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The International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University was formed in May of 2019 when the strengths of the School of International Education and Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University were merged. This newly formed College implements one brand and two sets of management modes for two management systems under an integrated operation.

The College encompasses an operations office, international student affairs office, study abroad office, and a research and teaching Chinese as a foreign language office. Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University partners Guangzhou University with Wesleyan College to further develop and support women's education through a cooperative model of awarding mutual credit and degrees. These female students are recruited through Guangzhou University.

The College serves as an important window for the internationalization of Guangzhou University. The international student affairs office is primarily responsible for the education, teaching and daily management of international students while the study abroad office manages student exchange programs. The Wesleyan College student exchange program is one of these student exchange programs founded upon a liberal arts education. This program approved in 2016 by the Guangdong Provincial Department of Education is recognized as a "Guangdong Undergraduate College Teaching Quality and Teaching Reform Pilot College".

Playing an integral role in the opening-up reform policy of China, the College forges ahead through the "Guangzhou University International Students' Belt and Road Scholarship" which provides generous scholarships and the best of educational services for international students. The College also actively cooperates with major activities of the National Hanban and the China Import and Export Fair which provide a wealth of learning and practical opportunities.

The College to date has established project partnerships with more than 100 universities and educational institutions in 22 countries and regions which include the Ivy League. The National Study Fund Committee and Guangzhou University's Student Overseas Study Funding Project provide international students with unprecedented opportunities for learning and advancement.

Leading the internationalization of Guangzhou University, the College focuses on further developing overseas study programs in cooperation with "Belt and Road" countries. This development expands international exchange and cooperation, serves the needs of a high-level university, and contributes to the opening-up policy of China.

## Student Exchange Programs

### Key Programs :

- Guangzhou University and Wesleyan College Program

This program adheres to the educational concept of a liberal arts education and the "Three in One" training concept of international education, elite education and female education. The joint educational program for women is dedicated to further developing international talent with comprehensive qualities, leadership, and adaptability to an ever-changing world. The program includes the "1 + 1 + 2" dual degree program and the one-semester full-credit exchange study program.

- Elite American University Study Programs for Top Students

These American universities include the University of California, Berkeley, University of California, San Diego and the University of Washington.

- Programs Sponsored by CSC

These universities include Michigan State University, Western Australia University, University of Quebec, Montreal, and the National Research University Higher School of Economics.

### Degree Programs

For comprehensive training of international talent, Guangzhou University offers "1+1+2", "1+2+1", and "2+2" programs for dual Bachelor's degree programs and "3+1+1" and "3+2" programs for Bachelor/Master degree programs with world-renowned colleges and universities to include Wesleyan College, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Western Australia University and the University of Birmingham.

These main degree programs include:

- Guangzhou University and Wesleyan College "1+1+2" Dual Bachelor's Degree Program
- Guangzhou University and George Mason University "1+2+1" Dual Bachelor's Degree Program
- Guangzhou University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign "3+1+1" Bachelor/Master Program for Civil Engineering Majors

- Guangzhou University and Western Australia University “3+1+1” Bachelor/Master Program for Media Majors
- Guangzhou University and University of Birmingham “2+2” Dual Bachelor’s Degree Program for Math Majors

**Non-Degree Programs**

- Exchange Programs with Tuition Waived

These institutions Wesleyan College in America, the University of Montreal, Quebec in Canada, Tampere University in Finland, the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Russia, Konkuk University in South Korea and Fukuoka University in Japan.

- One-Semester Visiting Programs

These institutions include Kiel University in the United Kingdom, the University of California, Berkeley, the University of California, San Diego in America, Western Australia University and Queensland University in Australia.

- Summer or Winter Visiting Program to Overseas Elite Universities

Country	University and Program
Germany	Summer and Winter Study Programs to Heidelberg University
USA	Up to 10 Summer Academic Courses at the University of California, Owen, University of California, San Diego, University of Rhode Island, and others
USA	Summer Practice Program
Japan	Visiting Programs to Waseda University and Sophia University
UK	Academic Programs to the University of Cambridge and the University of Birmingham
Italy	Visiting Program to the University of Florence
Australia	Australia Cultural Innovation Program to Western Australia

Canada	Vancouver Summer Program to the University of British Columbia
New Zealand	Summer Language Program to Auckland University

## Teaching Resource and Research Group Introduction

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#### Li Yi

Professor

Dean of the School of International Education and Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University

Professor Li Yi is Dean of the School of International Education and Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University (WCGU). He is also Deputy Director of the Research Center for Internationalization of Higher Education at Sun Yet-sen University.

