圣安德鲁斯中学教学点举办了“2017中国年”剪纸和书法体验活动，舞狮表演也得到了师生们的喜爱。1月30日，近千名在校师生和社区民众聚集在萨凡纳州立大学校园里，一同欣赏孔子学院举办的“红红火火闹新春”2017烟火秀和舞龙表演。
On February 23 and 24, 2017, SSU hosted the 66th annual Southern Regional Press Institute (SRPI) on campus. This was a two-day mass media conference primarily for college students from the Southeast. The theme for the 66th SRPI is “Crisis Communication: Ethics and Accuracy in a Digital World.”

The Confucius Institute invited Mr. Michael Ottey, freelance journalist and a former editor for China Daily, to speak to Savannah and campus community. He introduced his experiences of living and working in different countries and pointed out that the development of mass media and culture is the inevitable outcome of the culture globalism. After the opening speech, Mr. Ottey said that the Confucius Institute is a good platform for American students to learn the language and understand the culture.
Chinese Confucianism and the Millennial Generation

"儒家文化与现代生活" 专题讲座

The Confucius Institute at SSU invited a delegation from the University of North Florida to bring a panel discussion on Chinese Confucianism and the Millennial Generation on March 3, 2017.

The keynote speaker Mr. An Deyi is an established scholar of Confucianism as well as a renowned public speaker in China. He defined Confucianism from the perspective of origin, functionality and connotation. Dr. Zhao Mei, professor of health administration as well as the director for master of health administration program, delivered her talk on Confucianism and Modern Leadership. Dr. Xu Jing, visiting assistant professor at UNF, gave a speech on how to apply Confucianism to daily communication. Dr. Wang Kening, associate professor of Mathematics and Statistics, offered her titled speech Confucianism and Modern Education. Dr. An Lian, associate professor of Economics, offered her talk on Confucianism and Modern Economy.

当地时间3月3日，萨凡纳州立大学孔子学院邀请儒学专家安德义及北佛罗里达大学的四位博士共同举办了一场“儒家文化与现代生活”专题讲座，来自学校和周边社区共七十多人参加了此次讲座。
Educators Delegation

TRIP TO CHINA  March 14 ~ March 23, 2017

美国佐治亚州萨凡纳市教育工作者访华团
The Confucius Institute at SSU organized a ten-day TRIP TO CHINA cultural experience program for ten educators from Savannah State University, Georgia Southern University, Savannah-Chatham Public Schools and other departments. Dr. Emmanuel Naniuzei, director of the International Education Center at SSU, was the head of the delegation. The delegation visited four cities in China: Shanghai, Jiujiang, Jingdezhen, and Beijing. They spent most of their time in Jiujiang, the Sister City of Savannah, visiting Lushan Mountain, White Deer Cave Academy, Jiujiang Urban Planning Hall and Bali Lake. Besides, members of the delegation also visited Jiujiang NO.3 Middle School and Jiuajing Vocational University. Various panel discussions and lectures focusing on Chinese Education was provided. The conversations with Chinese local educators gave the delegators a better understanding of China.
A welcome ceremony was held on March 17, 2017. It was chaired by Mr. Wang Xianmiao, Vice Director of International Office, JJU. Professor Liu Xiaodong, president of JJU, and Dr. Emmanuel Naniuzeyi both gave a speech.

The delegation toured the main campus and Bali Lake campus of JJU watched the performance of martial arts and aerobics by the students from the College of Physical Education and Chinese traditional musical instrument & dance by the students from the College of Art.
It is one thing to learn about a place and a people by reading. It is quite another to experience the place, and to meet the people. The Confucius Institute experience allowed me to better understand China, Chinese culture, and the people who help to make the nation great.

In my social psychology classes, I teach about stereotypes, the quick generalizations that people make regarding people who come from different groups. We sometimes recognize that our stereotypes are inaccurate, but we rely on them nevertheless as a way to quickly make sense of the people we meet. My experience in China helped to show where my stereotypes of the country fell short. This will be something I convey to my students for years to come.
As Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages at Georgia Southern University, I have found the association with the Confucius Institute and, in particular, the visit to China with the delegation, to be enlightening and invigorating. As a direct result of the visit, we are working to bring a visiting scholar to our campus for the upcoming academic year. Another direct influence of the trip has been the increased support of the faculty that you all allowed me to invite to participate (Dean Cummings, Pam Bourland-Davis, and Michael Nielson). As their awareness and appreciation of China and things Chinese has increased, they have become more supportive of our efforts to strengthen and expand our Chinese cultural and linguistic programming. Perhaps most promising to me, as chair of a department that will soon be in both Statesboro and Armstrong, is the possibility of partnering with the Confucius Institute to introduce Chinese into the curricular offerings at Armstrong in the near future. I have long admired China and appreciated the Chinese people, culture, and language, and the Confucius Institute delegation visit provided me with an opportunity to strengthen my understanding and appreciation and to begin to establish connections that will allow Georgia Southern to be a strong advocate for the teaching of Chinese language and culture in the region.
China. I could “wax poetic” about it now. Having the opportunity to visit has changed so much of what I think and see in the news, on social media, and how I have interpreted the past – and may interpret the future.

