

CEAPS E-News May 4th - May 8th, 2026

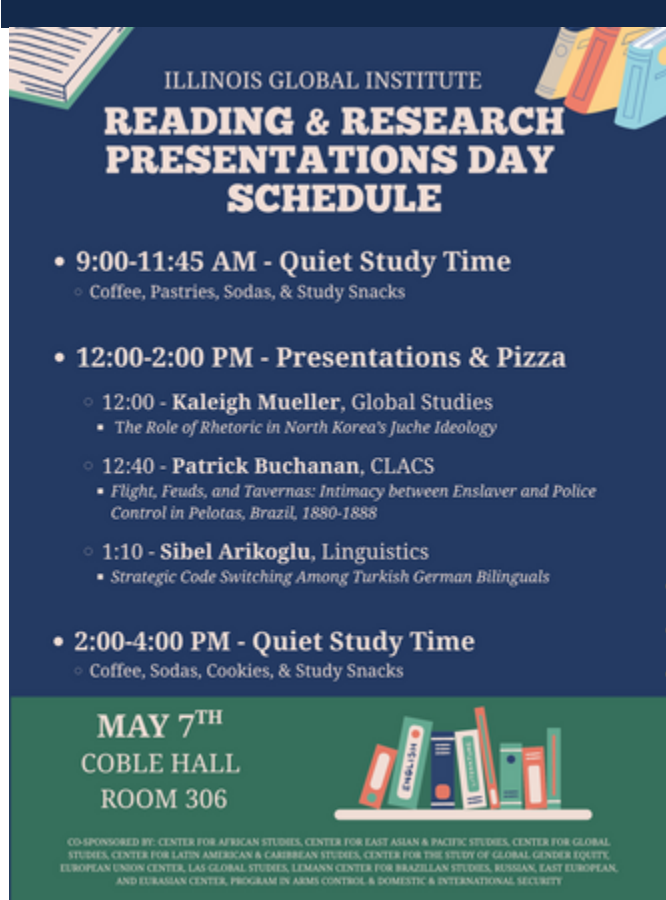
Event Recap



CEAPS Speaker / Political Science Workshop | Cesi Cruz (University of Michigan)

CEAPS, together with the Department of Political Science, hosted a talk featuring Cesi Cruz (University of Michigan) on May 1. We were delighted to have her speak about how community-based civic education, such as media literacy training, persuades people within their social network in evaluating political information and increases interest in politics and voter turnout. Thank you to Cesi Cruz for sharing your fascinating stories and audiences who made possible engaging discussions afterwards! We look forward to connecting with all of you in the upcoming events.

Event This Week



IGI Reading and Research Presentation Day

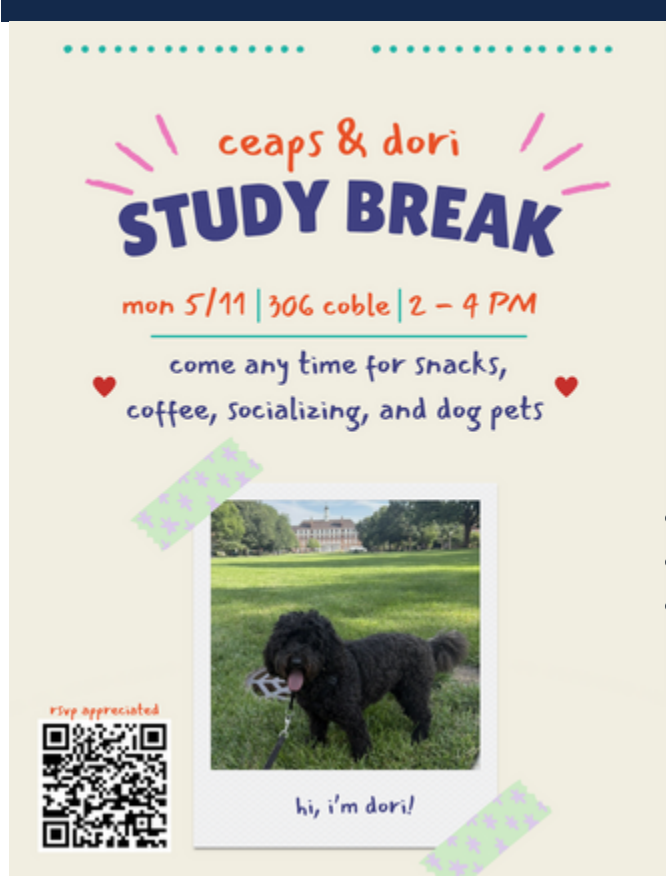
Please join us on Reading Day for a day of studying, student research presentations, and plenty of food to fuel your brain and ideas to fuel your mind! You can stop by briefly or bring your laptop, books, and notes and settle in for the day! If you would like to join us, using the [event registration link](#) will help us get an idea of numbers for food. We look forward to seeing you Thursday!

Date: May 7, 2026
Venue: 306 Coble Hall
Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

9am – 11:45am	Quiet Study with snacks
12pm – 2pm	Student Workshop of presentations with lunch
12pm	Kaleigh Mueller, Global Studies, The Role of Rhetoric in North Korea's Juche Ideology
12:40pm	Patrick Buchanan, CLACS, Flight, Feuds, and Tavernas, Intimacy between Enslaver and Police Control in Pelotas, Brazil, 1880-1888
1:20pm	Sibel Arikoglu, Linguistics, Strategic Code Switching Among Turkish German Bilinguals
2pm – 4pm	Quiet Study with snacks

[More Information](#)

Upcoming Event



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](#)

Upcoming Opportunities



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](#)



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)



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, including 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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