# WILLIAM THORNE

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Citizenship American

Languages English / Mandarin Chinese / Japanese

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# **EDUCATION**

Home University The University of Washington

Courses BA in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences (Global Studies / Policy Studies)

Year Graduated June 2008

Secondary Education Garfield High School, Seattle Washington

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2018 - Present

#### Independent English Tutor

Independent Contractor Guangzhou, China Create specialized lesson plans and educational targets for students of all ages and ability levels. Specialize in English reading and speaking fluency as well as business level English and English exam preparation(TOEFL/IELTS/SAT).

Key skills gained:

- Customize lesson plans through research and development of tailored materials for clients
- Effectively maintain interest and provide an interactive atmosphere, enabling students to significantly improve English ability
- Institute positive classroom management and study strategies to maximize student learning.

Jan 2014 - June 2018

## Co-Founder, CEO

Huiyu Language and Cultural Center Guangzhou China Established and operated a language and arts school for eight to sixteen yearold students. This included designing and implementing a curriculum with language training, cross cultural communication, arts and creative design, and overseas programs for multi-lingual students.

#### Key skills gained:

- Management skills: hiring, training, and executing
- Business development: Identifying market opportunities, designing subsequent business frameworks, and applying scalable strategies
- Collaborating with stakeholders and clients for tailored education solutions

#### Jan 2014- Nov 2016

#### Director of Education

# American Academy of English Guangzhou, China

Managed the Academy's multidisciplinary team of teachers and assistants. This included a specialization in study-abroad preparation, management of all human resources matters, and launched two branch campuses. Digitally restructured school-wide curriculum on an e-learning platform to meet American ESL and Common Core standards, including standardized record-keeping and grading systems.

#### Key skills gained:

- Interdisciplinary management
- Curriculum research, design and implementation
- Tailored client-based solutions
- Working proficiency in Mandarin Chinese

# Jan 2013- Apr 2014

## **Director of Human Resources**

# STL Hong Kong Trading Co.Ltd. Guangzhou, China Hong Kong SAR, China

Built HR department from the ground up, managing the sourcing, training, and international placement for multi-disciplinary teachers. This included establishing a wide international recruitment pipeline and initial and ongoing professional development for a variety of job placements. Established and maintained partnerships with institutions including University of Washington, University of Oregon, and University of Florida.

## Key skills gained:

- Talent acquisition, Training, and Development
- Creation of digital marketing & recruitment strategies for an international audience
- Implementation of HR standards and compliance, including development of employee manual

## Jul 2010- Aug 2012

## Office Manager/Jr. Project Manager

Chapter Three LLC. San Francisco, California, USA Managed client projects for Drupal-based web solutions. Involved managing client-developer relations, clear technical and design communication, and large scale event management (2012 Bay Area Drupal Development Conference). Understanding of open-source development, the San Francisco tech industry, and lifecycle solutions was essential. Project partners included Stanford University (History Department) and UC Berkeley.

## Key skills gained:

- Project Management: Developing and communicating briefs, task delegation and meeting deadlines
- Cross-industry communication bridging product and development
- Drupal-based cross-platform data migration in HTML and CSS
- Event Management and logistics

# INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTARY WORK

#### 2019 Animal Rehabilitation Volunteer, Animal Action Guangzhou

Assisted with anti-cruelty action against the annual Guilin Dog Meat Festival, including nursing, rehabilitation, and rehousing of affected animals.

2009 Logistical and Fundraising Associate, Michael McGinn Mayoral Campaign

Worked directly with candidate McGinn on fundraising, headquarter operations, and meeting preparation. McGinn was successfully elected mayor (2009-2013).

# REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST