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I came to United States in August, 2010, and started my first full-time job at Brigham Young University, working as a visiting faculty in Chinese Flagship Center. I taught Chinese society & culture course and individual study course to students with intermediate-high/advanced level. After taking my class, students can discuss, write academic papers and give formal presentations of topics in their majors.

Before I came to the U.S, I studied at Sun Yat-sen University in my hometown Guangzhou, China. I received my doctorate degree in June 2010, after studying Linguistics & Applied Linguistics (Teach Chinese as A Second Language) for five years. While being a graduate student, I taught Chinese to foreigners as a graduate student teacher. I like travelling and making new friends. During those years in graduate school, I attended many academic conferences in Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou and in Korea. In summer, I like working in study abroad programs. I taught IUPUI Chinese summer programs for three years and Princeton in Beijing program in 2009. I made a lot of friends with American students in these programs and they encouraged me to pursuit my career in the U.S. Some of my students are working in companies doing business with Chinese people; some of them have graduated with bachelor's degree in Chinese; some of my BYU students just got accepted to very good graduate schools in America. I feel so proud of being their teacher. Their achievements make my effort more meaningful.

11 years ago, when I applied to Chinese department, I wanted to become a newspaper journalist. Yet I turned out to be a Chinese teacher. I didn't regret of this result at all. I will do my best to walk down this path toward my goal. I want to become an excellent Chinese teacher until I retire.