Professor Li Yi has been working in the School of Foreign Studies and the International Office of Guangzhou University since 1997. Professor Li Yi's research focuses primarily on the study of cross-cultural communication and the education of international understanding.

As the academic leader of the School of International Education, he presided over the "Study of Interaction of Education in International Understanding from the Perspective of the Human Community in a Shared Future" which was a national project for humanities and social sciences. In addition, Professor Li Yi also teaches courses in the field of international understanding and comparisons.

Professor Li Yi was born in Dingbian County, Shanxi Province, in November of 1961. He graduated from the Department of Foreign Studies of Shanxi Normal University in

1983 and received his master's degree from the Department of Foreign Studies of Jinan University in 2002.



**Yifan Cai**

Associate Professor

Deputy Dean of International Education College of Guangzhou University

Yifan Cai has worked for the International Office and the International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University since 2000. Prior to Guangzhou University, she worked for Petrochina for seven years as a translator and negotiator with famous petroleum companies in the world.

Yifan Cai specializes in English language and literature. Her research interests include translation and interpretation, cross-cultural communication and international education. She is the author of several articles about translation, cross-cultural communication and international education published in various academic journals.

Yifan Cai received her bachelor and master degrees from Sun Yet-sen University. In addition, she also majored in an MBA program at Houston University, USA, for three months and received short-term training in higher education administration programs at Southwest College and Maryland University, USA. She was a visiting scholar at Wesleyan College and is a member of the Guangzhou Translation Association, the International Student Education Branch of the China Higher Education Association and Executive Director of the Guangdong International Student Education Association.



**Qingyan Zhou**

Lecturer in Chinese

Qingyan Zhou is a Lecturer in Chinese. Serving the International Education School since 2009, Qingyan Zhou has taught Chinese at all levels to include the MTC SOL Master's program.

Qingyan Zhou specializes in modern Chinese grammar and applied linguistics. Her research interests include cognitive linguistics, functional linguistics, syntax and semantics, linguistic typology and teaching Chinese as a second language. She is the author of multiple articles published in leading academic journals to include Chinese teaching in the world, language teaching and linguistic studies, and Chinese language learning related to the field of linguistics and applied linguistics. This work particularly includes cognitive linguistics and teaching Chinese as a second language. She is also the author of a Chinese grammar book.

Qingyan Zhou received her Ph.D. from Beijing Language and Culture University. She received her Master in Arts from Sun Yat-sen University. She is a member of the World Chinese Teaching Association, Guangdong Language Association, and Language Service Research Center of Guangzhou University.

## **Research Group Introduction**

To further develop the level of scientific research for the International Education School/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University, the College in June of 2018 formed an "International Understanding Research Team". This team currently includes three professors, two associate professors, two lecturers, and three teaching assistants which include four PhDs.

The academic team members represent Guangzhou University's International Education School/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University, School of Foreign Studies, School of Public Administration, Marketing Department and International Office. These team members include:

- Professor **Li Yi** is the team leader and Dean of the International Education School/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University. He is primarily engaged in higher education internationalization and the research of understanding international education.
- Professor **Xiao Kunxue** is Dean of the School of Foreign Studies. He is primarily engaged in the research of cognitive linguistics and cross-cultural communication.
- Professor **Shen Benqiu**, Ph.D., is a faculty member of the School of Public Administration. He is primarily engaged in the research of international understanding and humanities exchange research between China and the

United States.

