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CEAPS Event Recap

UAAT MANDARIN EDUCATION PROGRAM
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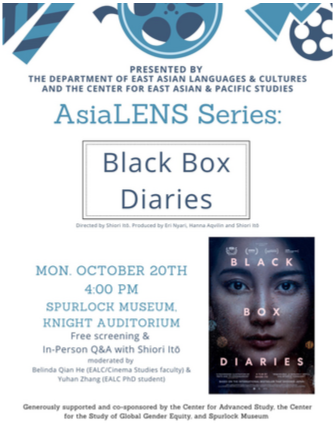
CEAPS at LAS Global Opportunities & Study Abroad Fair

Alex Chun (CEAPS Outreach/Program Coordinator) & YiWen Chiang (UAAT Mandarin Program Project Manager) represented CEAPS and UAAT at the LAS Global Opportunities & Study Abroad Fair on Thursday! Alex & Yi Wen advertised the Mandarin scholarship for students to study in Taiwan this summer. Applications are still open until ***October 15th!*** If you are interested in applying, scroll down to see more information or contact YiWen at ywchiang@illinois.edu.

Thank you LAS International for inviting us!

Upcoming Events in October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THE DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES
AND THE CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES

AsiaLENS Series:

Black Box Diaries

Directed by Shiori Itō. Produced by Eri Nyari, Hanna Aqvilin and Shiori Itō

MON. OCTOBER 20TH
4:00 PM
SPURLOCK MUSEUM,
KNIGHT AUDITORIUM
Free screening &
In-Person Q&A with Shiori Itō
moderated by
Belinda Qian He (EALC/Cinema Studies faculty) &
Yuhan Zhang (EALC PhD student)

Generously supported and co-sponsored by the Center for Advanced Study, the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equity, and Spurlock Museum

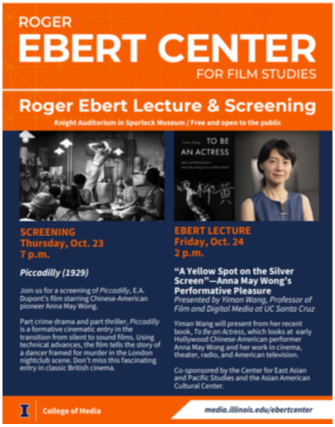
AsiaLENS

***Black Box Diaries* Screening and Q&A with filmmaker Shiori Itō**

🗓️ Monday Oct 20th
⏰ 4pm - 6:30pm
📍 Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

About the film:
Black Box Diaries traces Itō's courageous investigation of her own sexual assault, an improbable attempt to prosecute a high-profile offender that became a landmark case in Japan. Structured with the urgency of a thriller, the film weaves together audio recordings, vérité observation, first-person video clips, and an assembled case file—an "archive of her own"—to reveal the black boxes and blind spots in Japan's judicial and social systems. Her practice bridges investigative reporting with the craft of cinema—mobilizing archival research, counter-forensic methods, and sustained fieldwork to turn personal evidence-gathering into pressingly needed public testimony. Premiering at the 2024 Sundance Film Festival and now released worldwide, the film has been nominated for an Academy Award and a BAFTA, received a Peabody Award, and garnered more than twenty international prizes, with screenings in over fifty countries.
The film run time is 102 minutes.

More Information Here



ROGER
EBERT CENTER
FOR FILM STUDIES

Roger Ebert Lecture & Screening
Knight Auditorium in Spurlock Museum / Free and open to the public

SCREENING
Thursday, Oct. 23
7 p.m.

***Piccadilly* (1929)**

Join us for a screening of *Piccadilly*, E.A. Dupont's film starring Chinese-American pioneer Anna May Wong.

Part crime drama and part thriller, *Piccadilly* is a formative cinematic entry in the transition from silent to sound films. Using technical advances, the film tells the story of a dancer framed for murder in the London nightclub scene. Don't miss this fascinating entry in classic British cinema.

EBERT LECTURE
Friday, Oct. 24
2 p.m.

"A Yellow Spot on the Silver Screen"—Anna May Wong's Performative Pleasure
Presented by Yiman Wang, Professor of Film and Digital Media at UC Santa Cruz

Yiman Wang will present from her recent book, *To Be an Actress*, which looks at early Hollywood Chinese-American performer Anna May Wong and her work in cinema, theater, radio, and American television.

