

CEAPS E-News October 13th, 2025 - October 17th, 2025

CEAPS Event Recap

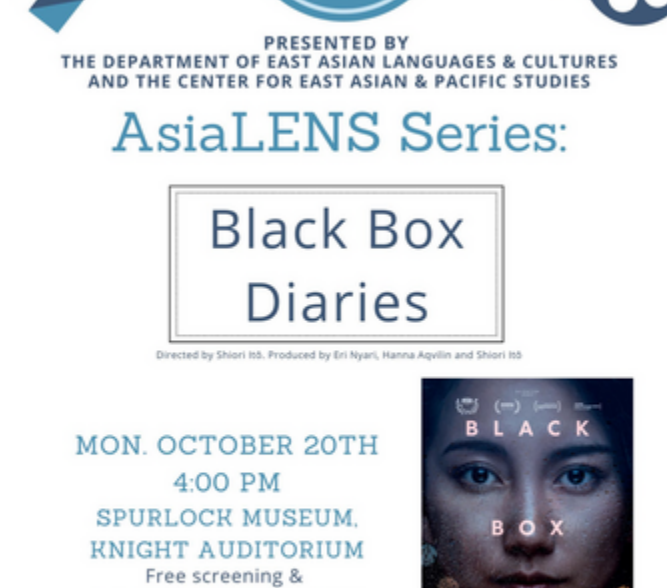


CEAPS at LAS Global Opportunities & Study Abroad Fair

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 & YiWen 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



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 Screening & Lecture [co-sponsored event]

Free Screening of *Piccadilly*

Thursday, Oct 23rd
7pm
Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

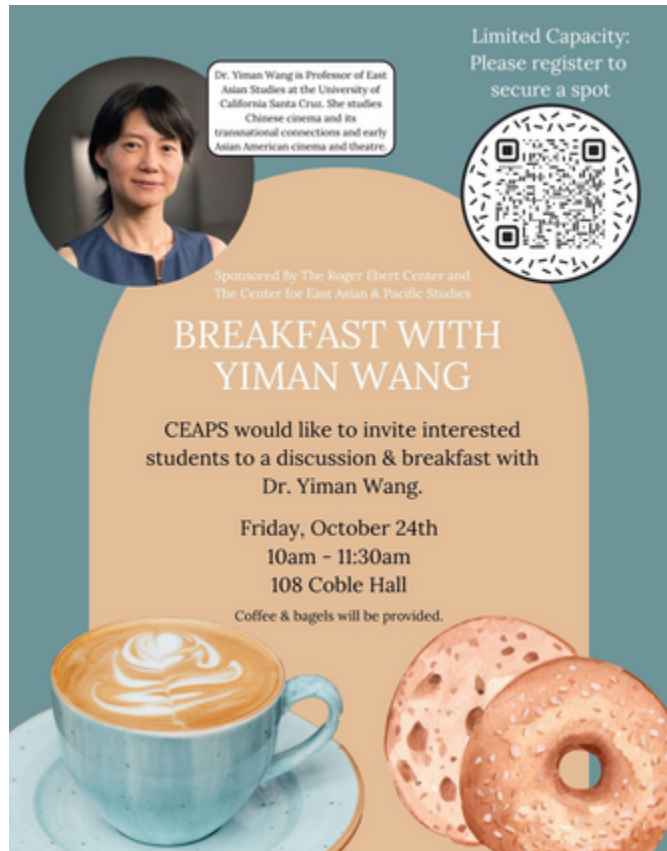
[More Information Here](#)

Yiman Wang, Guest Lecturer | "A Yellow Spot on the Silver Screen"

Friday, Oct 24th
2pm

Spurlock Museum, Knight Auditorium

[More Information Here](#)



Breakfast & Discussion with Dr. Yiman Wang

Friday, Oct 24th
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.

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.

[Register Here](#)



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 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](#)



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 a digital film file.
- 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](#)



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 NTS\$28,000 per month (approximately USD\$930, 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](#)



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 HalJahn3@illinois.edu.

Director of the Korean language program or Jihye Yun (jhye26@illinois.edu), KCT coordinator for any inquiries!

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