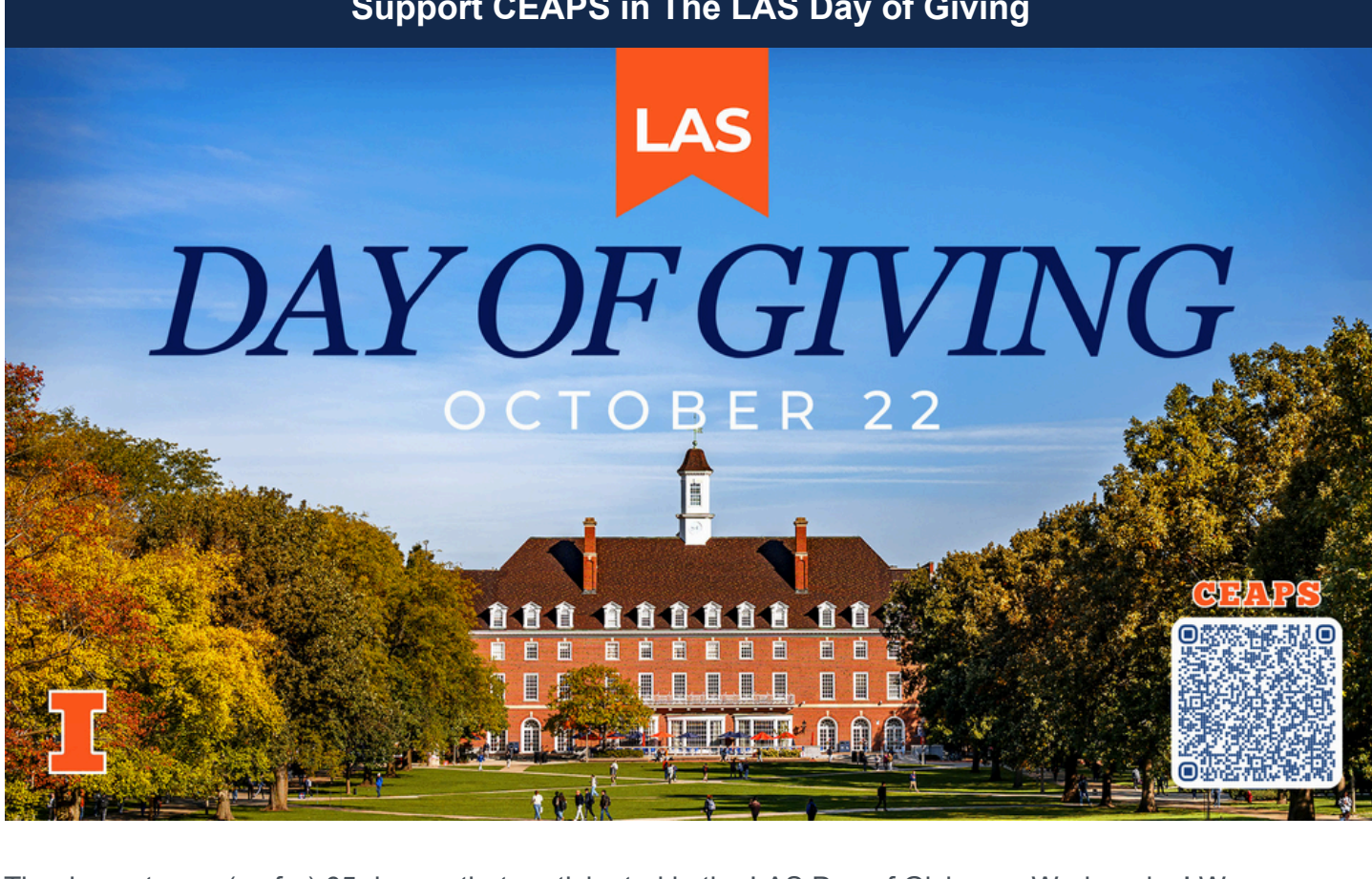


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Thank you to our (so far) 65 donors that participated in the LAS Day of Giving on Wednesday! We are so grateful for your support in our center's mission. If you were not able to give, the LAS Day of Giving will still be collecting donations until **November 1st**.

