

## Troy University Confucius Institute Director Iris Xu honored with Alabama 2015 Motivating Women Award

On May 5th, 2015, Birmingham—Dr. Iris Xu, director of the Confucius Institute at Troy University, was awarded as motivating women by Birmingham International center (BIC). The award is to honor women who live within the state of Alabama and inspire others through their work and dedication to a stronger, more culturally aware community. Altogether only ten women were honored this special award. Dr. Xu was honored with this award for her promoting of Chinese language education and cultural awareness, and her outstanding contributions and performances in both the Confucius Institute at Troy University and the local communities in Alabama.



BIC's mission is to promote mutual understanding between diverse cultures. The awarding dinner is also a part of Spotlight on China serial events hosted by BIC. It is also its annual celebration of International Women's day to award the women who have made economic, political, and social achievements.