

CEAPS E-News September 1st - September 5th, 2025

Welcome from CEAPS Director, Matt Winters



Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back to campus – I hope that you have had a relaxing and productive summer and that the new academic year is off to a terrific start for all of you!

CEAPS had an exciting summer.

In early June, three of us from the Urbana-Champaign campus and three colleagues from the University of Illinois Chicago campus traveled to Taiwan to visit five of our partner universities in the University Academic Alliance in Taiwan (UAAT). We had an opportunity to visit with students from Urbana-Champaign and Chicago who had received UAAT scholarships, and we participated in a day-long “Frontiers in Mandarin and Language Education Symposium” at National Tsing Hua University (NTHU). It was a particular joy to connect with Urbana-Champaign alumni who now teach at Taiwanese universities. Recruitment for the summer 2026 UAAT scholarship program is underway, and we hope that you will help us spread news about this opportunity with your students! We also look forward to welcoming colleagues from NTHU to campus in mid-October for the formal opening of the UAAT Mandarin Language Program Liaison Office.

At the end of June, we hosted a National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) foundational seminar. Prof. Jennifer Bergmark and Prof. Ethan Segal (Michigan State University), supported by CEAPS Outreach Coordinator Alex Chun, hosted eleven K-12 teachers for a week, guiding them through the history of East Asia with a particular focus on art and literature. Several other CEAPS affiliates provided focused lectures or guided enrichment activities. The teachers learned about the Chinese scroll collection at the University Library, participated in a tea ceremony at Japan House, and explored the Asian art collection at the Krannert Art Museum. We are looking forward to hosting another foundational seminar next summer and to exploring other possibilities for our faculty to participate in the NCTA program.

Our AY25-26 programming will begin with our Open House and Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration on Friday, September 5th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in 306 Coble Hall. We hope to see many of you there!

Our first invited talk will be a virtual talk on Friday, September 19th, with Prof. Lori Yue from the Columbia University School of Business, who will present on “Organizational Nationalism and Computational Analysis.” And our first brown bag talk will be the following Friday, September 26th, in 306 Coble Hall, where Prof. Sarah Park Dahlien and Michelle Lê will speak on “Keeping Afloat: Water, War, and Vietnamese Diaspora in Picture Books.”

Please do visit the [CEAPS website](#) and make note of this semester’s events!

CEAPS has a 60-year tradition of supporting teaching, research, cultural programming, and outreach related to East Asia and the Pacific on campus and in the broader community. I am always eager to hear your thoughts about events and programming that the Center might help facilitate. And if you are aware of any new (or not-so-new) faculty members on campus who should be CEAPS affiliates, please do let us know so that we can reach out to them.

Best wishes, and looking forward to seeing you soon!

Matt Winters
Director, Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies

Events this Week

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
- Generous 100% tuition waiver to host campus
- Experience diverse cultural activities
- Gain insights for career path
- Enhance Mandarin proficiency

QUALIFICATION

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

Hosted By:
National Tsing Hua University

PROGRAM FEE

Tuition, housing and admin. fee:
approx. USD 900/ month

Expected monthly living expense:
approx. USD 350/ month

INFO SESSIONS

Wed. 9/3 3pm - 4pm or Thur. 9/11 12pm - 1pm

Both sessions are in person at 306 Coble Hall
Pizza and snacks for all attendees!
Contact ywchiang@illinois.edu with any questions

Register Here:

UAAT Mandarin Scholarship Info Session

This summer, CEAPS is continuing their collaboration with The University Academic Alliance In Taiwan (UAAT)! If you are interested in receiving a scholarship to study in Taiwan this summer, come to our first info session on **Wed, Sept 4th at 3pm in 306 Coble Hall**.

Qualifications:

- at least 18 years of age
- not a citizen of Taiwan
- a UI systems student
- have not received any other scholarships from Taiwan
- have completed 120 hours of Mandarin courses through our UAAT liaison at UIUC (for airfare support)

There will be one more info session on 9/11. Come to hear more about the program and see if you qualify for this great opportunity. **Pizza & Snacks will be provided at both sessions.**

Contact UAAT Program Coordinator Yi-Wen with any questions: ywchiang@illinois.edu

[More Info & Register Here](#)

CEAPS FALL OPEN HOUSE & MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
1PM - 3PM AT 306 COBLE HALL

Please RSVP here

CEAPS Open House & Mid Autumn Festival Celebration

We invite you to join us at our fall open house and early celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival! Join us for a casual time of meeting others who are interested in or affiliated with our center. We will have lunch and snacks provided at the event!

