

CEAPS E-News April 20th - April 24th, 2026

Spring 2026 IGI Fellowship Awardees

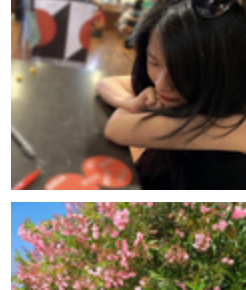
Please join us in congratulating our IGI summer research & IGI language awardees for the 2026 spring semester. Three students who got selected as 2026 Illinois Global Institute Graduate Language Fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$22,000 to pursue language and cultural training of their choosing. Six students who got awarded the IGI summer research fellowship will receive \$3,500 and be traveling to different countries to research Anthropology, Religion, Cultures, Linguistics and Social Work. Congratulations and the best of luck to you all!

Illinois Global Institute Graduate Language Fellowship Awardees



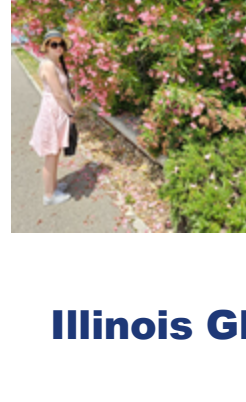
Sara Baxter

Sara Baxter is a Master Student in the Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures. She will be studying Japanese as a Graduate Language Fellow.



Samantha Ting

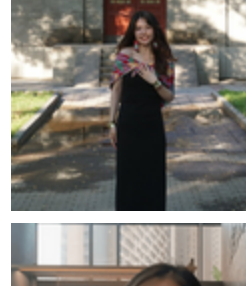
Samantha Ting is a Graduate Student in the Department of Comparative & World Literature. She will be studying Japanese as a Graduate Language Fellow.



Rebecca Stover

Rebecca Stover is a PhD Student in the Department of History. She will be studying Mandarin Chinese as a Graduate Language Fellow.

Illinois Global Institute Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Awardees



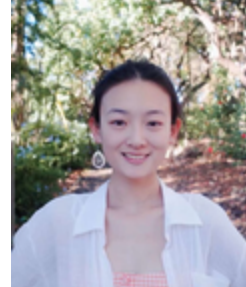
Lundi Wu

Lundi Wu will be traveling to Changchun, the Capital city in the Chinese province of Jilin. Wu is a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology and will be working on her project titled "Women Hold Up Half the Sky": A Documentary on Female Workers' Voices in Collective Memory in Dongbei(Northeast China).'



Hanuel Choi

Hanuel Choi will be traveling to Seoul and Busan, South Korea. Choi is a PhD student in the Department of Linguistics and will be working on her project titled 'The Acquisition of Russian Ditransitives by L1 Korean Learners of Russian.'



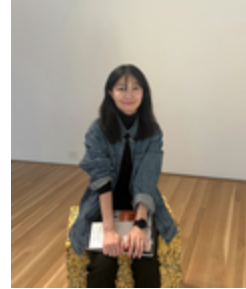
Yating Li

Yating Li will be traveling to Shanghai and Nanjing, China. Li is a PhD candidate in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and will be working on her project titled "Pathologizing the Womb: Medical knowledge, the Female Body, and Mirage of Health in China (1900s-1940s).'



Hsu Sun

Hsu Sun will be traveling to Taiwan. Sun is a PhD student in the School of Social Work and will be working on their project titled 'Drafting Gender: Transformativity, Biopolitics, and Civil Defense in Post-Cold War Taiwan.'



Woohui Park

Woohui Park will be traveling to both Tokyo, Japan, and Seoul and Daejeon, South Korea. Park is a PhD and Teaching Assistant in the Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures and will be working on her project titled 'Evidencing Truth: Law, Judgment, and Proof in Modern East Asia, 1876-1946.'



Siti Rahmatullaili

Siti Rahmatullaili will be Izutsu Bunko (Izutsu Library) in Keio University in Tokyo, Japan. Rahmatullaili is a M.A. Student in the Department of Religion and will be working on her project titled 'The Tao of Amar Ma'ruf: Reconstructing the "Organic Weltanschauung" of Islamic Ethics.'

Event This Week



CEAPS Korean Faculty Get Together

The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies is looking forward to hosting any UIUC faculty with connection to or interest in Korea. 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! Please RSVP in the link below.

- **Date:** Apr 24, 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](#)

Event Next Week



CEAPS Speaker / Political Science Workshop

Join us for a hybrid event titled "From Correction to Connection: Relational Approaches to Countering Misinformation" with Cesi Cruz (University of Michigan).

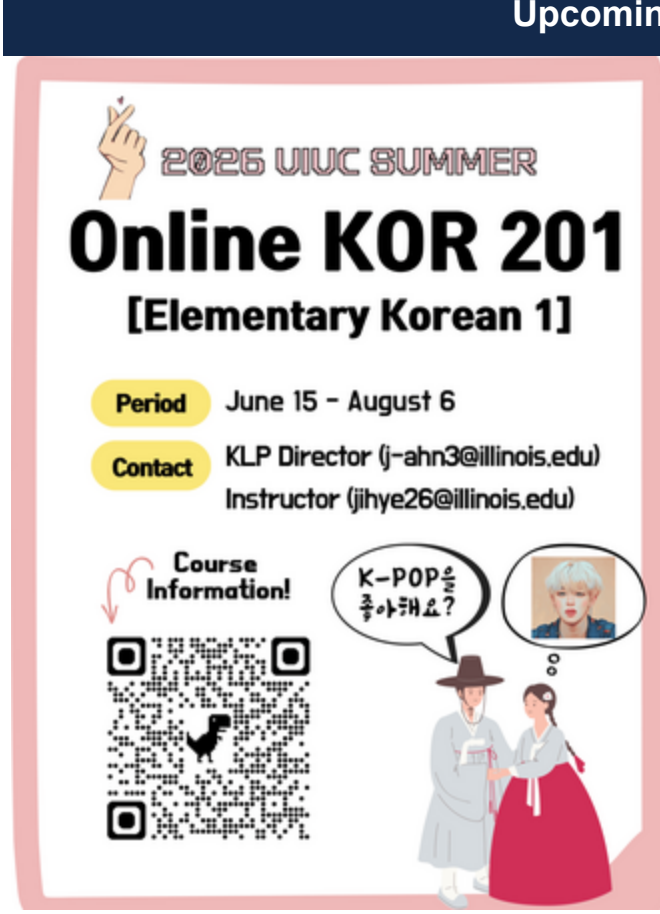
About the Speaker:

