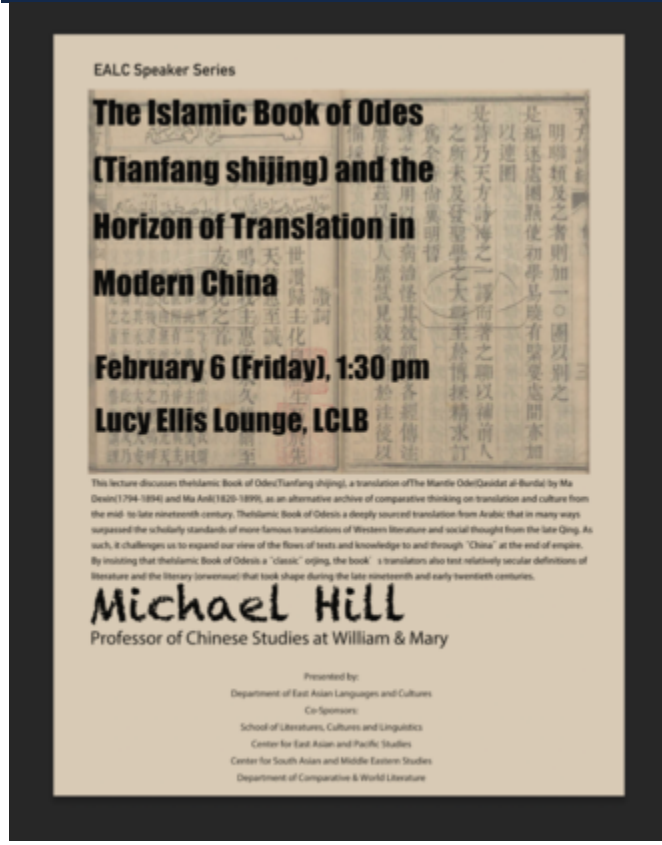


## CEAPS E-News February 2nd - 6th, 2026

### Event this Week



#### EALC Speaker | Dr. Michael Hill [co-sponsored event]

Friday, Feb 6th  
1:30pm  
LCLB Lucy Ellis Lounge

This lecture discusses the Islamic Book of Odes (Tianfang shijing), a translation of The Mantle Ode (Qasidat al-Burda) by Ma Dexin (1794-1894) and Ma Anli (1820-1899), as an alternative archive of comparative thinking on translation and culture from the mid- to late nineteenth century. The Islamic Book of Odes is a deeply sourced translation from Arabic that in many ways surpassed the scholarly standards of more famous translations of Western literature and social thought from the late Qing. As such, it challenges us to expand our view of the flows of texts and knowledge to and through "China" at the end of empire. By insisting that the Islamic Book of Odes is a "classic" or jing, the

book's translators also test relatively secular definitions of literature and the literary (or wenxue) that took shape during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

[More Information Here](#)

### Upcoming Events



#### Mochitsuki & Lunar New Year Event

Monday, Feb 9th  
1pm - 3pm  
LCLB Lucy Ellis Lounge

CEAPS will be hosting a traditional Mochitsuki event where participants will be able to watch how mochi is made using a mortar & mallet! University High School Japanese teacher, Hikaru Takeyama, along with a few of his students will be demonstrating and teaching about Mochitsuki. We hope to see you there!

This event is open to anyone. Please register at the button below as spots are limited due to room capacity.

[Register Here](#)



#### CEAPS Speaker

Dr. Cheeno Mario Sayuno | "Tales of Asian Boys' Love: Translanguaging and Transmediality of Romance in Selected Japanese, Thai, and Filipino Series"

Friday, Feb 20th  
1:30pm - 3pm  
Hybrid: 306 Coble Hall & Zoom

**About the Speaker:**  
Dr. Cheeno Mario Sayuno is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and an Associate Professor of Communication, Research, and Children's Literature from the University of the Philippines Los Baños. He has received recognition from the prestigious Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature, the National Book Awards in the

Philippines, the Philippine Board on Books for Young People's Salanga Prize, and the Normal Awards for Gender-Inclusive Literature for his stories for and research about children. His research interests include children's literature and media, digital narratives, social media studies, and popular culture. He has coauthored a chapter on Filipino young people's mobile communication experience in Springer's Mobile Media Use Among Children and Youth in Asia. His book on children's agentic transmedia engagement is forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan.

[More Information & Registration Here](#)



#### 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](#)

### Upcoming Opportunities



#### Graduate Student Travel Grant

Are you a grad student or CEAPS affiliated faculty looking for travel grant? We are excited to announce that CEAPS Graduate Student Travel Grant applications are now open. This 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.

#### 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.

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2026 (11:59 pm CT)

[More Information and Application Form](#)

#### Affiliated Faculty Conference 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.

For AY 2025-26, awards up to \$500 for domestic travel/up to \$1,500 for international travel will be awarded per semester.

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2026 (11:59 pm CT)

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#### Fulbright Scholarship Master's Program, Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Information Session

Date and Time:  
February 5th, 2026  
18:00 - 19:00 (Central Time)

Location:  
Webex Virtual Meeting  
The meeting link will be sent to your email 1-2 days before the session

The session will provide general guidance on the programs and application process.  
Contact [info@edutw.org](mailto:info@edutw.org) with any questions.

[Registration Here](#)



#### 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 ([jahn3@illinois.edu](mailto:jahn3@illinois.edu)), Director of the Korean language program or Jihye Yun ([jhye26@illinois.edu](mailto:jhye26@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](mailto: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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