

CEAPS E-News April 27th - May 1st, 2026

Event Recap



CEAPS Korean Faculty Get Together

On April 24, CEAPS hosted its first social meeting, the Korean Faculty Get Together. Korean faculty from diverse departments, including Information Sciences, Linguistics, Labor and Employment Relations, East Asian Languages & Cultures, and Civil Engineering had the opportunity to learn about CEAPS' faculty research grant opportunities, as well as to connect with one another and share their ongoing research. Thank you to all the faculty who attended! We look forward to continuing to network and connect with you.

Events This Week

Center for Global Studies
An Interdisciplinary Center for Global Studies

From the Nile to the Han: Nineteenth-Century Korea, Egypt, and the Limits of Orientalism

Tuesday, APRIL 28 | 12-1 PM
Coble 306 and on Zoom:
https://uiuc.edu/illinois.edu/ceaps/jsp/ceaps_lectures_L_21

What happens when an American diplomat arrives in Korea expecting the "Orient" -- and doesn't find it? Charles Chaillé-Long, a veteran of the American Civil War, the Egyptian Army and explorer of the Nile, came to Seoul in the late nineteenth century with a mental map of the "Oriental" shaped by his experience in Egypt. Korea didn't fit. This talk traces how Chaillé-Long's comparisons between Egypt and Korea expose the limits of Orientalism as a framework for understanding East Asia, and what those limits mean for how we think about early Korean-American diplomatic engagements.

Special Talk by Professor of English Literature at Vermont University in Saint Albans, VT, USA, and research focus on Victorian literature, postcolonial studies, and interdisciplinary studies between East Asia and Africa. This is a hybrid event. A hybrid event is a meeting held at the Center for Global Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which has a corresponding program on social science in fourteenth-century British Korean relations.

DR. CESI CRUZ
Guest speaker
University of Michigan

CEAPS Speaker Series

Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

Center for Global Studies Speaker | Hyungji Park (Yonsei University)

Join us for a CEAPS co-sponsored hybrid event titled "From the Nile to the Han: Nineteenth-Century Korea, Egypt and the Limits of Orientalism," featuring Hyungji Park from Yonsei University.

- **Date:** Tues, Apr 28, 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- **Venue:** 306 Coble Hall & ZOOM

About the Talk

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[More Information and Registration](#)

2026 UIUC CLASS POETRY CARD BATTLE

Come watch and/or play!

Wednesday 4/29/2026
3-4 pm

1080 LCLB (Lucy Ellis Lounge)
Snacks and refreshments provided!

2026年 UIUC 東洋詩歌大賞

2026 UIUC Class Poetry Card Battle

Join us for this fun karuta event on Wednesday, April 29th! All are welcome to come and compete or watch! Snacks and drinks will be provided at the event. This will be a reduced version of the game with just 10 poems. Prof. Gian Piero Persiani has a quick Starter Kit that anyone at any level of Japanese can use to prepare for the game. If you would like to compete or have any questions, contact Prof. Gian Piero at gp202@illinois.edu.

- **Date:** Apr 29, 2026
- **Time:** 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- **Venue:** Lucy Ellis Lounge, 1080 Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics Building, 707 S Mathews Ave, Urbana, IL 61801

[More Information](#)

REGISTER HERE

CEAPS SPEAKER

"FROM CORRECTION TO CONNECTION: RELATIONAL APPROACHES TO COUNTERING MISINFORMATION"

FRI, MAY 1, 2026
12 - 1:30 PM

HYBRID EVENT:
404 DAVID KINLEY HALL & ZOOM

DR. CESI CRUZ
Guest speaker
University of Michigan

Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies

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 Events

ceaps & dori

STUDY BREAK

mon 5/11 | 306 coble | 2 - 9 PM

come any time for snacks, coffee, socializing, and dog pets

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CEAPS Study Break Featuring Dori

CEAPS will be hosting an informal and social **study break** during finals week! Anyone is welcome. We will have snacks, coffee, tea, and a special guest... Dori! Dori is Matt Winter's (CEAPS director) friendly dog, who will be also there ready to receive pets and to be played with. Come de-stress with CEAPS and other students anytime between the hours of 2pm - 4pm. We just ask for you to RSVP to help us prepare enough snacks, etc.

- **Date:** May 11, 2026
- **Time:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- **Venue:** 306 Coble Hall

[More Information and Registration](#)

APRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2026

UNDERGRADUATE Research Week

Collage of student photos and research projects.

Undergraduate Research Symposium

We are pleased to invite you and your communities to attend the Undergraduate Research Symposium! As the signature event of Undergraduate Research Week, the Symposium showcases the breadth and excellence of undergraduate research across campus. Throughout the day, students from a wide range of disciplines will present their work in oral presentations and poster sessions, offering a unique opportunity to engage directly with their ideas, methods, and discoveries. Please find a link to this year's program [here](#).

- **Date:** April 30, 2026
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Place:** Illinois Union (1401 W. Green St, Urbana)

We warmly encourage faculty, staff, and students to attend, explore the presentations, and support our undergraduate researchers. Your presence helps foster a vibrant culture of inquiry and mentorship that is central to our university community. We hope to see you at the Symposium.

[More Information](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

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MEXT | Scholarships

Applications for Japanese Government's 2027 MEXT Research Scholarship

Greetings from the Japan Information Center in Chicago! We're excited to announce that applications for the Japanese Government's 2027 MEXT Research Scholarship is now available! Designed for college graduates, this 2-year scholarship supports independent research in Japan, culminating in a Master's degree or PhD. The program accepts all fields of study, provided it is related to the individuals' undergraduate studies and that the applicant secures a host professor at a Japanese university to oversee their work. Details about the scholarships is currently available online at our [website](#). **Applications are due on May 27, 2026.** Further information on the exam (if applicable) and interviews can be found on the webpage linked above. The final selection will come from MEXT in January or February 2027, with scholarship recipients departing for Japan in April or September/October of 2027.

[More Information](#)

2026 UIUC SUMMER

Online KOR 201 [Elementary Korean 1]

Period: June 15 - August 6

Contact: KLP Director (jahn3@illinois.edu)
Instructor (jhye26@illinois.edu)

Course Information!

• Full-time LAS faculty, including transfer stream faculty, teaching and research professors, and lecturers.

• Priority of all requests. Preference will be given to early-career scholars.

• \$4,000 stipend for proposals for faculty interested in international research. Each grant offers up to \$5,000 (\$10,000 for teams of two or more).

Application Due: May 1

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)

Now accepting applications!

Illinois Global Institute

Call for Proposals for International Research

Eligibility:

- Full-time LAS faculty, including transfer stream faculty, teaching and research professors, and lecturers.
- Priority of all requests. Preference will be given to early-career scholars.

Application Due: May 1

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](#)

外語学人來臺研究漢學奨助

Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies

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.

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.

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** (外語学人來臺研究漢學奨助) and **MOFA Taiwan Fellowship** (外交部臺灣奨助金).

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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](#)

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SUMMER ONLINE JAPAN 201
(Elementary Japanese I, 5 credit hours)
06/15/26 ~ 08/06/26

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For more information, please contact Prof. Sadler (lsadler@illinois.edu)

Summer Online JAPAN 201 (Elementary JAPAN 201)

Online Japanese class is open for 2026 summer! JAPAN 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 language skills 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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