

CIT Visiting Scholars Invited to Lecture on Chinese Calligraphy

On the morning of April 19th, 2018, CIT visiting scholar, Dr. Rui Zhang and Associate Professor Lin Cao were invited to give a lecture on Chinese calligraphy to Dr. Grantham's students from the College of Arts and Sciences at Troy University. Dr. Grantham, the dean of the college, has a keen interest in Chinese calligraphy. He also hopes that his students can understand Chinese calligraphy and Chinese culture.

Dr. Rui Zhang explained the origin of Chinese calligraphy, the definition of Chinese calligraphy, the types of Chinese calligraphy, and some famous Chinese calligraphers. She also demonstrated the strokes and writing methods of Chinese characters, the correct way of holding the writing brush and the writing postures. She taught everyone to write Chinese character “永” (yǒng, meaning forever), and elaborated the 8 basic strokes in this character and their significance in calligraphy writing. Finally, she taught the students how to write the character “海” (hǎi, meaning ocean) in semi-cursive script. Ms. Lin Cao explained the meaning of “海” in Chinese culture.