- Associate Professor **Liu Huichun**, Ph.D., is Dean of the Confucius Institute at Wesleyan College. He is primarily engaged in the research of international understanding and international promotion of the Chinese language and culture.
- **Cai Yifan** is the Deputy Dean of the International Education School/ Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University. She is a deputy translator and reviewer and primarily engaged in the research of international understanding and Chinese-English translation practice research.
- Lecturer **Zhou Qingyan**, Ph.D., is Director of the Research and Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language Office in the International Education School/ Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University. She is primarily engaged in the research of international understanding and Chinese international education.
- Lecturer **Wu Qian** is the Chief of Staff of the Marketing Department. She is primarily engaged in the research of international understanding and international cultural communication.
- Assistant Professor **Ke Zhicheng**, Ph.D., is Deputy Director of the International Office. He is primarily engaged in the research of international understanding and internationalization of higher education.
- Assistant Professor **Deng Yuhui** is Director of the International Student Affairs Office in the International Education School/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University. He is primarily engaged in teaching Chinese as a foreign language.
- **Vivia Fowler**, Ph.D., our American partner, is the President of Wesleyan College. She is primarily engaged in the research of international understanding and Sino-US education exchange and cooperation.
- **Steve Farr**, our American partner, is an International Advisor for Guangzhou University and Director of International Projects for the Alliance of Guangzhou International Sister-City Universities Secretariat Office. He is primarily engaged in the research of Eastern and Western cultural differences, intercultural communication and international organizations.

International understanding is an interdisciplinary study based upon the "trinity" of attitudes, knowledge, and abilities at both the macro and micro levels. These team members represent a wealth of knowledge, experience and academic backgrounds.

These academic backgrounds include five disciplines - education, linguistics, international law, international problem research and communication.

Team members have worked on more than ten national and provincial scientific research projects which include three national social science fund projects, one Ministry of Education humanities and social science fund project, two provincial social science planning projects, and eight projects from the provincial education department, municipal education department and municipal foreign expert bureaus.

## **School Achievements**

- The International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University has established cooperative exchange programs with approximately 30 world-class universities to include the University of Cambridge and the University of California, Berkeley. The School has established almost 50 programs for mutual course communication, credit recognition, and conferring of degrees.
- Over the past three years, 3,413 students have expanded their educational horizons and benefitted through their participation in an incredible assortment of International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University exchange and study abroad programs.
- The International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University has established generous scholarships which include the "Guangzhou University Belt and Road International Students Scholarship", "Scholarship Program for Outstanding Doctoral Candidates of Guangzhou University", and "Pakistan Special Scholarship". In 2019, 65 doctoral level students, 10 master level students, and 10 bachelor level students won full scholarships which included tuition, a living stipend, visa fee and health insurance.
- In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, 63 students attending the International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University have won the Guangdong Provincial Government Scholarship for International Students in Guangdong over the past five years.
- The International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University has established short-term summer programs with our sister universities to include Padua University, Wesleyan College, Mazandaran University through its Confucius Institute and long-term

exchange programs with the Russian Higher Economic University.

- International Education School of Guangzhou University/Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University students enjoy the best of learning and practice experiences through special internship programs developed with the support of Hanban, the Tourism Bureau of Yuexiu District, Guangzhou Library, China (Guangzhou) Import and Export Commodities Fair, and Guangzhou “Natural Gate” and “Guangdong Yue” intangible cultural heritage.
- Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University was established in 2014 and became a pilot college in 2016. As a joint dual-degree program between Guangzhou University and Wesleyan College, its mission is to offer an outstanding liberal arts education for women who follow in the footsteps of Madame Soong Ching Ling. One hundred and six students have graduated from this pilot college and its graduate study rate ranks first in Guangzhou University. The graduate study rate in 2018 was 49% with all 25 students enrolling in the top 300 world-renowned universities in the QS global rankings.
- Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University students have won two national-level college student innovation training projects, participated in the Ministry of Education Humanities and Social Sciences Youth Project, and the National Natural Science Foundation of China Project. Students received a provincial student entrepreneurship project, a provincial college student innovation experiment project, a provincial entrepreneurship cup project, a Guangdong college student science and technology innovation cultivation special fund project, and a Guangdong Provincial Education, Culture, Welfare and Trade Union project.
- Wesleyan College of Guangzhou University students have been awarded the Gold Medal of the Challenge Cup Guangdong University Student Entrepreneurship Competition, an Excellence Award in the 5<sup>th</sup> “Qinchuang Cup” Guangzhou Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition, the Golden Calf Excellence Award, third prize of the National Finals of the National Cultural Center American Cultural Knowledge Contest and 13 other special, first and second prizes of the National College English Competition.