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Chinese Teacher Training Workshop

The next Chinese teacher training workshop of GCLE in 2012 will be held at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm on December 1. Location will be determined. GCLE encourage local Chinese teachers to participate the workshop to share your Chinese teaching methodology, materials and resources. There will be group discussions in different language teaching levels.



GCLE Website Update

GCLE website will be updated soon. New web pages, like membership application form and member sharing resources, will be added.



GCLE Chinese New Year Annual Meeting

Chinese New Year Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013. Location is in the process of searching. The Board of Directors has made a plan for the meeting as following:

- GCLE will invite and recognize some outstanding administrators and superintendents who did great contributions on developing Chinese education in Georgia State.
- GCLE will send invitation to principals and foreign language department head to our Chinese New Year Annual Meeting on Feb. 2, 2013.
- GCLE will recognize the educators who have dedicated in Chinese teaching for 20 years.
- GCLE will recognize the teachers who have designed the website, which effectively integrated Chinese teaching and learning.
- GCLE will recognize the teachers who have successfully promoted the students' enrollment in their Chinese teaching and learning.
- GCLE will sincerely invite more professional educators and administrative officers in education to be our advisors.

- GCLE will recognize the Teacher of the Year at the meeting.
- GCLE will recognize the outstanding contributions of the board members who are going to resign due to service term arriving. New board members will be recruited and announced at the meeting.
- GCLE will announce the new work plan in 2013.



GCLE Teacher of the Year Nomination

GCLE asks for nominations of the Teacher of the Year. The nominators must provide a report of the nominees with two items:

- (1) A nomination cover page, and;
- (2) A brief recommendation letter or outline stating the reasons for nomination (no more than a half page, single-spaced). Any school administrator or colleague may recommend a teacher as long as the teacher being nominated is a member of GCLE. No self-nominations.

PROCEDURE

The required documents must be submitted to gclegroup@gmail.com no later than January 19, 2012. Upon receiving the nominations, the GCLE will email the candidate list to all its members; member teachers will then vote on the top three candidates with the most nominations at the annual professional networking. Prior to the voting procedure, the nomination statements will be read by the TOTY committee, or by the GCLE president. The 2013 GCLE Teacher of the Year selection will be named after the anonymous voting, and the teacher will be recognized at the meeting.



GCLE Star Student Nomination

GCLE asks the member teachers to nominate one STAR STUDENT from their schools. GCLE will endorse certificate, and report the STAR STUDENT to the student's school at the spring of 2013. These students will be reported in next GCLE News letter.



Student Chinese Speech Contest

The Board of Directors has discussed and decided that GCLE will continue to have student annual contest on Chinese speech. The date of next year's speech contest will be on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Location will be determined and announced soon.



StarTalk Programs at KSU in Summer 2013

Kennesaw State University will continue to hold StarTalk Chinese student and teacher programs in 2013. Dates have been set to be July 7 – July 21, 2013.

KSU Startalk Chinese Academy is for High School Students with none or intermediate Chinese level to study Chinese language and culture. During the two-week 15 -day sessions, students will be immersed in intensive language instruction and practice and participate in several culture activities and field trips. The KSU Startalk Chinese teacher program is for training P-12 Chinese Teachers. The teacher program will focus on teaching methodology practice and technology use in 2013. The participating P-12 Chinese teachers will have intensive instruction on language teaching methodology and technology, and do real teaching practice in the classrooms of the StarTalk student program. All the tuition, lodging and food cost for both the student and teacher programs will be covered by the grant.

More information will be coming soon after the grant has been received or contact **Dr. Anja Bernardy** at abernard@kennesaw.edu.



