CLTA-WPA NEWSLETTER

Message from the Editors

We are glad to announce the first newsletter of The Chinese Language Teachers Association of Western Pennsylvania (CLTA-WPA). The newsletter serves as a venue among members of CLTA-WPA to share news and resources. Example items include but not limited to (1) descriptions of events associated with your Chinese programs that took place in the past semester or planned for the incoming semester; (2) conference presentations, articles, books, or other achievements you would like to share; (3) conference/workshop announcements, website/software recommendations, or other news related to our field, (4) job ads or other related advertisement. Pictures are welcome.

We plan to publish newsletter twice a year: one in summer, the other in winter. News items can be submitted to CLTA.WPA2014@gmail.com. Questions and suggestions can be addressed to Dr. Shijuan Liu at SLiu@iup.edu. We hope that you will find the newsletter helpful, and thank you for your support.

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Message from the President

Dear CLTA-WPA colleagues,

We are very happy that our May 4th CLTA-WPA inaugural conference at Carnegie Mellon University was successful. The conference theme was “Chinese Language Teaching and Learning in the Global Context.” Conference activities included paper presentations, a general membership meeting and open forum, a student performance, a book exhibition and a drawing for prizes. You can see highlight photos from the conference on the CLTA-WPA website (http://clta-wpa.org). Enjoy!

The Chinese Language Teachers Association of Western Pennsylvania (CLTA-WPA, http://clta-wpa.org) was established to help advance the teaching and research of Chinese language and culture in western Pennsylvania. It is a non-profit, nonpolitical, academic and educational organization. It aims to provide a forum for exchanging information, expertise, ideas, experiences, and materials related to teaching and learning Chinese, thus serving the community by promoting quality Chinese education for K-16 in the western Pennsylvania region.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Board of Directors for their volunteer service and dedication to our CLTA-WPA.

Currently there are 90 members registered and it is expected that more members will join CLTA-WPA by the next meeting (Oct 5th, 2014). The CLTA-WPA plans to organize several activities every year for members, such as an Autumn workshop and a Spring symposium and two issues of a newsletter. Welcome to provide us with your comments and suggestions. Look forward to seeing you all again at the coming CLTA-WPA 2014 Autumn workshop (Oct 5. Sunday).

謝謝大家的支持與參與！

Sincerely,
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The 2014 Inaugural Conference of the CLTA-WPA
西賓州中文教師學會 (西宾州中文教师学会)
Serving Chinese Language Teachers in Western Pennsylvania and Surrounding Areas

**Theme** 主題: *Chinese Language Teaching and Learning in the Global Context*

**Time** 時間: May 4 (Sunday), 2014, 9:00AM-4:00PM

**Place** 地點: Baker Hall, Giant Eagle Auditorium, Carnegie Mellon University

8:00-9:00  Registration, Free breakfast and Book exhibitions 註冊/早餐/書展

(Baker Hall Coffee Lounge Area, next to Giant Eagle Auditorium BH A51)

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The May 4th CLTA-WPA Inaugural Conference at CMU was assisted by the following individuals and volunteers. We express our sincere appreciation for their great help and devotion which enabled the Inaugural Conference events to be very smooth and successful. Thank you!

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由于你们的帮助, 我们成立大会的活动, 进行得既顺利又成功, 非常感谢!

Thanks to Donors

Every donation, large and small is deeply appreciated. Thank you for making a difference with your generous contribution!

致謝  We extend our thanks and appreciation to the following sponsors of May 4th, 2014 inaugural conference of CLTA-WPA at CMU. Thank you very much. 謝謝!

CLTA-WPA is also grateful to the following donors and sponsors (2014) who supported our 2014 CLTA-WPA activities:

- Chinese Studies Program, Department of Modern Languages, CMU
- Confucius Institute, University of Pittsburgh
- Sewickley Academy

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Pictures from the Inaugural Conference

Engaged audience

Inspiring presentation
The 8th International Conference and Workshops on Technology and Chinese Language Teaching (TCLT8) was held at Tufts University, Boston, July 6-8, 2014. The following CLTA-WPA members presented their work at the TCLT 8 conference to share their expertise.