Schedule:

- 1pm | lunch begins
- 1:30pm | remarks from CEAPS Director, Dr. Matt Winters
- 3pm | event concludes

We hope you can make it!

[More Info & RSVP Here](#)

CEAPS Advisory Board

CEAPS would like to thank our members of the advisory board for the 25 - 26 school year for continuing to be with us and their willingness to serve:

- Yilan Feng (Business Administration)
- Naoko Gunji (East Asian Languages & Cultures)
- Mikihiro Sato (Recreation, Sports, & Tourism)
- Yujeong Yang (Political Science)
- Bing Wang (University Library)

If you are interested in serving on our advisory board in the future, please reach out to us at ceaps@illinois.edu at any time.

[More About Our Advisory Board](#)

Semester Preview

CEAPS 2025 Fall Schedule

September

- 9.3 | UAAT Twp Session
306 Coble Hall
- 9.5 | CEAPS Open House
306 Coble Hall, lunch provided!
- 9.8 | UAAT Twp Session
306 Coble Hall
- 9.19 | Speaker: Lori Yue
ZOOM
- 9.26 | Brown Bag Sarah Park Dahlien & Michelle Lê
306 Coble & ZOOM
- 9.30 | Speaker: Uluğ Kuzuoğlu
306 Coble & ZOOM

Watch the CEAPS website for more info!

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October

- 10.17 | Brown Bag Jingling Chen
306 Coble & ZOOM
- 10.23 | Roger Ebert Center film screening: *Piccadilly*
- 10.24 | Roger Ebert Center Lecture: Yiman Wang
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & ZOOM at 1:30pm

November

- 11.7 | Speaker: Se-Mi Oh
ZOOM
- 11.14 | Brown Bag Jiwon Oh & Darren Chuang
306 Coble & ZOOM

CEAPS has an exciting semester ahead! We are so excited for these experiences and to bring them to you. Please check our [newsletter](#), [website](#), & [Instagram](#) for the most up to date information on our events. Events may change due to circumstance.

September:

- 9/3 | UAAT Mandarin Scholarship Info Session
306 Coble Hall at 3pm
- 9/4 | CEAPS Fall Open House
306 Coble Hall at 1pm
- 9/11 | UAAT Mandarin Scholarship Info Session
306 Coble Hall at 12pm
- 9/19 | CEAPS Speaker: Lori Yu (Columbia University)
ZOOM at 1:30pm
- 9/26 | CEAPS Brown Bag: Sarah Park Dahlien (UIUC) & Michelle Lê
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & ZOOM at 1:30pm

- 9/30 | CEAPS Speaker: Uluğ Kuzuoğlu (Washington University at St. Louis)
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & ZOOM at 1:30pm

October:

- 10/17 | CEAPS Brown Bag: Jingling Chen (EALC)
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & ZOOM at 1:30pm
- 10/23 | Roger Ebert Center film screening of *Piccadilly*
Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum at 7pm
- 10/24 | Roger Ebert Center lecture by Yiman Wang (UC Santa Cruz)
Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum at 2pm

November:

- 11/7 | CEAPS Speaker: Se-Mi Oh (University of Michigan)
ZOOM at 1:30pm
- 11/14 | CEAPS Brown Bag: Jiwon Oh (Institute of Communication Research) & Darren Chuang (Musicology)
Hybrid: 306 Coble & ZOOM at 1:30pm

[CEAPS Calendar](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

North American Taiwan Studies Online Summer School

Hosted by Indiana University's Taiwan Studies Initiative, the inaugural summer school will focus on the theme “Global Taiwan.” We invite leading Taiwan Studies scholars working on history, international relations, public health, gender and society, economics, geopolitics, culture, and literature to provide their expertise and explore with students how Taiwan Studies could be more than just another area studies— how the past, present, and future of the island are always global.

The summer school will be held over three weekends online. In addition to our esteemed speakers, we also invite four institutions in Taiwan to introduce their archival collections and research resources.

Contact Prof. Fei-Hsien Wang (feihwang@iu.edu) or the IU Taiwan Studies Initiative (taiwansp@iu.edu) with any questions.

[Register Here](#)

FALL 2025 Korean Conversation Table

2025년 가을학기 한국어 대화 모임

Every Friday 5-6 pm (Sept.5 ~ Nov.14)

Everitt Lab 2233 (Engineering Hall near Illini Union)

K-POP 드라마

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.

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(jahn3@illinois.edu),