To go back in time, I grew up the daughter of a career army officer – who had a second career farming (of note as I have many photos of small farms, tea being grown, and the ever-present canola blooms). I was born in Germany, and had a second tour there while I was in grade school. During that time, the Iron Curtain separated the east and west. Air raid sirens during drills reminded us that the east and the west were not necessarily at peace. Politics supported that separation through policy and rhetoric. This division was the world in which I grew up, and if I am honest, the mention of the China trip opportunity sponsored by the Confucius Institute piqued both spectre and juncture, a chance where my fears of the past could see what the present and future might hold simultaneously.

I am so thankful that the Confucius Institute, working with Savannah State University and Juijiang University, created this cultural exchange, as that “cultural exchange” is what the trip has epitomized for me. I learned about the school systems, and was so impressed with the students in the classes, with whom we were able to visit. The students from Juijiang – Philia & Joleo – were phenomenal. I was able to learn about customs, food, and so much about daily life in China from them. Landing and departing from cities, provided contemporary views of China, and I especially appreciated getting to see some of the smaller cities where the influence of the past – in architecture and ways of life – may have been more evident. Those points of views provided a focus, a balance of an ever-growing country that still respects its foundations, and its multiple ethnicities.

Since learning of the trip and having traveled there, I have read a number of books by Chinese-American authors, and while they may not be “sanctioned” writers for China, these books, both fiction and non-fiction, have deepened my appreciation for all things “China.” From artwork to great thinkers to family life and even immigration, seeing the east with a renewed vision is something I have come to appreciate. It also means I am better able to discuss case studies and news involving eastern versus western ways of thinking in my own classes. More than anything, perhaps, is I know I have so much more to learn. And I know I would jump at the opportunity to visit again, although I am not sure I would ever be able to have the same quality of experience again without Ms. Luo and all those involved in our trip. For now, I treasure my memories of the trip, the wonderful and beautiful people I met or observed, and my pictures – even if they were mostly taken in the rain.

Dr. Pamela G. Bourland-Davis
Chair & Professor
Department of Communication Arts
Dr. Mark Linsky
SCCPSS
Program Coordinator and Specialist for World Languages

I learned so much during our trip to China. Nearly all my expectations of China changed in ten days there. Shanghai and Beijing completely transformed my ideas about modern China. It was very exciting to see the dramatic changes that have happened in the last 50 years.

There was so much to see and to learn during our trip. The people and places encouraged many discussions within our group and new questions and observations continued with every change of location.

In the smaller cities and historic sites, we were able to interact with local residents and join them in the flow of daily life. These experiences are most important when learning about others from a society so unfamiliar to western eyes.

I was most impressed by our visits to schools and universities. The contrast of Chinese and American students is substantial. I hope that we can emulate the desire and dedication to learning that I witnessed. It was also impressive that our hosting institutions had prepared so diligently for our visit. Their facilities were well-planned and designed for growth.

This trip has provided us with a truly unique experience of Chinese culture and now I have made many new acquaintances and friends from China that I will treasure.

Everything about China opened my eyes to a whole different way of life and it was really interesting too.

I want to thank the Confucius Institute at SSU and Hanban for making this trip possible, I enjoyed the experience and I look forward to seeing China again.
The Confucius Institute at SSU attended the tenth annual NCLC in Houston, TX, April 6-8, 2017.

NCLC was organized by Asia Society and the College Board and is dedicated to enhancing the nation’s capacity for the teaching and learning of Chinese language and culture by sharing cutting-edge practices and examples with educators and policymakers.

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CI Cultural Activities

SECTION TWO

2017 CI Summer Camp
The Confucius Institute at SSU held its first summer camp for university students this year. Professor Toni Johnson led a group of 11 SSU students to China on June 7. They spent two weeks in three cities (Jiujiang, Jingdezhen, and Beijing) experiencing the vivid and real China.