Co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies and the Asian American Cultural Center.

College of Media

media.illinois.edu/ebertcenter

Roger Ebert Screening & Lecture [co-sponsored event]

Free Screening of *Piccadilly*
🗓️ Thursday, Oct 23rd
⏰ 7pm
📍 Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

More Information Here

Yiman Wang, Guest Lecturer | "A Yellow Spot on the Silver Screen"
🗓️ Friday, Oct 24th
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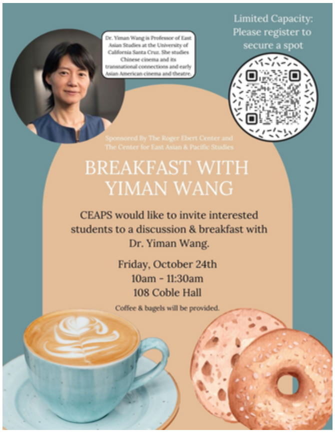
More Information Here



Limited Capacity:
Please register to secure a spot

Dr. Yiman Wang is Professor of East Asian Studies at the University of California Santa Cruz. She studies Chinese cinema and its transnational connections and early Asian American cinema and theatre.

Sponsored By The Roger Ebert Center and The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

BREAKFAST WITH
YIMAN WANG

CEAPS would like to invite interested students to a discussion & breakfast with Dr. Yiman Wang.

Friday, October 24th
10am - 11:30am
108 Coble Hall

Coffee & bagels will be provided.

Breakfast & Discussion with Dr. Yiman Wang

🗓️ Friday, Oct 24tth
⏰ 10am - 11:30am
📍 108 Coble

CEAPS would like to invite interested ***undergrad and graduate*** students to a personal sit down discussion with Dr. Yiman Wang. Bagels & coffee will be provided, please register as spots are limited to ensure quality conversation with each attendee.
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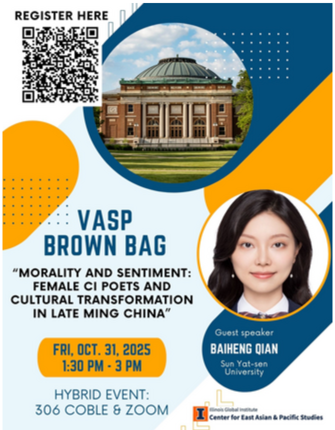
Register Here



REGISTER HERE

VASP
BROWN BAG

"MORALITY AND SENTIMENT: FEMALE CI POETS AND CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN LATE MING CHINA"

FRI, OCT. 31, 2025
1:30 PM - 3 PM

HYBRID EVENT:
306 COBLE & ZOOM

Guest speaker
BAIHENG QIAN
Sun Yat-sen University

Illinois Global Institute
Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

VASP Brown Bag

Baiheng Qian | "Morality and Sentiment: Female Ci Poets and Cultural Transformation in Late Ming China"

🗓️ Friday, Oct 31st
⏰ 1:30pm - 3pm
📍 306 Coble & ZOOM
About the Speaker:
Baiheng Qian is a visiting scholar and PhD candidate in Classical Chinese Literature at Sun Yat-sen University(Guangzhou), China. Her research interests include Ming-Qing literature and gender studies in late imperial China, with a particular focus on ci poetry of the Ming dynasty.