For the last three academic years, CEAPS has provided travel grants to graduate students to facilitate their dissertation research and their attendance at professional conferences. On the [CEAPS webpage](#), you can read testimonials about how valuable these grants have been.

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AsiaLENS "Black Box Diaries" Screening & Conversation with Shiori Ito

On Monday evening, CEAPS in conjunction with the EALC Department hosted Japanese filmmaker Shiori Ito for a screening of her film "Black Box Diaries". This was followed by an intimate conversation with Shiori moderated by Prof. Belinda Qian He (EALC/Cinema Studies) and EALC grad student Yuhang Zhan. Thank you to Shiori Ito for bringing her film to the UIUC campus and to EALC for inviting us to co-host this event that was so powerful for our audience members.



Yiman Wang Lecture & Student Breakfast

We closed off the week with a visit from Dr. Yiman Wang from UC Santa Cruz. In co-sponsorship with The Roger Ebert Center, we were able to host an intimate conversation with students interested in Dr. Yiman Wang's expertise and research. The conversation brought forth many interesting topics and we were lucky to hear from Dr. Yiman Wang's knowledge.

Event this Week

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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

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](#)

Event Next Week

REGISTER HERE

CEAPS SPEAKER

"OPERA HOUSE, AGRO, COMMONS, AND SOUNDSCAPE: CONTESTED GROUND ON NODEUL ISLAND"

FRI, NOV 7, 2025
1:30 PM - 3 PM

VIRTUAL EVENT
ON ZOOM

Guest speaker:
SE-MI OH
University of Michigan

CEAPS Speaker

Dr. Se-Mi Oh | "Opera House, Agro, Commons, and Soundscape: Contested Ground on Nodeul Island"

Friday, Nov 7th
1:30pm - 3pm
Zoom

About the Speaker:
Dr. Se-Mi Oh is an Associate Professor of Modern Korean History at the University of Michigan. She is a cultural historian of modern and contemporary Korea working across the disciplinary boundaries of urban humanities and visual studies. Her research asks how history interacts with space in cities, utilizing interdisciplinary approaches to history, visual/media studies, urban humanities, and art and architecture.

[More Information & Registration Here](#)

Upcoming Events

FROM THE CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES

AsiaLENS Presents:

Echoes of Home

BOSTON & NEW YORK UYGHUR UNITED

TUES. NOVEMBER 11
5:00 PM
SPURLOCK MUSEUM, KNIGHT AUDITORIUM

Free screening and In Person Q&A with filmmaker Mirshad Ghalip

AsiaLENS | Echoes of Home

Tuesday, Nov 11th
5pm
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

AsiaLENS presents a free screening of the film *Echoes of Home*, featured at the 2025 AAS Film Expo. After the film, join us for a Q&A with the filmmaker Mirshad Ghalip.

About the Film:
This documentary explores the Uyghur American Cup, the largest event for Uyghur diaspora communities across the U.S. and Canada. The tournament uses soccer as a medium to foster community engagement and promote language maintenance. It also serves as a vital space for younger members of the diaspora, born or raised in North America, to connect with their heritage. (Directed and Produced by Mirshad Ghalip and David Tobin. 2024. USA. 43 minutes.)

ADVANCED STUDY

LIVING IN MULTI-SPECIES WORLDS INITIATIVE

JUNO SALAZAR PARREÑAS
Department of Anthropology & Archaeology
University of Illinois

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025
5:00pm
Levis Faculty Center
Room 210, 218, 219

Tropical Polar Bears: A Story of Competing Colonialisms in the Great Acceleration

In 1978, the tropical city-state of Singapore installed three polar bears, starting a dynasty of polar bears that ended in 2018. Within the lifespan of these tropical polar bears, the planet has undergone rapid and exponential growth in economies, human populations, agricultural intensification, deforestation, and the burning and consuming of carbon and chemicals--all indelibly changing every surface of the globe. How might the life histories of polar bears narrate the story of twentieth and twenty-first century competing colonialisms in the Great Acceleration? This paper is based on ongoing archival and ethnographic research in Singapore, Canada, and the U.S.

This talk is free and open to the public. To request special accommodation, please contact cas@cas.illinois.edu.