Before the trip students attended the summer camp orientation and came to CI class to learn basic Chinese language and Chinese customs which provided useful information and helped them adapt to the local life better.

In addition to the wonderful dance feast presented by the students and teachers from two universities on June 14, 2017, members of the summer camp also learned Taichi Kungfu Fan, visited Jiujiang Museum, Mount Lu, the Great Wall, the Olympic sports center and Hanban Headquarters, made their own ceramic plate, and of course, tasted the famous Peking Duck and hot pot. All the members of the summer camp passed the Chinese Proficiency test level 1.

Although the two-week summer camp was short, the students gained friendship and knowledge. Many students said, this is not the end, it is a start.

2017年6月7日，萨凡纳州立大学首个大学生赴中国夏令营团飞往中国，开始为期两周的中华文化体验之旅。本次夏令营由萨凡纳州立大学人文艺术学院艺术系助理教授托妮·约翰逊带队，共有5名视觉表演艺术专业学生和6名其他专业的学生。参营学生参加了夏令营启动仪式，并接受了行前汉语培训。萨凡纳州立大学校长多齐尔肯定了孔子学院为此次夏令营做出的努力，并祝本次夏令营圆满顺利。两周的时间虽然短暂，但参营学生们却在三个不同的城市收获了不同的体验。对于他们来说，这不是结束，而是一个全新的开始。
2017 Confucius Institute Summer Camp Orientation

Members of the summer camp kept learning Chinese language before the trip

President Cheryl Dozier, Mr. David Smith, Dr. Peggy Blood and Director Luo attended the CI Summer Camp Meeting
On the evening of June 14, 2017, the Chinese-American Dance Exchange Show was presented in partnership with Jiujiang University in Jiujiang University Auditorium. The show was under the directorship of Zhang Lina from the College of Art of JJJU and Professor Toni Johnson from SSU. Students from JJJU and SSU presented a wonderful show. Various kinds of dancing such as Chinese traditional dance, Taichi Kungfu fan, African dance, American Hip-hop wowed the audience.
First, on behalf of all the students and myself, I extend a huge “thank you” to the Confucius Institute for diligently organizing the logistics and administrative responsibilities to make the first SSU student delegation to China a total success! Words cannot fully express how humbled we all are to have experienced such generous hospitality from Confucius and our JJU partners, to engage in a collaborative performance project, merging two culturally distinct dance programs in a true cultural exchange. We worked hard, fast and smart and the production happened big! We are also humbled to explore Chinese ancient culture and become a part of it, to travel to breathtaking historical sites and to make lasting memories and bonds that will not be forgotten.

The faculty and the students did not speak each others’ native language, but the common language was dance. We were able to understand each other through kinesthetic, hands on movement research, body language and common sense. Within the exchange of movement information were tangible bonds being built, inter-personally. Students and faculty genuinely learned from each other and loved one another throughout the process. We forged friendship, mutual respect and community.

All of the cultural visits were well coordinated and well received. Among the many highlights, the students and I truly enjoyed the adventures of climbing up to the huge Dongling Buddha into the sky, the walking trails and magnificent views of Lushan Mountain, the fascinating live Kung Fu Show at the Red Theater in Beijing, The Great Wall of China and all the shopping at The Pearl Market!

Students need this global experience for their career development, understanding of the global economy and understanding how people live and work abroad.

Toni Renee Johnson  
Assistant Professor of Dance, Fine Arts, Humanities & Wellness,  
Savannah State University
CI Cultural Activities

We are in China
The Confucius Institute at SSU organized the first CI Youth Summer Camp on SSU campus this year.

Dr. Peggy Blood introduced the two-week summer camp schedule and welcomed all the students at the opening ceremony on June 19, 2017.

The CI Youth Summer Camp provided a platform for children to truly experience various aspects of Chinese culture. In addition to learning the language, they also learned Tai Chi, Chinese doll making, Chinese calligraphy and painting.
Launched in Jan. 2016, CI Chinese Movie Night Program aims at introducing excellent Chinese movies and spreading Chinese culture. Every Wednesday CI screens a typical Chinese movie and holds a feedback salon.
Launched on April 8th, 2016, CI’s biweekly one-hour show “Confucius Institute Time” is the first Chinese language program to be broadcast by the education radio station at SSU. The program mainly focuses on Chinese culture introduction, Chinese language teaching, and Chinese music appreciation. Tune in every two weeks on Friday from 1-2 pm on WHCJ 90.3 FM.