NGCSU Summer Language Academy in 2013

North Georgia College & State University (NGCSU) will host the third summer language academy for high school rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors in June and July 2013. The **Federal Service Language Academy (FSLA)** is a three-week residential program for students who are interested in an immersion intensive language experience, fitness, and exploring international-related careers with the federal government. During the two three-week sessions, students will be immersed in intensive language instruction in First-Year Arabic, Chinese, Russian, French, German, Korean, Portuguese or Second-Year Arabic, Chinese, Russian, French, German, and Korean from highly qualified teachers, participate in a daily fitness program, receive career counseling from federal agencies (CIA, FBI, State Department, Homeland Security, and US Armed Forces), and possibly receive high school credit for successful

completion of the camp. **Applications Now Being Accepted.**

For further information see below for more complete details and visit our web site: www.northgeorgia.edu/summeracademy

Or you may contact Dr. Wilson at:

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Report of GCLE Activities and Events in the Fall

硕果金秋

——佐治亚州中文教师协会的各项秋季活动

金秋是收获的季节。刚进入秋季，佐治亚州的中文教师协会就已经积极举办、参与了多项有关中文教学的培训、交流活动，展现了其一贯的在促进中文教学上的积极进取和参与精神。

首先，八月三十一日和九月一日，中文教师协会积极参与了佐治亚州立大学的孔子学院举办第三届商务汉语教学国际研讨会。会议期间，与会老师和参加会议的中文教学专家以及有关学者交流了促进商务汉语教学的各种理念、设计和方法，并与北美地区较多使用的汉语教材《中文听说读写》的主编刘月华教授交流了中文教学法和中文课程设计等问题。



与刘月华老师（左三）合影

九月十五日，中文教师协会的理事会举行了网络电话会议。会议讨论了该协会在秋季的各项活动安排。



有六位全职中文教师。钟老师 (M. Chung) 在介绍如何对小学生进行中文教学的同时，还展示了他的课堂录像和自己设计、使用的各种教学材料，如中文儿童歌谣等。特别值得一提的是，该校的很多中文教学资料都是由其中文老师自己编写的。这些读物图文并茂，读起来朗朗上口，为小学生的中文学习增添了不少乐趣。参加培训活动的老师们就中文课堂教学的兴趣性、活泼性和汉语在课堂中的使用问题进行了热烈的交流、讨论。

九月二十九日，协会按计划举办了周末中文教学培训活动。协会邀请了 Wesley International Academy 的中文项目负责人 Anthony Chung 老师介绍了以学生为中心的小学中文教学法和教学设计，有二十多位中、小学中文教师出席了培训活动。Wesley International Academy 是目前佐治亚州唯一一所对所有从幼儿园到八年级的学生进行中文教学的学校，也是一所为数不多的开设中文国际文凭 (Chinese International Baccalaureate) 的学校。该校中文系拥



十月六日和七日，佐治亚州立大学的孔子学院在亚特兰大举办了 2012 年度国家汉



办、孔子学院总部及美东地区各部的北美本土汉语教师教材及教学培训学术会议。来自美东地区和纽约州等两百多位中文教师参加了这次研讨会。佐治亚州中文教师协会会长胡慧星老师在会议开幕式特别应会议组织者的邀请，作了专题讲话，介绍了佐治亚州中文教育现状以及中文教师协会的诞生发展，师资规模，师资培训以及各项活动。胡慧星老师还和与会老师

分享了如何使用 21 世纪的教学方法来使用各种中文教材的经验。中文教师协会副会长、北亚特兰大高中 (North Atlanta High School) 的中文教师赵芳霞博士和多位佐治亚州中文教师也应邀出席了研讨会。赵芳霞博士还在大会上作了“多种教材资源的合理运用”的报告。赵老师在她的报告中多次提及了北亚特兰大高中自 2009 年接受国家汉办赠书, 挂图, 及具有中国风土人情的风景墙画情况。她特别指出, 国家汉办赠送的这些内容丰富的中文课本和其它读物充分缓解了他们学校九年级, 十年级, 十一年级, 和十二年级中文课本极度短缺

的局面。北亚特兰大高中也是一所拥有汉语国际文凭 (IB) 项目的学校, 汉办的这些赠书也为她提供了教授 IB 中文课程的很多参考。现今, 北亚特兰大高中学生的注册学习中文的学生人数从 2006 年的 66 名已经发展到 188 名。来自亚城另一所开设中文课程的学校



