Mastery of grammar is an essential component of successful language instruction, but it can be a challenge to engage students in learning about sentence structure, syntax, and correct usage. This workshop will present effective strategies for introducing and practicing targeted grammatical points and vocabulary through topic-based language teaching. By creating an integral narrative for students to inhabit, teachers can use curriculum design to enhance language learning in their classrooms.

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This event is FREE and open to the public. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please RSVP before April 3 at asuconfucius@gmail.com