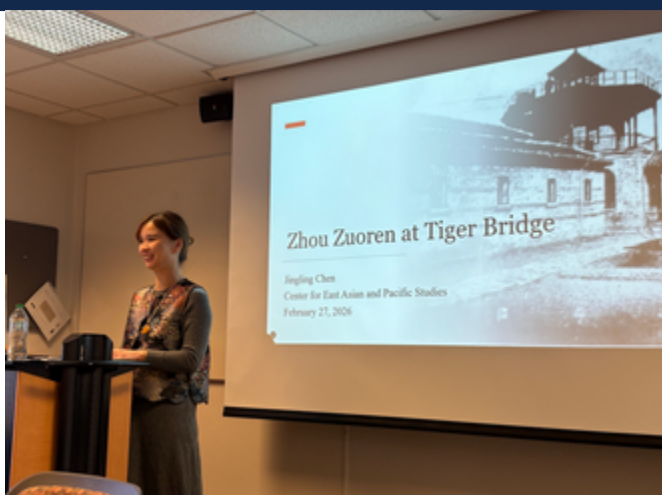


CEAPS E-News March 2nd - 6th, 2026

Event Recap



CEAPS Brown Bag with Dr. Jingling Chen

CEAPS hosted Professor Jingling Chen from the department of East Asian Languages & Cultures. Thank you to Professor Chen for sharing this history with CEAPS and our audience!

Past speaker events can be found on the CEAPS website. Events are posted by the end of each semester.

Past Speaker Events

Event This Week



Osaka Metropolitan University - University of Illinois Exchange Symposium 2026

Friday, March 6, 2026
9:30am - 4:45pm
Levis Faculty Center 208

The Osaka Metropolitan University & University of Illinois Exchange Symposium is open for anyone to attend! We ask for registration in advance to help us prepare for lunch. Click on the button below for a detailed schedule and registration link.

More Information & Registration Here

Upcoming Event



AAS 2026 Film Expo

Thursday 3/12 - Saturday 3/14

CEAPS is excited to host their 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 Opportunities



Orange & Blue Days

The Illinois Global Institute (IGI) will be participating in the campus-wide **Orange & Blue Days** to support students who seek to study less commonly taught languages and pursue immersive global research opportunities.

Get ready to show your Illini pride and make a difference! Go #OrangeAndBlue and support what matters most to YOU!

From **March 4-6**, we're spotlighting incredible crowdfunding projects across the Urbana-Champaign campus. Whether you're passionate about powering the **Marching Illini**, giving to a **scholarship in your favorite department**, or joining the fight against **food insecurity**, your support can create a lasting impact!

This is your chance to be a part of something bigger. Find the causes that inspire you and help us reach our goal of gaining 1,000 donors for Illinois. Let's go #OrangeAndBlue and make a difference today!

Give to IGI

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
- ✓ Orientation: May 12th evening via ZOOM
- ✓ Wrap Up: Fall '26 Date TBD
- ✓ Eligibility: K-12 Educators
- ✓ Accommodations: Lunch & parking provided; Housing subsidies for those 50+ miles away

Benefits

- ✓ \$300 stipend
- ✓ 30 Professional Development Hours
- ✓ \$230 worth of books & teacher materials
- ✓ Status as an NCTA alumni!

Supported by CEAPS, Freeman Foundation, and National Commission for Teaching about Asia at the University of Pittsburgh

For More Information: ceaps.illinois.edu/ink-ncta

APPLY BY MARCH 27

<https://tinyurl.com/ILlects>

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

Some benefits are:

- \$300 stipend
- \$230 worth of teaching materials & \$100 mini-grant
- 30 IEIN hours (for Illinois teachers).
- Certificate of Completion
- NCTA alumni

Registration deadline is **March 27th, 2026**. Email ceaps@illinois.edu with any questions!

Please share with any K-12 educators you may know!

UIUC & NCTA Website

2026 UAAT 华语演讲比赛
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 kids
• Both Heritage and Non-Heritage speakers

All attendees will receive:
• Free Taiwanese-style lunch
• Souvenirs & treats

Awards for winners in each group
Registration due March 18

If you have any questions, please contact: ywchiang@illinois.edu

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 this Wednesday (3/18)!

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

More Information and Registration

Spring 2026 Korean Conversation Table

2026년 봄학기 한국어 대화 모임

Every Friday 5-6 pm (Jan.30 - April.24)
Everitt Lab 2233
Engineering Hall near Illini Union
Except for 3/6 (Everitt 1306) & 4/10 (MSEB 305)

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!

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)

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!

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