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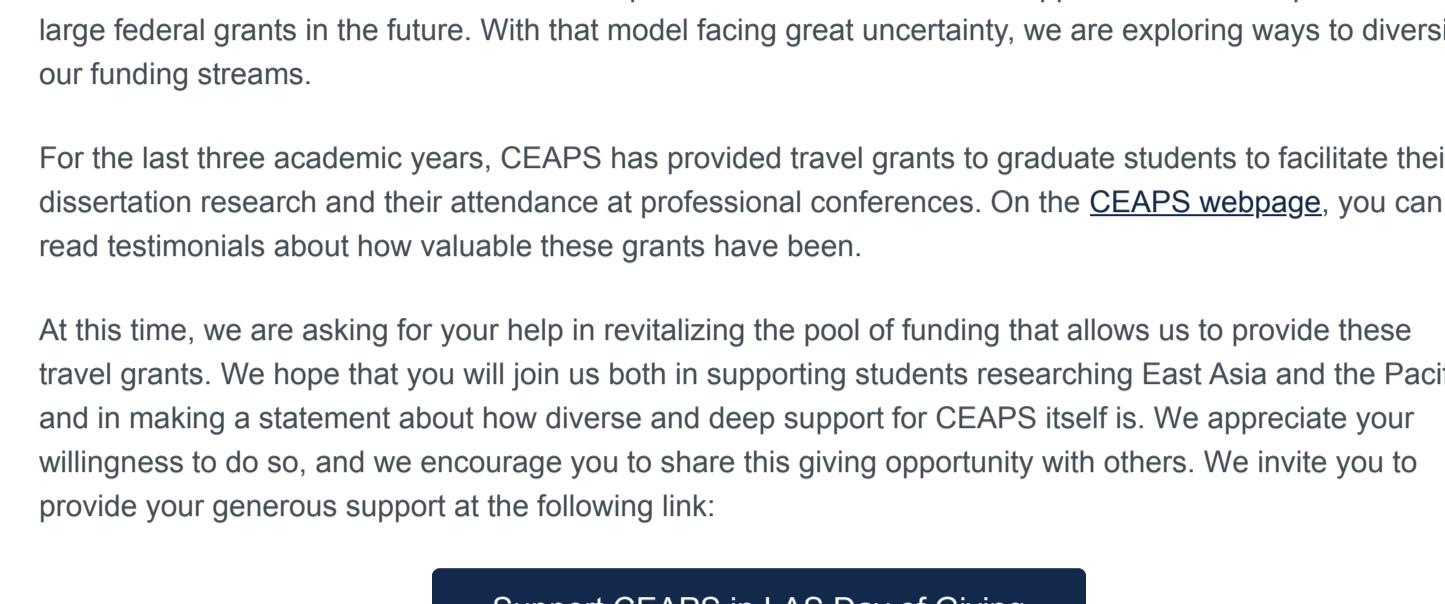
### CEAPS E-News October 20th - October 24th, 2025

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Dear Colleagues:

As you know, funding for area studies centers like the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies (CEAPS) is under unprecedented threat right now. While CEAPS did not receive funding in the most recent National Resource Center / Foreign Language and Area Studies competition, the long-term vision for financing the center's activities has revolved around an expectation that there would be opportunities to compete for these large federal grants in the future. With that model facing great uncertainty, we are exploring ways to diversify our funding streams.

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.

