

CEAPS E-News December 8th - December 12th, 2025

CEAPS Event Recap



CEAPS at International Night at Yankee Ridge Elementary

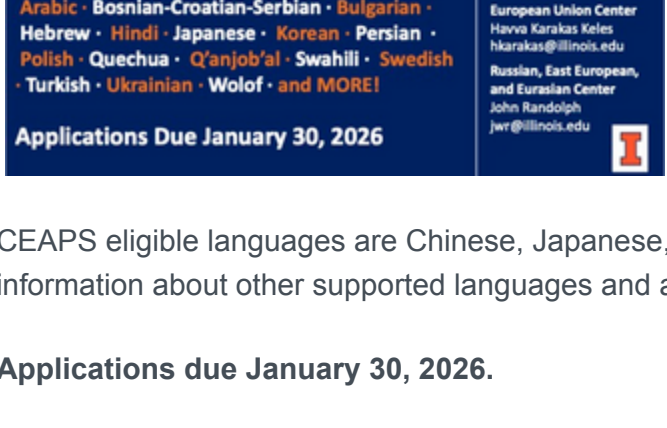
Outreach/Program Coordinator Alex Chun & UAAT Mandarin Program Project Manager Yi Wen Chiang participated in Yankee Ridge's International Night. They presented on Taiwan! Students and parents had fun playing a Taiwanese game Jianzi or having to guess a famous food from Taiwan (tea, mangoes, & pineapple cake) just by using their sense of smell. It was a great time interacting with many families from Yankee Ridge Elementary!



AsiaLENS | Hug Me Tight: A Robot Story

On Thursdays evening, CEAPS hosted our last AsiaLENS of the semester at the Knight Auditorium. We had a great turn out despite the cold weather. After the film, Heesun Shin & Chihyung Jeon joined us via ZOOM to participate in an audience discussion and Q&A. Our audience came with many interesting questions! We love the interactions that we've been able to provide between the Champaign - Urbana community and filmmakers. Make sure to stay tuned for our Spring Semester AsiaLENS line up.

Upcoming Opportunities



IGI Fellowships Applications Open

We are excited to announce that Illinois Global Institute Language Fellowships applications are now open. IGI Fellowships provide support for language training needed to conduct research or to meet other professional development needs University of Illinois graduate students. Two types of fellowships are available:

Summer Research Fellowships  
Provide up to \$3,500 related to travel costs outside of the US

Academic Year 2026-2027 Language Fellowships  
Provide a \$22,000 stipend and tuition waiver for eligible graduate students at the MA or PhD level. Fellows will be required to take one language course and one relevant area studies course each semester that they hold a fellowship.

CEAPS eligible languages are Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. See the website below for additional information about other supported languages and application information.

Applications due January 30, 2026.

[Click here for Academic Year Language Fellowship information](#)

[Click here for Summer Research Fellowship information](#)

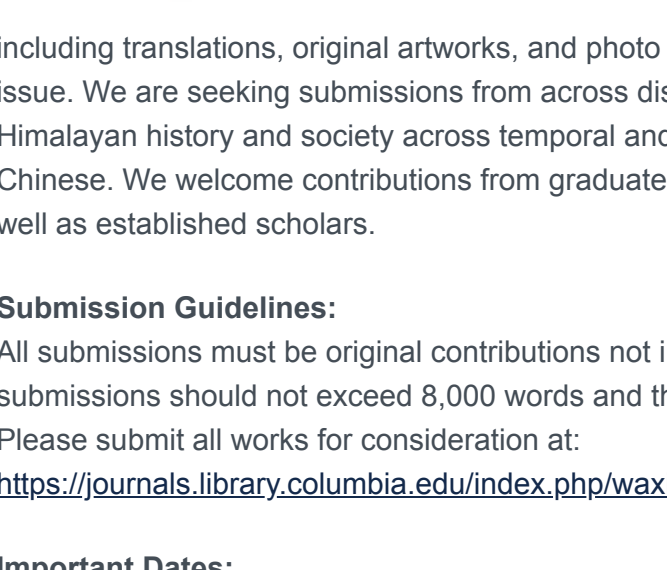


AACC Grad Student Network Holiday Party - 12/10

Join us at the Asian American Culture Center for our Graduate Student Network Holiday Party! Celebrate your hard work with fellow graduate students, play (campus and pop culture) trivia, and have some warm drinks on us! We would love to share with you what the Grad Student Network will be planning for the Spring and hope everyone can share what they will be planning as well. Light food will be provided! Open to all graduate students. Please register for attendance here:

Date: December 10th, 2025  
Time: 5-7 pm  
Location: AACC Lounge (1210 W. Nevada St.)