Center for Advanced Study Speaker

Dr. Juno Salazar Parreñas | "Tropical Polar Bears: A Story of Competing Colonialisms in the Great Acceleration"

Friday, Oct 31st
3pm
Levis Faculty Center - Room 210

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Celebrate New Books in Medieval Studies, East Asian Studies, African Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, History, and Religion

Mukhtar Ali, Mauro Nobili, and Gian Piero Persiani

Wednesday, November 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 in Levis Faculty Center, 218

Join us for a festive reception, meet the authors, and learn about their work!

Celebrate New Books in Medieval Studies

Mukhtar Ali, Mauro Nobili, and Gian Piero Persiani

Wednesday, Nov 12th
5pm - 7pm
Levis Faculty Center, 210

Gian Piero Persiani - *Poets, Patrons, and the Public: Poetry as Cultural Phenomenon in Courty Japan*
Mukhtar Ali - *Inscriptions of Wisdom: The Sufism of Ibn al-Arabi in the Mirror of Jami*
Mauro Nobili - *The Chronicles of Two West African Kingdoms: The Tārīkh Ibn Al-Mukhtār of the Songhay Empire and the Tārīkh Al-Fattāsh of the Caliphate of Hamdallāhi*

This event is sponsored by the Program in Medieval Studies and the Centers for African Studies, East Asian & Pacific Studies, South Asian & Middle Eastern Studies with the Departments of History, Religion, East Asian Languages & Cultures.

Anthropology Speaker

Prof. Courtney Handman | "Circulations: Modernist Imaginaries of Colonialism and Decolonization in Papua New Guinea"

Thursday, Nov 13th
3:30pm - 5pm
230 Davenport Hall

In *Circulations*, Courtney Handman examines the surprising continuities in the ways that modernist communications discourses shaped both colonial and decolonial projects in Papua New Guinea. Innovatively bringing together analyses of radios, airplanes, telepathy, bureaucracy, and lingua francas, *Circulations* argues for the critical role of communicative networks and communicative imaginaries in political processes of colonialism and decolonization worldwide.

Courtney Handman is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, where she teaches about language, media, and the religious and political forms of circulation.

This event is sponsored by Anthropology and The Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS).

Upcoming Opportunities

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & HUMANITIES MEET & GREET

Join us for a fun afternoon with subject specialists, librarians, lightning talks, activities, snacks, and networking!

Wednesday, October 29 at 2:00 PM
Wells Library Room 321

Register Now

International Studies and Humanities Meet and Greet

The International and Area Studies Library, Literature and Languages Library, Ricker Library of Architecture and Art, Music and Performing Arts Library, and History, Philosophy, and Newspaper Library are jointly hosting the **International Studies and Humanities Meet and Greet** on **Wednesday, October 29, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. This event will take place in **Room 321, Main**.

Library Building. This is an informal event. We will highlight research services, feature lightning talks, host a trivia contest, and leave plenty of room for networking.

Please register here: <https://forms.gle/PECr3jXDjy2AF1QZA>

U of I System/NTU Open Seed Grant and Travel Grant Applications

The University of Illinois System has announced a new [call for proposals](#) for the Joint Research and Innovation Seed Grant program in collaboration with National Taiwan University. This program aims to facilitate research and development cooperation and delivery of talent, innovations and resources from these universities to the marketplace. Proposals should focus on the areas of health and medicine, data science and artificial intelligence, sustainability, quantum and semiconductor, and social sciences. Also announced is the [Travel Grants](#) program. Proposals for both programs are due on Dec. 8.

Young Scholars Visiting Scheme 2026 - The Chinese University of Hong Kong Chiang Ching-Kuo (CUHK CCK) Foundation

The Young Scholars Visiting Scheme aims to support young scholars conducting research in Chinese Studies to visit The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Participants are expected to spend one academic term in residence at CUHK, actively engaging in scholarly activities and fostering academic exchange with CUHK faculty and students in 2026. Please send your application by [clicking here](#) no later than **28 November, 2025**. The Scheme will cover the costs of airfare (economy class), on-campus accommodation, a shared-office space and subsistence allowance. Selection results will be announced by **19 December, 2025**.