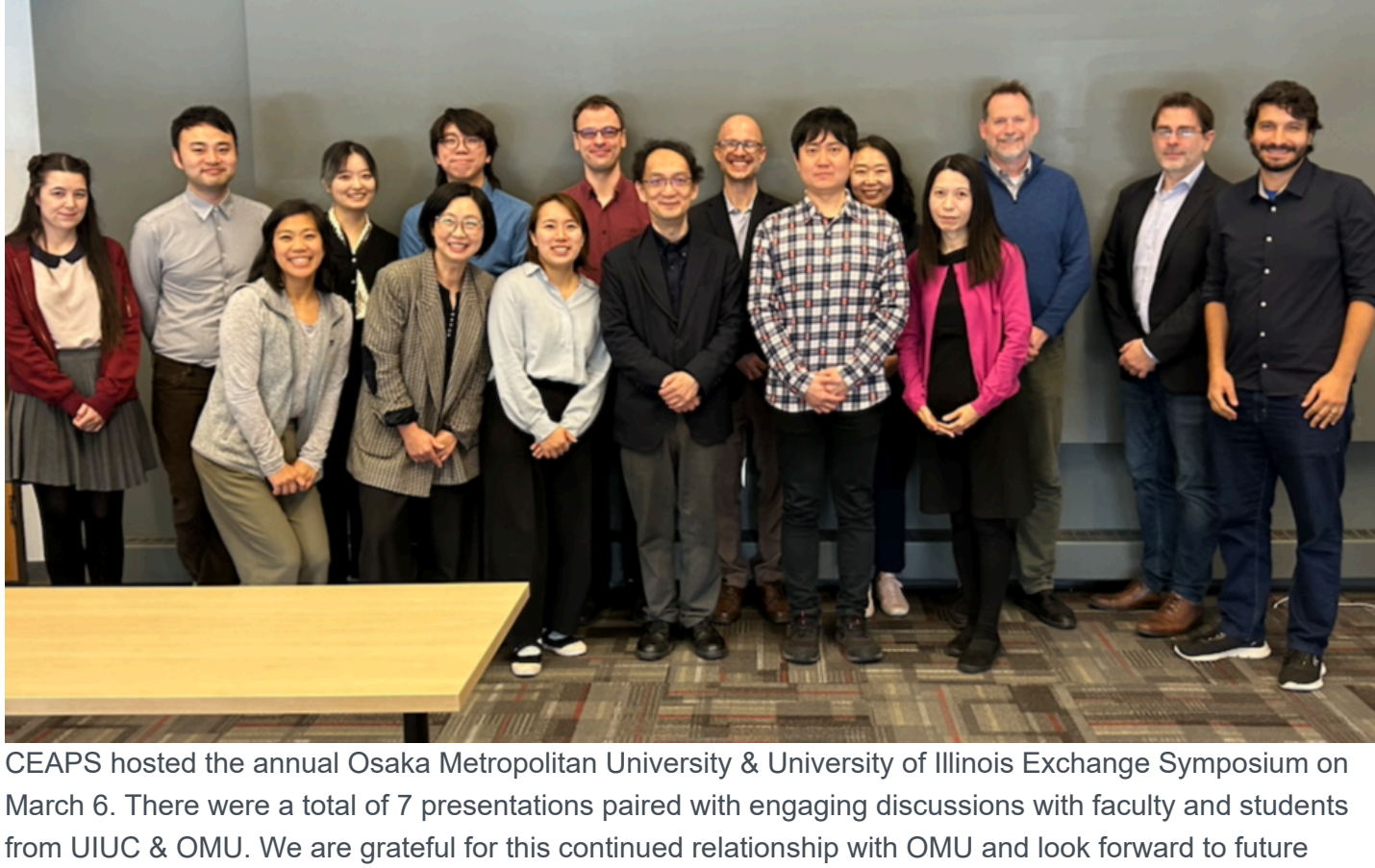


CEAPS E-News March 9th - 13th, 2026

Event Recap



CEAPS hosted the annual Osaka Metropolitan University & University of Illinois Exchange Symposium on March 6. There were a total of 7 presentations paired with engaging discussions with faculty and students from UIUC & OMU. We are grateful for this continued relationship with OMU and look forward to future years.