- Gang Liu 刘刚 (CMU) & Haixia Wang 汪海霞 (University of Pittsburgh). Presentation title: Digital Story Telling: Enhancing Technology Literacy in Advanced Chinese Courses for College Students (数字化故事叙述: 促进高年级中文学习者的语言能力和技术素养)

- Shijuan Liu 刘士娟 (IUP). Workshop title: Using tablets (iPads) in K-16 Chinese classrooms: Pedagogical, technical, and managerial challenges and solution. (together with Chin-Huei Yeh from Shrewsbury Public Schools)

- Sue-mei Wu 吴素美 (CMU). Presentation title: Improving Learning Outcomes in a Chinese Folk Performance Course with CALL Technology (应用科技以提高中国民间演艺传统学习效果)

- Sue-mei Wu (吴素美), Ge Gong (龚鸽), Kailu Guan (关恺璐) & Yuyun Lei (雷雨芸), Carnegie Mellon University. Presentation title: Integrating Technology Into Theme-based Arts and Literature Curricula (结合科技与艺术文学主题教学)

- Jiawei Xu 徐佳维 & Wenjuan Ma 马文娟 (University of Pittsburgh). Presentation title: 远程教学 技术支持和汉语教学策略

Learn more about TCLT8 from http://www.tclt.us/tclt8/

See more pictures of the CLTA-WPA Inaugural conference from http://www.clta-wpa.org/events/
Farewell from Dr. Tingting Guo

亲爱的CLTA-WPA的老师们：

2014年7月，我即将结束在匹兹堡大学孔子学院的工作，回到中国武汉大学文学院任教。与大家相聚方始，却又不得不怀着依依的心情与大家惜别。

在孔子学院工作的三年时光倏然而逝，不禁令人感叹时光易老，岁月如梭，但这段时光注定是我人生中最难忘和美好的记忆！在西宾州的这三年，我有幸结识了很多在中文教学领域成就卓著的专家学者以及一大批奋战在中文教学第一线的老师们，你们的勤勉和对中文教学的热爱令人感佩。也正是你们多年来的辛勤工作，在西宾州地区为中华语言文化的传播打下了坚实的基础，为中文项目的推广提供了肥沃的土壤和良好的环境，我们匹大孔院也受益其中，在短短的几年时间内发展壮大成为北美地区规模最大的孔子学院之一，并三次荣获“全球优秀孔子学院”称号。我们永远不会忘记有那么多相识或不相识的老师在匹大孔院的成长过程中所给予的帮助；也会铭记很多老师都曾无私地将自己的教学经验传授给我们初来乍到的志愿者……。在此，衷心地感谢大家！

新任中方院长萧映博士即将于7月中旬赴任，也期待大家对她的工作给予一如既往的支持。我也坚信，在未来的日子里，匹大孔院将继续与各位老师在传播中华语言文化的道路上并肩前行，做好中美文化交流的使者，使古老的中华文化在异国他乡的土壤上开出最美丽的友谊之花。

作为CLTA-WPA的一份子，无论身在何处，我都会时刻关注和牵挂CLTA-WPA，衷心祝愿我们的学会欣欣向荣、蒸蒸日上！也祝愿各位老师阖家欢乐，顺遂安康！

“海内存知己，天涯若比邻”，期待与你们早日重逢的那一天！

匹兹堡大学孔子学院：郭婷婷

Greetings from Dr. Ying Xiao, New Chinese Director of Confucius Institute at University of Pittsburgh

亲爱的CLTA-WPA的老师们：

我是萧映，中国武汉大学文学院教授，今年8月将接替郭婷婷博士的工作，担任匹兹堡大学孔子学院的中方院长和圣文森学院的汉语教授。

听郭婷婷老师介绍了西宾州中文教师协会的相关情况，对老师们所做的汉语教学和中文项目推广工作深感敬佩！也由衷感谢老师们一直以来对匹兹堡大学孔子学院各项工作的无私帮助与热情支持！