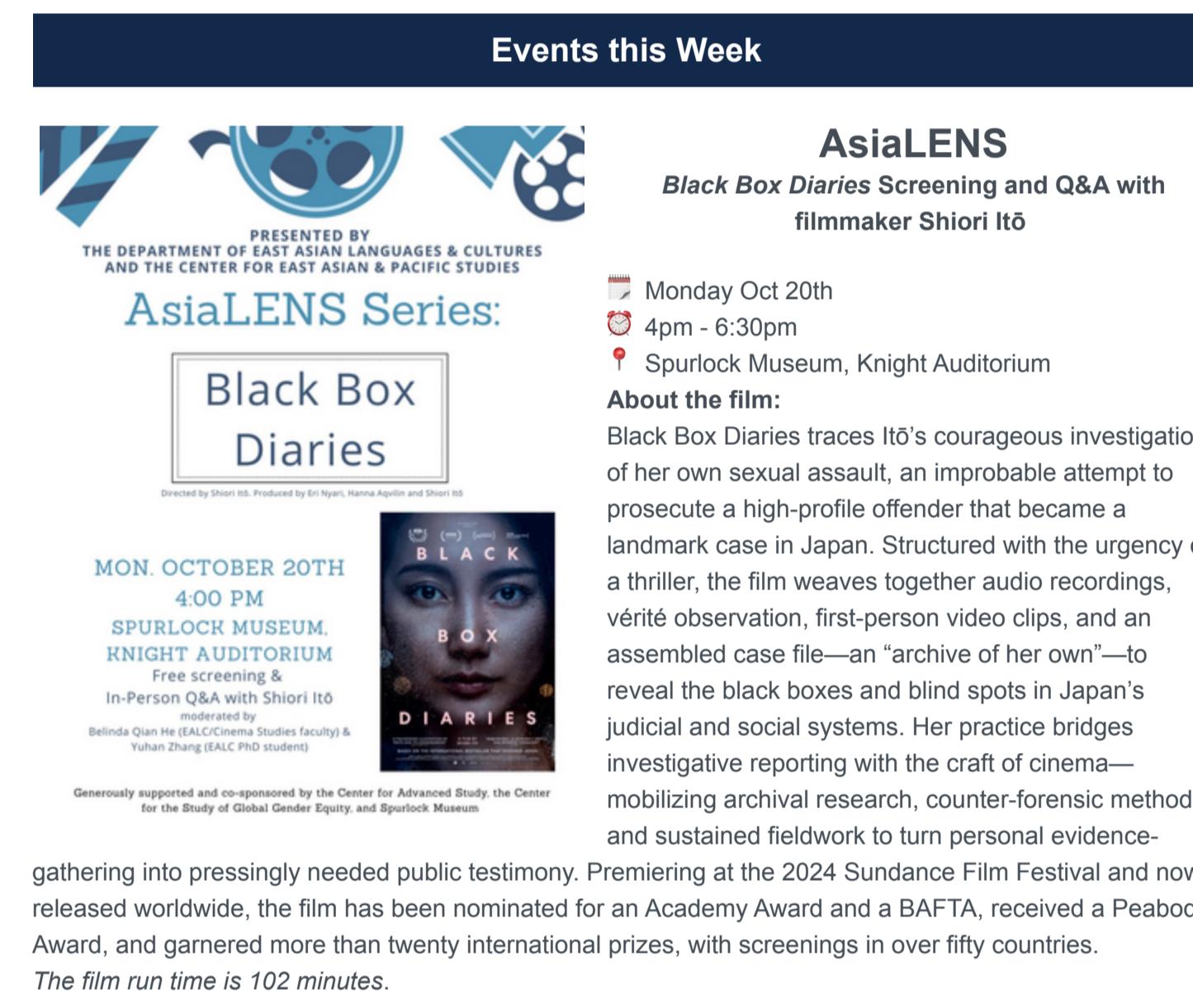
At this time, we are asking for your help in revitalizing the pool of funding that allows us to provide these travel grants. We hope that you will join us both in supporting students researching East Asia and the Pacific and in making a statement about how diverse and deep support for CEAPS itself is. We appreciate your willingness to do so, and we encourage you to share this giving opportunity with others. We invite you to provide your generous support at the following link:

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Sincerely,

Matt Winters

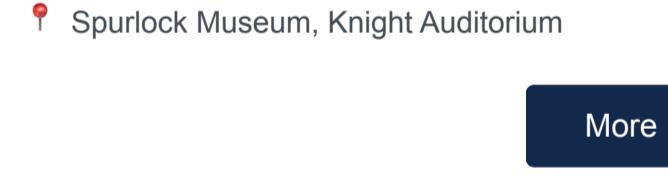
#### CEAPS Event Recap



#### UAAT Mandarin Program Opening Ceremony

On Tuesday & Wednesday of this past week, CEAPS had the honor of hosting our partners from the University Academic Alliance in Taiwan (UAAT) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago (TECO). The visit culminated with the opening ceremony of the UAAT Mandarin Education Program Liaison Office at UIUC, with an exciting plaque unveiling. Our speakers included **Matt Winters** (Director of CEAPS), **Jay Walsh** (University of Illinois System Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation), **Jerry Davila** (Executive Director of IGI), **Hsiang-Yu Wang** (Associate VP, Office of Global Affairs, National Tsing Hua University), and **Yen-Feng Lai** (Director General of TECO). Thank you to our guests for making the time to attend and witness this exciting partnership in supporting our students.

#### Events this Week



#### AsiaLENS

Black Box Diaries Screening and Q&A with filmmaker Shiori Ito

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

##### About the film:

Black Box Diaries traces Ito'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, verité 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—

generally supported and co-organized by the Center for Advanced Study the Center for the Study of Global Gender Equality and Spurlock Museum

More Information Here



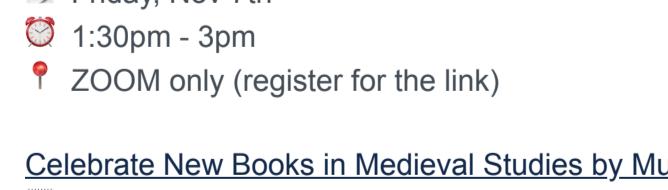
#### Roger Ebert Screening & Lecture [co-sponsored event]

Dr. Yiman Wang (University of California Santa Cruz) will visit campus for two days to talk about her new book *To Be an Actress* on the film, theater, radio, and television careers of Anna May Wong. Dr. Wang's visit includes a Thursday evening screening of *Piccadilly*, a 1929 film starring Anna May Wong released at the critical moment of transition from silent to sound films, and a Friday afternoon lecture.

##### Free Screening of *Piccadilly*

Thursday, Oct 23  
7pm  
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

More Information Here



#### Breakfast & Discussion with Dr. Yiman Wang

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

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