Symposium Chairs:

- Matthew Winters** (CEAPS Director/Professor Political Science, UIUC)
- Hiatsuga Kusabu (Professor, History, OMU)

Presenters:

- Hirufumi Hashimoto (Associate Professor, Psychology, OMU)
- Saya Nakamura (MA student, Psychology, OMU)
- Eunmi Mun (Associate Professor, Labor & Employment Relations, UIUC)
- Yusaku Takada (Assistant Professor, Business Administration, UIUC)
- Rees Estrada (PhD Student, History, OMU)
- Yuhan Zhang (PhD Student, EALC, UIUC)
- Bryan Pang (PhD Student, Psychology, UIUC)

Discussants:

- Dov Cohen** (Professor, Psychology, UIUC)
- Dominik Mischkowski** (Assistant Professor, Psychology, UIUC)
- Roderick Wilson** (Associate Professor, History/EALC, UIUC)

Check out our [Instagram](#) for more photos from our events!

Event This Week



AAS 2026 Film Expo
Thursday 3/12 - Saturday 3/14

CEAPS is excited to host our 15th film expo in collaboration with the Association for Asian Studies Conference. This year the conference and film expo will be held in Vancouver, Canada. If you are attending the conference, please stop by the film expo front desk and say "hello" and watch a film. We'd love to connect with you!

[Full Film Expo Schedule](#)

Upcoming Event



CEAPS Japan Faculty Get Together

The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies is looking forward to hosting any UIUC faculty with a connection to or interest in Japan. We will have coffee, tea, & treats for this social event to get to know other faculty and CEAPS. Feel free to share this event with any of your colleagues!

Date: Mar 27, 2026
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Venue: 306 Coble Hall, 801 S Wright St, Champaign
Contact: Alex Chun (park387@illinois.edu)

[More Information and Registration](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

Movie Screening KOKUHO (2025)



On Weds, March 11, Illinois Public Media and the Japan House present KOKUHO (2025). Kokuho, meaning "National Treasure," is a highly successful 2025 Japanese epic film by director Sang-il Lee about the intense, decades-long rivalry between two men destined for greatness in the traditional world of Kabuki theater. Experience a screening of this Japanese epic that has broken box office records!

[Get your tickets today](#)

Japan House Internship Fall 2026

APPLICATIONS DUE ON MARCH 13

Immense growth in the richness of traditional Japanese arts and culture at Japan House.

Apply by March 13, 2026

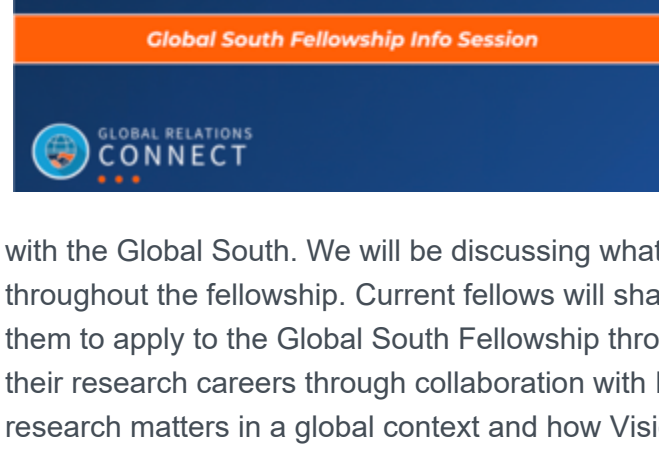
Apply at www.japanhouse.org

Fall 2026 Japan House Internship Application

Apply to Become a Japan House Intern!

Japan House internship applications are open now for Fall 2026! We are seeking creative and curious interns who want to learn more about Japanese arts and culture while supporting community engagement efforts, developing events, and implementing programming for various audiences. Applications are due Friday, March 13 at 11:59pm.

