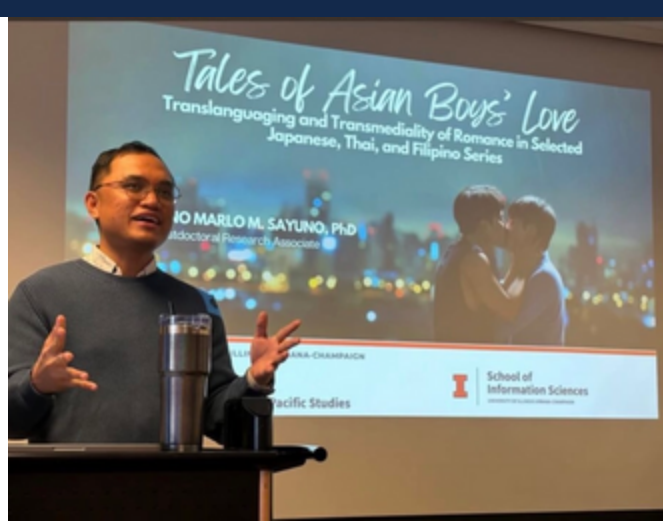


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Event Recap



CEAPS Brown Bag with Dr. Cheeno Marlo Sayuno

On Friday, Feb 20th, CEAPS held a Brown Bag hybrid talk with Dr. Cheeno Marlo Sayuno, a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, titled "Tales of Asian Boys' Love: Translanguaging and Transmediality of Romance in Selected Japanese, Thai, and Filipino Series." Thank you to Dr. Cheeno Marlo Sayuno for informing us of the fascinating topic of Thai Boys' Love (BL) fandom and to all who attended this engaging discussion!

Event This Week



CEAPS Brown Bag

Dr. Jingling Chen | "Zhou Zuoren at Tiger Bridge"

Friday, Feb 27th
1:30pm - 3pm
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & Zoom

About the Speaker:
Jingling Chen received her Ph.D. at Harvard University and is teaching in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her interests include Chinese and Greek Comparative Literature, modern and contemporary Chinese narrative, and modern Chinese intellectual history. Her book on the Greek Imaginary and Chinese intellectual and cultural modernity An Acropolis in China: Modern China and Ancient Greece is forthcoming with Duke University

[More Information & Registration Here](#)

The basement of Coble Hall will be undergoing renovations during the Spring semester. The elevator access to the building is adjacent to an active construction site. It may at times be dusty or have construction traffic.

Upcoming Events



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 Opportunities



NCTA Applications, Now Open!

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

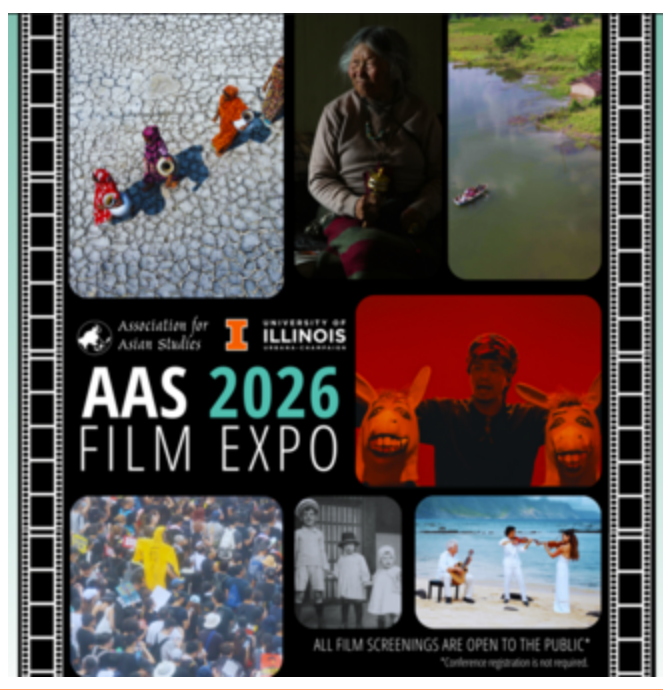
Spring Orientation: May 12th, 2026 | evening over ZOOM
Seminar Dates: July 20th - July 24th, 2026 | in person on UIUC campus
Wrap Up: Fall 2026 Date TBD

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!

[UIUC & NCTA Website](#)



AAS 2026 Film Expo

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](#)



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

The SP26 Korean Conversation Table will start its in-person meeting this week on Friday, January 30, 2026.

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 (jaahn3@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

The Spring 2026 Chinese Language Table will begin its in-person meetings on Friday, February 6, 2026.

- **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 Chinese Zodiac and Personality (2/6), Mahjong (2/13), Lantern Festival (3/6), Calligraphy (3/27), Chinese Tea Culture (4/17), and Making Sachets (4/24). Join us!

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