[RSVP here](#)



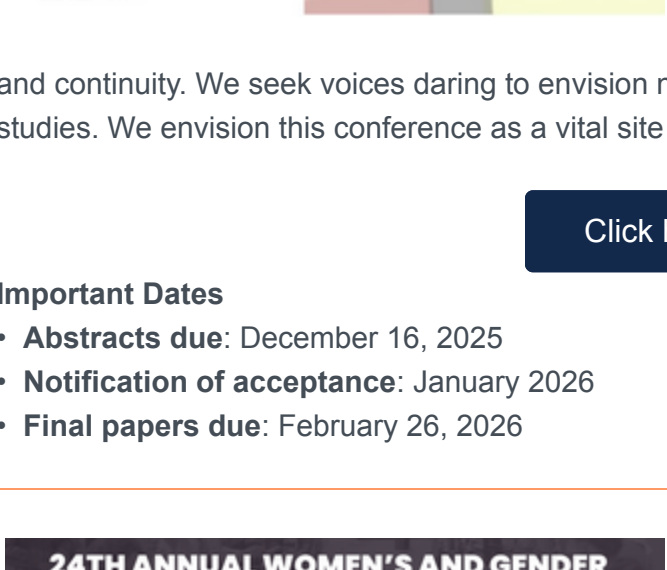
Call for Papers - Waxing Moon: A Journal of Tibetan and Himalayan Studies

*Waxing Moon* – Columbia University's student-published journal for modern Tibetan and Himalayan Studies – invites the submission of original research articles—field reports, reviews, and creative works—including translations, original artworks, and photo essays—for consideration in our upcoming Spring 2026 issue. We are seeking submissions from across disciplines that address issues concerning Tibetan and Himalayan history and society across temporal and spatial contexts and published in English, Tibetan, or Chinese. We welcome contributions from graduate students, postgraduates and early-career scholars, as well as established scholars.

**Submission Guidelines:**  
All submissions must be original contributions not in consideration for publication elsewhere. Written submissions should not exceed 8,000 words and they should include an abstract no longer than 350 words. Please submit all works for consideration at: <https://journals.library.columbia.edu/index.php/waxingmoon/about/submissions>

**Important Dates:**  
**Submission Deadline:** 30 January 2026 23:59 EST  
**Notification of Acceptance:** 31 March 2026  
**Publication Date:** Summer 2026

For inquiries, please contact the editorial team at [waxingmoon@columbia.edu](mailto:waxingmoon@columbia.edu) We look forward to your contributions!



Call for Papers - 33rd Annual Columbia Graduate Student Conference on East Asia

March 27th & 28th, 2026

*Rebuilding: Sites/Sights of East Asia*

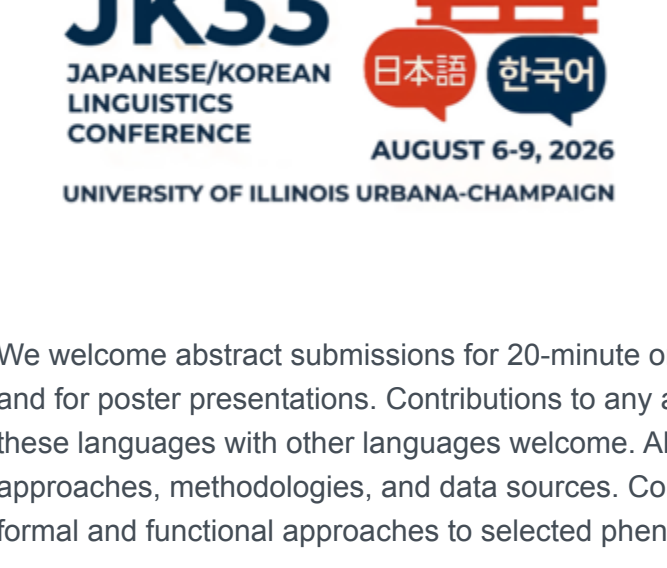
Graduate students are cordially invited to submit abstracts for the **31st Annual Columbia Graduate Student Conference on East Asia**, to be held at Columbia University on March 27th and 28th, 2026. We welcome applications from students engaged in research on all fields in East Asian Studies.

In this crucial moment of reconstruction, EALAC Gradcon 2026 welcomes all submissions in research on all fields in East Asian Studies, especially those that engage with the multiplicities of rebuilding. We invite scholarship that navigates between permanence and impermanence, reality and representation, interruption and continuity. We seek voices daring to envision new architectures of thought and reshape East Asian studies. We envision this conference as a vital site for both intellectual exchange and community restoration

[Click here to apply](#)

**Important Dates**

- **Abstracts due:** December 16, 2025
- **Notification of acceptance:** January 2026
- **Final papers due:** February 26, 2026