[Learn More](#)



Global Relations Connect: Global South Fellowship Info Session

Join us next week for a webinar that will highlight the [Global South Fellowship](#), a program that encourages broader campus academic engagement with the Global South. We will be discussing what this fellowship is, who is eligible, and what is covered throughout the fellowship. Current fellows will share insights into the application process, what motivated them to apply to the Global South Fellowship through the BRIDGE initiative, and how they are developing their research careers through collaboration with Illinois. The conversation will also explore why this research matters in a global context and how Vision 2030 supports these efforts.

- Date:** March 13, 2026
- Time:** 12:00-1:30 PM (CST)
- Venue:** Zoom (Meeting ID: 829 5179 5042, Passcode: 411897)

We hope you can join us for this event and participate in our open Q&A, so you can learn how University of Illinois faculty can deepen academic engagement with the Global South and how you can support more visiting scholars in your unit. This webinar feature three current fellows to share their experience:

- Dr. Ababaw Yirga Adamu, Professor of Higher Education at Addis Ababa University:** hosted by Department of Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership
- Dr. Ivan Filipe Almeida Lopes Fernandes, Adjunct Professor at Federal University of ABC:** hosted by Department of Political Science / CEAPS
- Dr. Carlos Piccone-Camera, Professor at Pontifical Catholic University of Peru:** hosted by Department of Religion

We invite everyone who has an interest in hosting international scholars and Global South faculty who would like to learn more about studying at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to join us! **You can register for the Zoom webinar using the link below!**

[Registration Link](#)

INK & IMAGE: EAST ASIAN HISTORY & CULTURE

A FUNDATIONAL SEMINAR FOR K-12 EDUCATORS

At the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

SEMINAR DETAILS

- Dates:** July 20 - 24, 2026
- Registration:** Free (July 20-24, 2026)
- Wrap-Up:** Free (Oct 2026)
- Eligibility:** K-12 Educators
- Accommodations:** Lunch & parking provided; Housing subsidies for those 50+ miles away

Benefits

- \$300 stipend
- 32 Professional Development Hours
- \$250 worth of books & teacher materials
- Station as an NCTA alumnus

For More Information: www.illinois.edu/inkandimage

APPLY BY MARCH 27

<https://illinois.edu/inkandimage>

NCTA Applications, Now Open!

CEAPS is excited to announce our second annual NCTA seminar for K-12 educators this summer.

- Spring Orientation:** May 12th, 2026 | evening over ZOOM
- Seminar Dates:** July 20th - July 24th, 2026 | in person on UIUC campus
- Wrap Up:** Fall 2026 Date TBD
- Benefits include:**
 - \$300 stipend
 - \$250 worth of teaching materials & \$100 mini-grant
 - 30 IEIN hours (for Illinois teachers)
 - Certificate of Completion
 - NCTA alumni

Registration deadline is **March 27th, 2026**. Please email ceaps@illinois.edu with any questions! Email share with any K-12 educators you may know!

[UIUC & NCTA Website](#)

TERASAKI CENTER FOR JAPANESE STUDIES

28th Annual Graduate Student Conference

May 18-19, 2026

Call for Proposals

Conference Theme: Temporal Entanglements

The Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies Graduate Student Conference invites papers from graduate students across all departments within the humanities and the social sciences whose research includes Japan. We welcome submissions for individual papers and presentations from graduate students at all levels. Proposals may cover a diverse field of topics and approaches, and may span chronology and geography.

Participants are also encouraged to join us after the conference for a working breakfast. For more information, contact: terasaki@ucla.edu, Professor of East Asian Studies at Princeton University.

The Terasaki Center will cover domestic travel and lodging for three nights for accepted speakers coming from outside the Los Angeles area.

Abstracts due March 31, 2026

bit.ly/2026terasaki

Call for Proposals: The 28th Annual Japanese Studies Graduate Student Conference at UCLA

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- Conference Date:** May 18-19, 2026
- Venue:** Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA
- Abstract Deadline:** March 31, 2026 (Abstracts of up to 300 words with a working title)
- Notification of acceptance:** Mid-April
- Final paper submission:** May 10, 11:59 pm (Pacific Time)
- Contact:** 2026terasaki@gmail.com

[Registration and Submission](#)

ACES INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS

"Cultivating a New Vision for International Food Security at Illinois"