Woodward Academy 的 Betty Bienert (孙芳) 老师和大家分享了中文教材和运用的一些体会。比如, 在教学任务紧张、资源有限、时间有限的情况下, 老师们如何灵活地运用教材和练习册里提供的内容, 丰富课堂活动; 如何在使用教材之外, 添加辅助的中文语言材料, 帮助学生提高阅读和说话的能力, 增

强学习中文的兴趣等等。孙老师还提到与其他学校的中文学生通过 Skype 进行交流, 参加比赛等, 也是一些互相鼓励, 加强信心的好办法。来自佐治亚州 Savanna 市 Johnson High School 的邹云青老师在她的报告中分析了《你好》这一北美中小学常用中文教材的优缺点, 并介绍了如何活泼地运用以学生为中心的教学法进行中文教学。邹老师还和大家分享了如何运用媒体科技教学和其它汉语课本补充来解决《你好》这一教材的内容不足问题, 以达到佐治亚州的现代语言课程标准要求。邹云青老师在 2005 年当选了 Savannah

市的 Groves High School 优秀教师，成为 Savannah 市 Chat ham 县公立学校 2005-2006 学年度教育局长的一员参议。该县教育局长非常支持邹老师关于成立汉语课程以实际教育国际化的理念。2006 年在教育局长的任命下，邹老师从数学老师变成为了一名 Savannah 市 Chat ham 县公立学校汉语天地的拓荒者。邹老师现任 Johnson 高中九年级到十二年级和 IB 汉语教学的中文教师。总之，在这一次由佐治亚州立大学的孔子学院、国家汉办、孔子学院总部所举办的学术交流、培训研讨会上，佐治亚州的中文教师协会和中文教师们积极参与，向外界展现了相当的实力与学术、教学水平。

在下半年，中文教师协会还准备组织更多的教学交流、研讨活动，比如有关中文各类教材的交换和交流，邀请中文教学专家作专题演讲等。协会还重新设计协会网站和入会申请表，以便于更多从事中文教学的老师们加入协会，获取各类有关中文教学活动的信息。欢迎有兴趣的教师、家长和读者访问、阅读协会网站：<http://www.gcle.org>。



GCLE Board of Directors Meeting GCLE 理事会会议

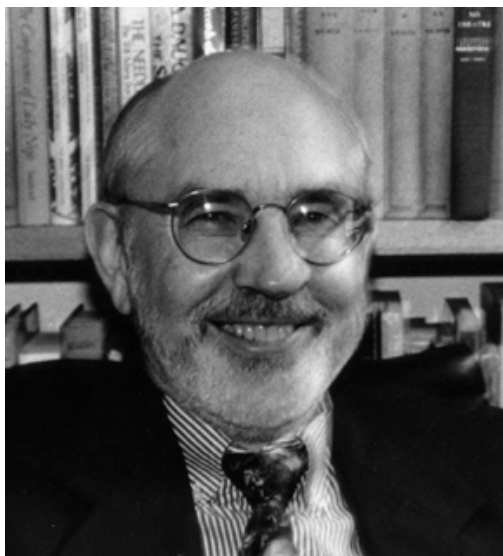
九月十五日和十一月十日，佐治亚州中文教师协会理事会成员分别召开了 Skype 电话会议和理事会议，会议主要讨论了协会的工作计划和各项任务安排落实：网站更新，会员资料库的建立，新会员申请表的修改，新老理事会成员的更替，定期的中文教师培训课程安排，春节年会计划，新年的工作计划，协会简讯等等。会议讨论确定，由李榕老师负责协会网站的更新，刘艳竹老师负责建立会员资料库，程朝晖老师负责协会新闻稿件和会刊的编写。会议也讨论、通过了新的会员入会申请表和新的工作计划安排。目前，根据会议讨论的计划，各项工作正在有条不紊地由各理事会成员安排执行。



Guest Lecture “45 Years of China Watching” in KSU

The Chinese Language and Culture Club in Kennesaw State University invited Dr. Paul Ropp from Clark University to give a guest lecture on Oct. 22. About 40 KSU students and some faculty members attended the lecture. In this very personal lecture, Dr. Ropp recalled his encounters with Chinese people and culture since the 1960s when the country was going through

the disastrous Cultural Revolution, shared with the KSU students and teachers some precious historical photos about China that he personally took as one of the first American scholars who were able to get access to China in those old days, and reflected on the sweeping changes that have occurred in China, in his view of China, and in US-China relations in the past half century.



