

Montgomery Focus: A Journey to Chinese Movie

On December 9, 2015, the Chinese Culture Club in December—Chinese Movie Appreciation, was launched at Bartlett Hall on Montgomery campus by Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT), which draws a satisfactory ending to the impressive Montgomery Focus event series in 2015.

Ms. Jing Zhang, CIT instructor on Montgomery campus, started the lecture by a brief sharing of American movies and stars that have great influence on her. She then introduced three famous Chinese actors and martial artists well-known in the States, Bruce Lee, Jackie Chan, Jet Lee with clips of their master pieces. The workshop was centered on an appreciation of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, one of the greatest and most influential foreign language films in the United States, which has won over 40 awards and provided an introduction to Chinese cinema and increased the popularity of Chinese films to Westerners. Guided by the Ms. Zhang's introduction, all the attendees enjoyed the world-famous Chinese film with unique and lasting appeal.

A tea ceremony presented by two American teenager students at CIT made this workshop more enjoyable. Sipping the faint scent of tea and appreciating a romantic and touching Chinese film at CIT Montgomery campus made a memorable afternoon to our American friends. Movie appreciation is an easy and indispensable way to the understanding of a culture. We hope to see a growing popularity of Chinese movies worldwide leading their audience to discover the brilliant Chinese culture.