The 9th Annual International Food Security at Illinois Symposium

April 15 - 16, 2026

Heritage Room, ACES Library

Join us as we revisit and re-imagine how to best collaborate across department and college lines to work towards global food security. Sessions will be a mix of interdisciplinary panels highlighting key cross-cutting themes in ACEE existing work. All ACEE stakeholders and others interested in food security are invited to attend. Find out more and register using QR code above or at <https://illinois.edu/foodsecurity2026>

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- Date:** Apr 15-16, 2026
- Time:** All Day
- Venue:** Heritage Room, ACES Library
- Contact:** Lauren Karplus (lkarpl2@illinois.edu)

[Registration Link](#)

Spring 2026 Chinese Language Table

- Date and Time:** 2-3 pm, every other Friday (2/6-4/25/2026)
- Location:** LCLB 2050 (EALC Library)
- Contact:** Ying Pin Chen (ypchen@illinois.edu)

Spring 2026 Chinese Language Table

The Chinese Language Table is an informal, no-pressure space for students and community members of all proficiency levels to practice communicating in Mandarin Chinese, engage in Chinese cultural activities, and connect with one another. Meeting topics and dates include Lantern Festival (3/6), Calligraphy (3/27), Chinese Tea Culture (4/17), and Making Sachets (4/24). Join us!

Spring 2026 Korean Conversation Table

2026년 봄학기 한국어 대화 모임

Every Friday 5-6 pm (Jan. 30 - April 24)

Event Lab 2233 Engineering Hall near Illini Union (Except for 3/6 (Event 1306) & 4/10 (Event 303))

Spring 2026 Korean Conversation Table

Date and Time: 5-6 pm every Friday (1/30-4/24) during SP26 semester except for March 14-28 Location: **Everitt Lab 2233** across Illini Union Contact: Jeeyoung Ahn Ha (jahn3@illinois.edu), Director of the Korean language program or Jihye Yun (jihye26@illinois.edu), KCT coordinator for any questions!

Korean Conversation Table (KCT) is an informal, voluntary meeting for learners of Korean who would like to practice speaking in a relaxed and supportive environment. Participants can build confidence through casual conversation, interact with fellow learners and facilitators, and engage with Korean language use at various levels. KCT also provides an opportunity to learn about and experience aspects of Korean culture. Everyone is welcome so please join us!

10th Annual UIUC Korean Speech Contest

Event Details

Thursday, March 26th
7:00am-8:30pm
LH 1000

Register Here

Important Dates: Registration (Friday, March 13) Script Submission (Sunday, March 22)

Winners will receive:

- Free Taiwanese style lunch
- Awards in travel
- Awards for winners in each group

 Registration due March 18

10th Annual Korean Speech Contest

Sign up for the 10th Annual UIUC Korean Speech Contest! Winners from each level will receive a gift card and eligible to compete in the 6th Midwest Korean Speech Contest in Chicago on April 4th.

- Date:** Mar 26, 2026
- Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Venue:** LH 1000
- Registration Deadline:** Friday, March 13
- Script Submission Deadline:** Sunday, March 22
- Contact:** Jeeyoung Ha (jahn3@illinois.edu)

[More Information and Registration](#)

2026 UAAT 華語演講比賽

Mandarin Speech Contest

DATE: Saturday, April 18
TIME: 10:00am-1:30pm
VENUE: Levis Faculty Center, room 210

Who can join?

- Mid/High school students
- K-5/6/8
- Both Heritage and Non-Heritage speakers

All attendees will receive:

- Free Taiwanese style lunch
- Awards in travel
- Awards for winners in each group

 Registration due March 18

2026 UAAT Mandarin Speech Contest

The 2026 UAAT Mandarin Speech Contest welcomes young Mandarin learners to join in on an upcoming community event. If you are interested in building confidence in public speaking and meeting other Mandarin learners, we'd love for you to register. We warmly welcome attendees of different ages and Mandarin backgrounds from Central Illinois to participate. Don't forget that the deadline for application is approaching (3/18)!

- Date:** Saturday, April 18, 2026
- Time:** 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
- Venue:** Levis Faculty Center, Room 210
- Application Deadline:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- Contact:** YiWen Chiang (wychiang@illinois.edu)

[More Information and Registration](#)

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