

Montgomery Focus – the Workshop of Beijing Hutong

On Feb. 23, 2018, the second workshop of the Chinese Culture Club at the Confucius Institute at Troy University (CIT) Montgomery campus in this year was held in E. L. Lowder Library with the title of *Beijing Hutong*.

Ms. Wei Yu briefly introduced the history of Hutong in Beijing and explained the origin and concept of Hutong. She further illustrated the features and the layout of Hutong and the resident's daily life in Siheyuan, which is the key code of Beijing Hutong by presenting the rich images and video clips, based on the Chinese traditional customs. With the explanation of the meanings of five colors (black, red, green, white, yellow) from the traditional Chinese culture, Ms Yu explained the reason why people had to use the color of gray as the main color for painting the houses of Siheyuan in Hutong back to hundreds years ago.

From this presentation, the audience received a better understanding of Beijing Hutong, the important part of Chinese culture.

