

## **Cover Page – Lei Liang**

I was born in Guangdong, China in the early 1980s. My dad thinks that studying abroad is very important, and therefore he sent me to Singapore for high school education. Singapore is a nice blend of West and East; and most importantly, the country's Confucius governing style kept me from becoming a "banana". After Singapore, I went to an accounting college in Australia. I left after a year because accounting is not my cup of tea. So I came to America, whose education system I really love. I can say that I have never enjoyed going to class so much, as it is first time in my life that no one is telling me how to think. Unfortunately, it is very hard for a Chinese graduate to find a decent job with a bachelor's degree in Diplomacy. Everything happens for a reason. I noticed that Seton Hall is opening its Chinese teacher training program when I was wandering aimlessly in numerous job fairs. Seeing that I have always been interested in Chinese language and culture, and that learning Chinese was a rising trend, I decided to go back to school. Up until then, I did not know that I was not only good at being a teacher, I enjoy being one too! So, from then onwards, I have maintained my passion in pedagogy, and have devoted myself to developing fun and efficient methods in teaching Chinese as a foreign language to teenagers. I firmly believe that "Pursue excellence and success will follow."