Call for Papers - The 24th Annual Women's and Gender History Symposium

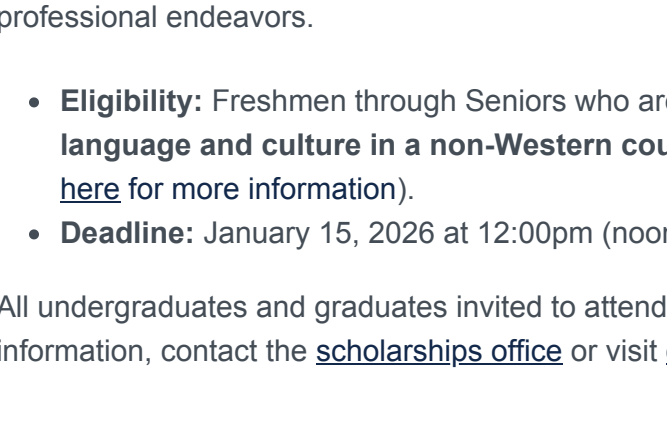
March 5-7, 2026

The Twenty-Fourth annual Women's and Gender History Symposium at the University of Illinois seeks graduate student papers aligned with this year's conference theme: Gender and Labor. Paper presentations of 10-12 minutes should focus on the relationship between gender, sexuality, and labor throughout history. Submissions need not be confined to the discipline of history or its methods. Alternative presentations (e.g. film, poetry, art) are welcome so long as they fit within the symposium's format. First-time presenters and MA students are warmly welcomed.

A keynote address followed by a reception will open the symposium on the evening of March 5, 2026. Panels will resume in the morning and afternoon of March 7. While the keynote speakers will present in-person at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the symposium will offer a hybrid format via Zoom for panelists who wish to participate and attend remotely.

Abstract submissions due by December 12th at 5pm CST.

[Click here for more information](#)



Call for Papers - The 33rd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference

August 6-9, 2026

The *33rd Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference* will be held at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, from August 7 to August 9, with a pre-conference workshop/tutorial planned for August 6, 2026.

We welcome abstract submissions for 20-minute oral presentations, followed by 10 minutes for discussion, and for poster presentations. Contributions to any aspect of Japanese/Korean linguistics, or comparison of these languages with other languages welcome. Abstracts should showcase the value of diverse approaches, methodologies, and data sources. Comparative studies of Japanese and Korean, or of broadly formal and functional approaches to selected phenomena in the languages, are especially encouraged.

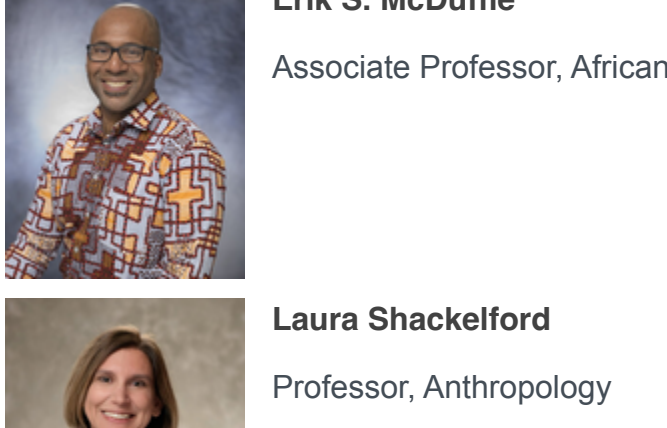
[Click here for abstract submission instructions & more details](#)

**Important Dates**

- **Abstract Submission deadline:** April 1, 2026 11:59pm CST
- **Notification of acceptance:** May 1, 2026

**Contact information**

- **Email contact:** [jkconference33@gmail.com](mailto:jkconference33@gmail.com)
- **Conference website:** <https://publish.illinois.edu/jkconference33/>



Boren Scholarship

Are you studying a less-commonly-taught language and seeking linguistic and cultural immersion? If so, the **Boren Scholarship** is for you! The Boren Scholarship seeks applicants who have a solid academic record, plan to pursue intensive language study abroad, have the potential to succeed in their proposed study abroad experience, and have clear plans for how they will use the target language in their future academic and professional endeavors.

- **Eligibility:** Freshmen through Seniors who are **U.S. citizens**, at **least 18 years old**, and want to **study language and culture in a non-Western country vital to U.S. interests** are eligible to apply (Click [here](#) for more information).
- **Deadline:** January 15, 2026 at 12:00pm (noon).

All undergraduates and graduates invited to attend to learn more about the Boren Scholarship! For more information, contact the [scholarships office](#) or visit [our website](#).

New CEAPS Faculty Affiliate

Below are our new affiliated faculty with CEAPS! If you are interested in becoming an affiliated faculty with us, contact Associate Director Yuchia Chang at [yuchia@illinois.edu](mailto:yuchia@illinois.edu). The full list can be found below:

CEAPS Affiliated Faculty



**Belinda Qian He**  
Assistant Professor, East Asian Cinema and Media Studies



**Yusaku Takeda**  
Assistant Professor, Business Administration



**Erik S. McDuffie**  
Associate Professor, African American Studies



**Laura Shackelford**  
Professor, Anthropology



**Juan J. Loor**  
Professor, Animal Sciences



**Sang-Hwa Oh**  
Associate Professor, Advertising