今年7月中旬我将与29位匹兹堡大学孔子学院的新志愿者赴美工作，衷心希望得到老师们一如既往的帮助与支持！愿声同相求，同气相求，继续合作开展富有特色的汉语教学与中国文化活动，努力把汉语-这种有着悠久历史又拥有无限未来的语言引入到美国人的生活和工作中。

匹兹堡大学孔子学院：萧映

2014年6月30日

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The new teachers actively participated in the sessions and discussions led by invited speakers. Several CLTA-WPA members were invited to give lectures on various topics. For example, Dr. Sue-mei Wu (吴素美) presented the perspectives on Chinese language teaching; Dr. Gang Liu (刘刚) talked about the integration of cultural content with language teaching; Ms. Jing Zhou (周瑾) and Ms. Xiaoxia Xu (徐晓霞) provided strategies and skills for language teaching in K-12 settings. In addition to the speakers, CLTA-WPA members Haixia Wang (汪海霞), Xiaoxia Xu (徐晓霞) and Jiawei Xu (徐佳维) actively participated in organizing the workshop and helping the new teachers to get settled.

Through this workshop, the new Chinese instructors gained knowledge and understanding about foreign language education in the U.S., and teaching Chinese as a second language. Topics addressed included the K-12 and postsecondary education system and culture in the U.S., especially related to foreign language classes, including high school administration, classrooms, students and teachers, as well as instruction and learning. In addition, the new teachers were asked to work in groups to design and teach a 30-minute Chinese class utilizing the strategies and techniques learned in the workshop. There were 17 CI-Pitt teachers who registered as new CLTA-WPA members, including the new CI Chinese Director, Dr. Ying Xiao. Welcome! 欢迎，欢迎！

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Five Chinese language students from the University of Pittsburgh were selected as finalists to participate in the 5th Annual Chinese Bridge Eastern USA Competition on March 30, 2014 at Pace University. Akeira Cramer, a student in Pitt’s 2nd year language class, won the 2nd place in the senior group. Two 3rd year students, Atinuke Dosunmu-Oqunbi and Jonathan Cunningham, won the 3rd place, and a 1st year language student, Caitlin Huey, got the honorary prize in the senior group. Another 1st year student, Wade Putman, won the 3rd place in the junior group. Several students’ performances, including Akeira’s singing and Jonathan’s Chinese Yo-yo, were highlighted in several online news and videos, such as http://video.sinovision.net/?id=19297&cid=115; http://video.sinovision.net/?id=19294&cid=115; http://ny.usqiaobao.com/news/community/46551-2014-03-31-05-24-53.html.

In Spring 2014, the Chinese Language Program at the University of Pittsburgh successfully held three sessions of Chinese Language Table, each lasting 60 minutes. Over 80 students from the beginning to the advanced level attended these sessions, and about 20 Chinese native speakers voluntarily participated. Discussion topics included texts learned in language classes, holiday plans, travel in China, basic knowledge of China, Sino-American relations, and so on. A response survey at the end of the semester revealed that students reacted in highly positive ways towards these events.

Summer East Asian Language Studies – Chinese is being offered at the University of Pittsburgh in the summer of 2014. The summer intensive language program includes First Year Chinese I and First Year Chinese II sessions, as well as a High School Chinese session. Students learned to play Chinese Yoyo, performed Chinese tea ceremony, and practiced calligraphy. In the second part of the summer, students will learn Chinese brush painting and Majiang (Mahjong), and there will be a dumpling workshop. The Pitt’s Chinese Language Program plans to offer Second Year Chinese in addition to these courses in the Summer of 2015.
On February 9th, the IUP Chinese program organized the Chinese New Year celebration event with the IUP Chinese Students Association. Chinese language students performed a skit on the legend of Nian and sang Chinese New Year related songs. Children from the local community did an English skit based on the Chinese 12 zodiac animals. Steel-dragon group from Pittsburgh gave a stunning performance of the lion dance. Participants also enjoyed free Chinese food at the event.

On March 9th and 10th the IUP Chinese program invited Drs. Hua Li and Philip Williams from Montana State University to give talks on works of Yu Hua (余华) and Mo Yan (莫言).

