

Hello and Ni Hao,

While the rest of the Stanford Archaeology crew has spent the summer working on various archaeological projects, I've been in upstate New York at Cornell University learning to speak Mandarin and read and write traditional Chinese.

Earlier this year I was awarded a fellowship allowing me to spend the 2004-2005 school year learning Chinese at Cornell in New York and, after the New Year, at Tsinghua University in Beijing. While I've only been in New York for 2 months, I've already finished the equivalent of first year college Chinese. The work is both challenging and interesting and I'm excited to be in this program. I can't wait to use the language skills I'm learning here in New York with the artifacts and documents related to the Market Street site. I've already learned about some of the etymology of the character found on "double happiness" pottery, and am excited to learn more. If you have any questions about this program, why I'm taking it, or how I plan to use the language skills, please send me an email. Hope to hear from you soon.

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