Cesi Cruz is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Economics at the University of Michigan. Her research examines political accountability and governance, with a focus on how information, institutions, and social networks shape political behavior in developing democracies. She serves on the editorial board of VoxDev, a policy platform that translates academic research into accessible insights for policymakers and practitioners in development. Her work has been published in leading journals in political science and economics.

- **Date:** May 1, 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 - 1:30 pm
- **Venue:** 404 David Kinley Hall, 1407 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana

[Information & Registration](#)

Upcoming Opportunities



Beginning Korean Online Course is Open for Summer 2026!

Looking for a summer course that's engaging, flexible, and globally focused? Beginning Korean online course(KOR 201) is open for Summer 2026! This course introduces the fundamentals of speaking, reading, and writing Korean, while incorporating Korean popular culture as authentic learning materials, making the experience both fun and meaningful. It's an excellent option if you're planning to study abroad in Korea (Fall 2026) and are interested in starting your journey in Korean language and culture. Join us this summer and take your first step into Korean!

- **Date:** June 15 – August 6, 2026
- **Course Format:** Asynchronous format with two weekly synchronous sessions
- **Credit:** 5 credit hours
- **Level:** No status restrictions (open to undergraduates, graduate students, graduating seniors, and non-degree students, including high school students)

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Call for Proposals for International Research

The Illinois Global Institute invites proposals for international research projects and collaborations. Funded by the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences INSURE program, we welcome proposals that support both new and ongoing international research, with the aim of sustaining and strengthening the international agenda of research by LAS faculty. The program is open to all LAS faculty regardless of the impacts of funding cuts to their research, but we particularly welcome proposals that support research that faces other funding constraints in areas such as Fulbright, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and initiatives supported by the IGI area and global studies centers that have faced the loss of Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center Funding.

Each grant will offer up to \$5,000 (or, \$10,000 for teams of two or more) in research support with the aim to keep LAS faculty's international research on track and globally competitive. Applications will be accepted for a **May 1, 2026** deadline.

[More Information and Application](#)



Call for 2027 Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies

The Center for Chinese Studies (CCS), administered by the National Central Library (NCL), is pleased to announce the call for applications for two research grants for the year **2027: Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies** (外籍學人來臺研究漢學獎助) and **MOFA Taiwan Fellowship** (外交部臺灣獎助金).

1. 2027 Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies Applications are now open, with a deadline of **May 31, 2026**. All application materials must be submitted electronically or by air mail no later than this date. Notifications of the Selection Committee's decisions will be sent by the end of August 2026.

2. 2027 MOFA Taiwan Fellowship Applications for the Taiwan Fellowship, which CCS administers on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), R.O.C. (Taiwan), will be accepted from **May 1 to June 30, 2026**. All application materials for this Fellowship must be submitted electronically no later than this date.

Notifications of the Selection Committee's decisions will be announced and sent to all applicants between October and the end of November 2026.

Scholars are encouraged to apply for both programs if eligible. For any questions, please contact us via email at ccsgrant@ncl.edu.tw or twfellowship@ncl.edu.tw.

[Information & Application on Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies](#)

[Information & Application on Taiwan Fellowship](#)



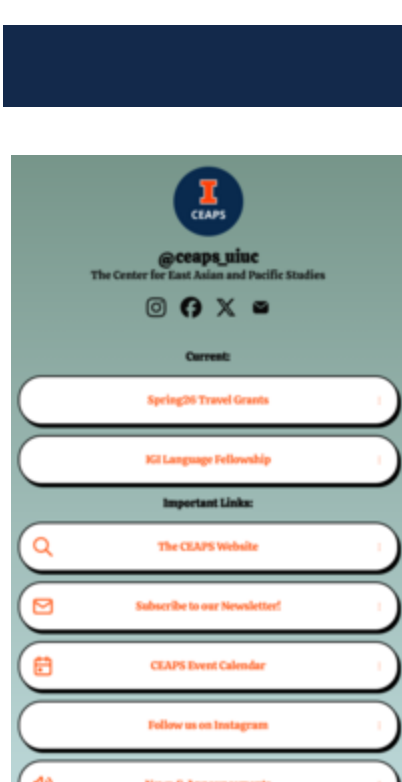
Summer Online JAPN 201 (Elementary Japanese I)

Online Japanese class is open for 2026 summer! JAPN 201 is for those with no Japanese background and has no status restrictions, meaning that it is open to undergraduate and graduate students, graduating seniors, and non-degree students, including high school students. It is an introductory course to Japanese, spoken Japanese and the reading and writing of hirigana, katakana, and kanji.

- **Date:** June 15 – August 6, 2026
- **Credit:** 5 Credit Hours
- **Format:** Asynchronous format with two synchronous meetings per week (typically Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-8 pm)

[Course Information](#)

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