The master of Steel Dragon at Pittsburgh, Mr. Chris Young, gave demonstration and hands-on training to IUP students on dragon dance on April 10th. He also gave a presentation on the history of dragon dance and related Chinese culture. Contact Dr. Shijuan Liu (sliu@iup.edu) to know more about the IUP Chinese program.
Textbook: Chinese Link 中文天地

CHINESE LINK: 中文天地 (Beginning Chinese)
By Sue-mei Wu 吴素美, Yueming Yu 于月明, Yanhui Zhang 张燕辉, Weizhong Tian 田维忠
中文天地 网页 Website: http://www.pearsonhighered.com/showcase/chineselink2e/
http://www.pearsonhighered.com/chineselink/

CHINESE LINK: 中文天地 (Intermediate Chinese)
By Sue-mei Wu 吴素美 & Yueming Yu 于月明
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www.pearsonhighered.com/chineselink

Features of CHINESE LINK: Zhongwen Tiandi 中文天地 (Beginning Chinese) 特色

- The 5Cs (National Standards) are blended consistently throughout the content and exercises in the program.
- From the beginning of the text, we help students build from words and phrases to sentences and cohesive passages and then to application in communicative tasks.
- The textbook contains many drawings and authentic photographs, and utilizes a clear, attractive layout.
- Both Traditional and Simplified character forms are listed for every vocabulary item. When students see the two forms side by side it helps them to make an association between the two.
- Differences in usage between Mainland China and Taiwan are consistently identified.
- Interesting cultural notes are included in each lesson and supplemented with authentic photographs from Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

What’s New to this Edition <<中文天地>> 第二版的崭新面貌

1. In General 总体特色
   Lessons have been revisited to provide greater balance among lessons, add more review and recycling of materials, enhance consistency, and emphasize student outcomes. More engaging and communicative exercises for learners have been added, and several of the culture notes have been updated.

2. 4-color design 彩色设计
   The use of a 4-color design now provides clear delineation between various items, and makes the text more appealing to today’s learner.
3. Chapter opening 每章开头
   - Opening photos have been updated and highlight the lesson theme.
   - A “Connections and Communities Preview” section has been added to help learners make connections to their daily life and build links among their communities. Questions focus on the lesson and Culture Link themes.

4. Sentence Patterns 句型
   - Key grammar points in the sentence pattern section are highlighted in order to show the grammar in context.

5. Language notes 语文注释
   - Notes have been placed next to the Language in Use texts for ease of reference.

6. Grammar 语法
   - Pinyin has been added to the examples to provide a more effective illustration of the key grammar notes.
   - Grammar explanations have been simplified and clarified.
   - A new “Try It!” section has been added to provide guided communicative practice immediately following and reinforcing grammar points.

7. Supplementary Practice 补充课文
   - Questions have been added for reading comprehension practice of the supplementary texts.

8. Activities 练习
   - Activities have been updated and additional communicative activities have been added.

9. Culture Notes 文化点滴
   - Culture Notes have been updated with new information and some new topics of interest to today's students. They are also more thematically linked to the content of the lesson.
   - A “Do You Know…” section of introductory questions has been added before the reading to arouse student motivation, attention, and interest before reading the culture notes.
   - Comparison questions after the reading help learners to compare and discuss their culture to Chinese culture. Questions also encourage discussion on issues related to the reading and lesson’s theme.
   - Photos have been updated to present scenes related to the reading. Captions encourage reflection of information learned in the reading.

10. Fun with Chinese 趣味中文
    - Activity questions have been added to highlight familiar words in the idiom/slang and allow students to connect real-life situations with the sayings.

11. Let’s Go! 行动吧！
    - Information and activities have been updated to strongly relate to the lesson’s theme.

12. Workbook 作业本
    - The Workbook incorporates listening, character, grammar and comprehensive exercises into each lesson homework.
Textbook: 古文入門 (Classical Chinese Primer)

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Textbook: A Changing China (Advanced Chinese) 中国新象（高级中文教材）

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- To learn about housing conditions and how they have impacted Chinese people
- To practice how to express your opinions and make comments
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**Appendix**

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