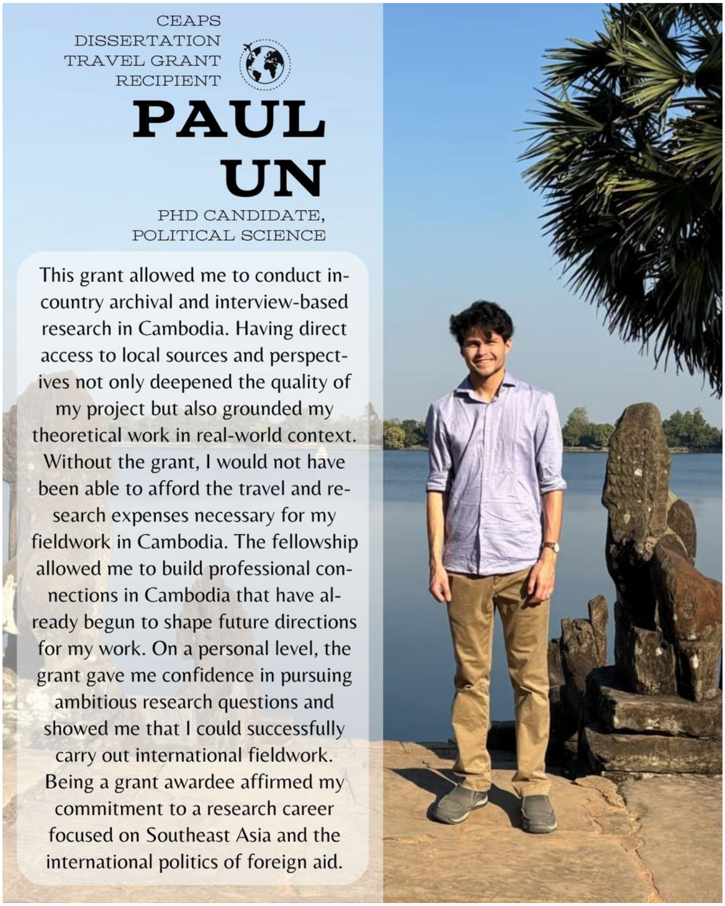
More Information & Registration Here

Upcoming Opportunities

Support CEAPS in the LAS Day of Giving!

We invite you to support CEAPS during the LAS Day of Giving on **Wednesday, October 22nd**! The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies is proud to participate in this year's Day of Giving with the goal of continuing our financial supporting to students across campus. Below, you can read how CEAPS funding has helped support Ph.D. candidate Paul Un's academic journey as a Dissertation Travel Grant Recipient.

CEAPS LAS Day of Giving Link



CEAPS
DISSERTATION
TRAVEL GRANT
RECIPIENT

PAUL UN

PHD CANDIDATE,
POLITICAL SCIENCE

This grant allowed me to conduct in-country archival and interview-based research in Cambodia. Having direct access to local sources and perspectives not only deepened the quality of my project but also grounded my theoretical work in real-world context. Without the grant, I would not have been able to afford the travel and research expenses necessary for my fieldwork in Cambodia. The fellowship allowed me to build professional connections in Cambodia that have already begun to shape future directions for my work. On a personal level, the grant gave me confidence in pursuing ambitious research questions and showed me that I could successfully carry out international fieldwork. Being a grant awardee affirmed my commitment to a research career focused on Southeast Asia and the international politics of foreign aid.

FALL 2025
GRADUATE STUDENT &
FACULTY TRAVEL GRANTS

CEAPS Graduate Student Travel Grant Application

The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS) Graduate Student Travel Grant provides travel awards for graduate students to present papers at professional conferences or to conduct dissertation research in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the greater Pacific region. Priority will be given to those proposals that concern East Asian and Pacific issues. The number of awards is determined each year based on funding availability.

Conference Travel

For AY 2025 - 2026, awards up to $500 for domestic travel/up to $750 for international travel will be granted. Paper acceptance at the time of application is required.

Dissertation Research Travel
For AY 2025 - 2026, 1 award (up to $1,500) will be granted per semester to a doctoral student conducting fieldwork research in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the greater Pacific region for periods up to 12 months.

More Information & Application Here

CEAPS Faculty Travel Grant

The CEAPS Affiliated Faculty Conference Travel Grant is open to any CEAPS affiliated faculty from all departments and colleges. You must be a current faculty affiliate and have a paper with a strong East Asian and Pacific Studies focus accepted in a conference to apply.

The number of awards is determined each year based on funding availability. For AY 2025-26, awards up to $500 for domestic travel/up to $1,500 for international travel will be awarded per semester.

