



Dear Educators,

It is our pleasure to introduce to you the new program, China Studies for Kentucky Teachers, co-sponsored by the University of Kentucky's Confucius Institute and the Asia Center.

Beginning this Fall, the UK Confucius Institute will work with the UK Asia Center to offer a series of 4 seminars on China: Chinese Religions and Philosophies, Chinese Art, Chinese Literature and Modern Chinese History. These four one-day seminars presented by scholars in the field are designed to enrich your knowledge of these topics in preparation for their integration in your classrooms.

While you may choose to attend one or more of these seminars, teachers who attend all four sessions during the year will be eligible to apply for a fellowship to join a two-week study tour to China organized and subsidized by the UK Confucius Institute. The fellowship covers all the expenses for 2 weeks in China. Participants will need to cover the international airfare and the visa application fees.

Another benefit for attending these seminars is to receive teaching materials for these topics. Books in the above mentioned four areas will be thoughtfully selected by the presenting scholars and purchased by the Confucius Institute. Each participant will be given a set of these "course books" for their classroom use.

We will offer a certificate of participation for the hours of attendance and outside activities as well as EILA credits.

The first seminar this fall will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Kentucky Horse Park. The seminar is from 10:00am to 3:30pm with one hour lunch break. A Chinese lunch box will be provided. Participants will have opportunity to attend the public lecture by Chinese artist Xu Qingping whose ink horse paintings are featured in "Chinese Year of Horse in the Horse Capital", an exhibition that will take place at the International Museum of Horse at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The second seminar will be on Chinese Religion. It is scheduled on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the University of Kentucky. You will be notified of the location once we finalize it.

In addition, we will provide hotel accommodation (double occupancy) for those who come from 3 hours away and mileage will be reimbursed.



The third and fourth sessions will be held on Saturdays Spring of 2015.

Depending on the speakers, participating teachers may be required to do some readings before coming to the seminars. If that is the case, we will provide the readings to you in advance of the seminar.

Our speaker for this first session is: Dr. Huajing Xiu Maske, Director of the Confucius Institute and faculty in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, the College of Education at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Maske's research interest focuses on Chinese art, art education and the establishment of art institutions in early 19th century China. Another focus is new ways of Chinese language teaching in the K-12 classrooms and the role of Chinese art in the teaching of Chinese language, culture and history.

Our Second speaker for this fall is Dr. Jeffrey Richey, Professor of Religion and Coordinator of Asian Studies at Berea College. His expert is in East Asian religions. He has edited and contributed to several books on Confucian traditions, including Teaching Confucianism, The Pantheon Guide to Confucianism, and The Sage Returns: Confucian Revival in Contemporary China.

Both seminars will benefit from the participation of Instructional Coaches from the Kentucky Department of Education. They will provide support on how to integrate the seminar content into your classroom instruction.

We hope you will join us in these wonderful seminars to learn about China. Please share this invitation with your colleagues who might also like to join us. Space is limited to 20 teachers for each seminar.

To register, please email: Yang, Zengxiang: zya229@uky.edu

Established in 2010, the UK Confucius Institute is a center for Chinese language, culture, art and business. It is Kentucky and UK's gateway to China. It serves as conduit for UK's China Initiatives, provides leadership and support for the Chinese language programs in Kentucky's K-12 classrooms and outreach to the community.

UKCI supports K-12 schools to jump start their Chinese Language programs and provides professional development to Chinese teachers throughout the Commonwealth. Additional highlights of our K-12 programs include classroom/school visits by visiting artists and scholars, field trips, spring and summer Chinese language and culture camps, study tours to China for high school students and for Kentucky school administrators.



If you have any questions, please contact us.

We look forward to meeting you in our first seminar on October 18.

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