“孔院时间”电台节目于2016年4月8日首次播出，由孔子学院教师担任主播，每两周更新一次。节目内容主要分为中国文化介绍、汉语课堂和中文歌曲欣赏三个板块。
Confucius Institute attended the international week activities in SSU on April 20, 2017.

Confucius Institute attended the lecture talking about NATO’s military committee on April 27, 2017.

参加国际周茶会活动

参加学校举办的各类讲座
On March 3, 2017 the 3rd Women’s Leadership Conference was presented in part by the Confucius Institute at SSU on campus at Student Union. This year’s program focused on women’s health and wellness.

The Confucius Institute at SSU invited Professor Zhao Mei from the Brooks College of Health of University of North Florida to give a lecture focused on US Healthcare System and Access to Quality Health Care for the seminar.

当地时间3月3日，来自美东南地区的二百多名女性代表参加了萨凡纳州立大学第三届女性领导力研讨会。本届研讨会由萨凡纳州立大学孔子学院与萨凡纳州立大学共同承办，围绕“女性健康”这一主题设计了讲座、工作坊、专家讨论会等环节。萨凡纳州立大学孔子学院特别邀请了来自北佛罗里达州立大学布鲁克健康学院的赵梅教授为此次研讨会做闭幕讲座。
Confucius Institute attended SSU’s bi-annual recruitment event Open Campus Day on April 1, 2017. CI staff introduced Chinese language and culture classes to students and parents from the community. Many participants were interested in taking CI courses and expressed their willingness to attend the CI cultural events.

美国当地时间2017年4月1日，近千名来自周边社区和中学的师生及家长参加了萨凡纳州立大学的春季“校园开放日”活动。孔院教师在此次春季“校园开放日”活动中向到场师生及家长介绍了孔子学院的汉语课程和近期即将举办的文化活动。许多学生和社区人员在翻阅了孔子学院的活动简报后都表示有兴趣加入到孔院的汉语课堂中来。
Savannah Asian Cultural Festival, one of the South’s largest Asian celebrations, was held at Armstrong’s campus on April 22, 2017. The celebration is opened by Mayor Eddie DeLoach and Armstrong President, Linda Bleicken.

Confucius Institute at SSU also participated in this year’s celebration. Together with participants from 20 countries, CI staff in traditional Chinese costumes walked in the Parade of Nations and performed a Chinese traditional dance. Many citizens showed their interests in learning Chinese language and hoped that there would be more opportunities to know more about Chinese culture.

當地时间2017年4月22日，萨凡纳市一年一度的亚洲文化节在美丽的阿姆斯特朗州立大学校园内隆重举行。萨凡纳州立大学孔子学院应萨凡纳市文化部及阿姆斯特朗州立大学的邀请，协助举办本届亚洲文化节，并在活动期间设立展台，向参与民众介绍中国文化，展示中华才艺。
At the invitation of May Howard Elementary School, the Confucius Institute at SSU participated in the International Night activity on May 2, 2017. CI’s Chinese Director Qijuan Luo introduced CI Chinese language courses and cultural to the students and parents. The Chinese folk dance “Dongxiang Night” performed by CI instructor Jiayi Zhong won applause from the audience.

当地时间5月2日，应萨凡纳市霍华德公立小学的邀请，萨凡纳州立大学孔子学院老师与该校一百多名学生及家长一同参加了“国际之夜”活动。萨凡纳州立大学孔子学院中方院长罗其娟向学生及家长们介绍了孔子学院以及孔院的语言课程和文化活动，钟佳老师表演的中国民族舞蹈《侗乡之夜》赢得了现场观众的掌声。
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Chinese folk dance “Dongxiang Night” performed by CI instructor Jiayi Zhong
Confucius Institute at SSU attended the meet-and-greet for Ann Levett, the new superintendent of Savannah-Chatham public school board on June 2, 2017.

Meet-and-greet for Ann Levett
“CI Day” Celebration Week (September 25 – September 30)
   Traditional Chinese Medicine lecture
   Chinese movie show
   Paper-cutting, Calligrapher and Painting Workshops

CI Exhibition: artist Liu Nan (October 2 – October 27)

CI Mid-Autumn (Moon) Festival Celebration (October 6)

CI Anniversary Week (October 20 – October 27)
   Partnership Conference with Wesleyan College
   Round Table Panel Discussion “Knowing China”
   CI 3rd Anniversary Dinner

CI Opera Week (November 6 – November 10)
   Student Opera Contest
   Peking Opera workshops
   Peking Opera Matinee performance

CI Community Committee Meeting (December 1)
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