More Information & Application Here

Association for Asian Studies

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AAS 2026
FILM EXPO

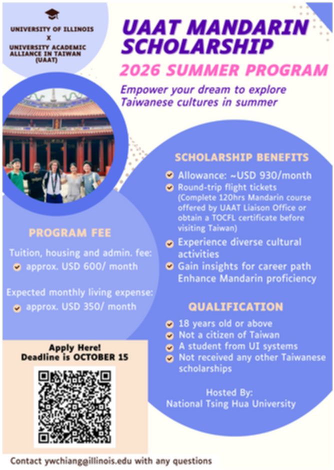
Call for Films: AAS 2026 Film Expo

The Association for Asian Studies 2026 Annual Conference
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 12–15, 2026

Film Submission Deadline: Friday, October 17, 2025

- All film entries must have English subtitles to be considered.
- We do not accept any films that have had scheduled screenings at past AAS meetings.
- AAS does not pay rental or royalty fees, nor does it charge you for publicity and exposure. AAS considers this program of mutual benefit to both you and our members.
- AAS does not offer financial or travel support for filmmakers to attend the conference screenings. Complimentary conference registration (one registration per film) will be provided to selected filmmakers attending the conference for in-person Q&As.
- Selected films will be required to submit two (2) high quality promotional images, which may be uploaded at the time of submission or the time of acceptance confirmation.
- Upon acceptance, selected films will be required to provide a digital film file for Film Expo presentation and a private screener link for virtual on-demand screening.

More Info & Submission Link Here



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UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC ALLIANCE IN TAIWAN (UAAT)

UAAT MANDARIN SCHOLARSHIP

2026 SUMMER PROGRAM

Empower your dream to explore Taiwanese cultures in summer

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- ✓ Allowance: ~USD 930/month
- ✓ Round-trip flight tickets (Complete 120hrs Mandarin course offered by UAAT Liaison Office or obtain a TOCFL certificate before visiting Taiwan)
- ✓ Experience diverse cultural activities
- ✓ Gain insights for career path Enhance Mandarin proficiency

PROGRAM FEE

Tuition, housing and admin. fee:
- ✓ approx. USD 600/ month

Expected monthly living expense:
- ✓ approx. USD 350/ month

QUALIFICATION

- ✓ 18 years old or above
- ✓ Not a citizen of Taiwan
- ✓ A student from UI systems
- ✓ Not received any other Taiwanese scholarships

Hosted By:
National Tsing Hua University

Apply Here!
Deadline is OCTOBER 15

Contact ywchiang@illinois.edu with any questions

UAAT Mandarin Education Scholarship

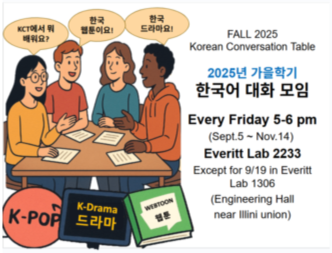
CEAPS is pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity for U of I students to study Mandarin in Taiwan. The University Academic Alliance in Taiwan (UAAT) Mandarin Scholarship offers financial support for summer language study hosted by the National Tsing Hua University (NTHU).

Scholarship Benefits:

- Awarded students will receive a stipend of NT$28,000 per month (approximately USD930, subject to the exchange rate) for a total of 3 months during the summer term.
- The scholarship can cover the entire cost of tuition for the Chinese language courses offered by NTHU CLC, the dormitory fee, the internet fee in campus, and the administration fee charged by Office of Global Affairs.
- The scholarship will be granted on a monthly basis.

Applications are due ***THIS WEDNESDAY (10/15)!***

More Information & Application Here



FALL 2025
Korean Conversation Table

2025년 가을학기
한국어 대화 모임

Every Friday 5-6 pm
(Sept.5 ~ Nov.14)
Everitt Lab 2233
Except for 9/19 in Everitt Lab 1306
(Engineering Hall near Illini union)

FA25 Korean Conversation Table

The FA25 Korean Conversation Table will **start its in-person meeting this week on Friday, September 5, 2025**

- Date and Time: **5-6 pm every Friday** (9/5-11/14) during FA25 semester except for Oct. 31
- Location: **Everitt Lab 2233 (except Sept. 19 in Everitt Lab 1306)** across Illini Union
- Contact Jeeyoung Ahn Ha(j-ahn3@illinois.edu), Director of the Korean language program or Jihye Yun (jihye26@illinois.edu), KCT coordinator for any questions!

Everyone who would like to practice speaking Korean and learn about Korean culture is welcome! Please join us.

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