Dr. Paul Ropp is Distinguished Professor of History at Clark University, MA. He received the Ph.D. degree in 1974 from the University of Michigan. He is the author of *Dissent in Early Modern China: Ju-linwai-shih and Ch'ing Social Criticism*, and *Banished Immortal: Searching for Shuangqing, China's Peasant Woman Poet*, and has edited *Heritage of China: Contemporary Perspectives on Chinese Civilization*, and co-edited *Passionate Women: Female Suicide in Late Imperial China*. His recent book, *China in World History*, was published in 2010 by Oxford University Press.



Lovett Student Placed First Place in the GSU Essay Competition

Lovett Student Sonia Gupta Placed First Place in the GSU Chinese Essay Competition.

Sonia Gupta, (10th grade, Lovett) competed in the Georgia State University Chinese essay competition hosted by the Confucius Institute. Most of the contestants were college students.



The Writing Contest committee was very impressed with Sonia's Chinese writing skills and she was voted first place at the statewide level. Congratulations to her for her excellent performance.



Times News: “Georgia School District Hopes Mandatory Mandarin Classes Can Boost Graduation Rate”

Link: <http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/10/02/georgia-school-district-hopes-mandatory-mandarin-classes-can-boost-students/>

By Patrick Boehler Oct. 02, 2012

Macon, Georgia, nestled in the heart of the Peach State, is located a world away from China. But now, the 7,000 miles that separate Macon and Beijing are being nullified thanks to a new initiative by the Georgia town's school district, which is trying to get its ailing public-school system in order: making Chinese language classes mandatory.

Half of the district's 25,000 students don't graduate, [CBS reported](#). The city, which boasts a long legacy of education as home to the world's oldest women's college, Wesleyan College, has implemented the “[Macon Miracle](#)” strategic plan to fix its education system. Along with more math and science classes, all students are required to take Mandarin classes to empower local students “to compete in a 21st century, multi-ethnic economy,” the county's school superintendent Romain Dallemand told CBS.

Starting with the youngest children, Dallemand is gradually extending the program and said he hoped to have Chinese language classes at every school level within three years, he told [NPR](#). By 2050, he's convinced, the students “will live in a world where, if they cannot function successfully in the Asian culture, they will pay a heavy price.” Currently, third-graders are learning the world's most-spoken language, taught by native Mandarin speakers sent to the middle of Georgia by the Chinese government.

Last year, President Obama's daughter Sasha, just nine years old at the time, [practiced](#) her Chinese language skills when China's President Hu Jintao visited Washington. Former Republican presidential candidate and former ambassador to China [Jon Huntsman, Jr.](#), is fluent in Chinese as was the U.S. 31st President [Herbert Hoover](#), who would use the language to speak in confidence with his wife.

Chinese ranks third after English and Spanish as language most used in American homes, according to a [2007 census](#). Still, only 2.5 million people speak Chinese at home, mostly in California and New York, peripheral compared to 34.5 million who have their dinner conversations in Spanish. But Mandarin is unarguably the most-spoken language in the world, with 845 million native speakers according to the [2009 Ethnologue](#). As of this year, the number is thought to have surpassed 1 billion.

But Macon students will likely need to travel a bit in order to utilize their newly-acquired language skills. In a 2010 [census](#) of then Macon County (which has since merged with Bibb County), only eight out of a population of almost 15,000 said they were of Chinese origin.

Read more: <http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/10/02/georgia-school-district-hopes-mandatory-mandarin-classes-can-boost-students/#ixzz2CgnmxNDu>

*If you are interested in being more involved in GCLE - as a possible future Board member or volunteer to help with certain events and newsletters, please let us know by sending a letter of interest via e-mail to gcle@gmail.com.

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