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Event Recap



CEAPS Alumni Speaker | Billy Tringali

Billy is an alum of the I-School program and is currently faculty librarian and Indiana University. He is also the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Anime and Manga Studies, and Founder and Academic Showrunner for the JASM@AX Academic Symposium at Anime Expo.

Billy gave an engaging lecture on the current state of the field of anime and manga studies. His lecture was great for both those who love anime/manga and those that are new to it. We'd like to thank Billy for his time with faculty and students during his time on campus!

Events This Week



[co-sponsored event] Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures 35th Anniversary

- Friday, October 30th
- 8:30 - 5:00 pm
- Levis Faculty Center

Come celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures for a day of food and talks with global educators and EALC Alumni. Visit our CEAPS calendar at the link below for a full schedule detailing all of the events we have planned for the day and a list of all of faculty and international scholars who will be present at the celebration. If you have any questions, please contact Shao Dan, head of the Department of East Asian Languages & Cultures (danshao@illinois.edu) or Jeeyoung Ha, chair of EALC 35th Anniversary Committee (jyhal@illinois.edu).

More Information & Schedule

Ink Shower Events Next Week



Reception & MillerComm Lecture Series | "The Journey of Yao's Black Divine Comedy" | Yao Jui-Chung in Dialogue with Kao Chen-Hui

- Wednesday, November 4th
- 4:00 pm - 5:00pm Reception with light refreshments hosted by University Academic Alliance in Taiwan (UAAT)
- 5:00pm Lecture Starts
- Levis Faculty Center, Room 210

About the Lecture:
For over three decades, Taiwanese artist Yao Jui-Chung has worked across media to explore how ideology, faith, memory, and desire shape the places we inhabit. In this program, he will take us on a visual journey through selected works, organized along Kao Chien-Hui's narrative arc of 'Yao's Black Divine Comedy.' Moving from reimagined *shanshui* and abandoned infrastructure to contemporary sacred sites, his presentation will reveal landscape as a charged field of power, belief, absurdity, and longing.

Yao will be joined by critic, curator, and cultural historian Kao Chien-Hui, who will open the program by situating Yao's practice—and landscape art more broadly—within Taiwan's layered histories of migration, colonialism, martial law, and contested boundaries. Following Yao's presentation, their dialogue will draw on Kao's conceptual framework for Landscape as Storytelling to consider landscape as a reflexive mirror, a field of resistance, a mode of seeing, an awakening to boundaries, a shift in perception, and a form of situated knowledge.

About the Speakers:
Yao Jui-Chung is a Taipei-based artist whose multidisciplinary practice spans painting, photography, installation, video, and documentary research. His work examines Taiwanese identity, ideology, religious belief, historical memory, and the absurdity of the human condition.

Kao Chien-Hui is a Taiwanese art and cultural researcher, critic, curator, writer, and educator. Her scholarship spans modern and contemporary East Asian art, cultural criticism, the sociology of art, museum and curatorial studies, and the relationship between aesthetics and ideology.

More Information & Registration



Opening Reception | Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition

- Thursday, November 5th
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Krannert Art Museum

Celebrate the opening of *Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition* at this free public reception. Be among the first to experience the exhibition, enjoy live music, light refreshments, and remarks from curators Kai-Ching Hsiao and Maureen Warren, and special guests. Spend the evening exploring the exhibition, connecting with fellow visitors, and celebrating this exciting new presentation at Krannert Art Museum.

More Information & Registration



Asian/Asian American Faculty & Students: Ink Shower Gallery Tour & Luncheon

- Friday, November 6th
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Krannert Art Museum

We would like to invite any Asian/Asian American Faculty or Students to a private tour of the Ink Shower Art Exhibit, which will be in residency at the Krannert Art Museum. The tour will be led by Ink Shower's visiting curator & artists from Taiwan. Following the tour will be a lunch for all attendees. Please RSVP as spots are limited due to capacity. Ink Shower is co-curated by **Kai-Ching Hsiao**, PhD Candidate, Department of Art History and Art Criticism, Tainan National University of the Arts.

More Information and RSVP



Artist Panel Discussion | Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition

- Friday, November 6th
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Temple Buell Hall Plym Auditorium (611 E. Lorado Taft Dr., Champaign)

Join exhibition artists and curators of Ink Shower: Contemporary Taiwanese Artists Reimagine Tradition to gain an understanding of historical ink painting traditions and artmaking today in Taiwan. Panelists will include Taipei-based artist Yao Jui-Chung, the 2026 George A. Miller Visiting Artist-in-Residence, on campus November 2–7 as well as Chen Chun-Hao and Wu Chi-Tsung. Kao Chien-Hui will be moderating this event.

More Information

Upcoming Opportunities



National Consortium for Teaching About Asia (NCTA) Short Course

The Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will be hosting a ***free*** two part session on experiencing contemporary Taiwan through art and music for K-12 Educators.

Website for More Information

Participants are not required to attend both sessions. Please mark which one(s) you would like to register for. Up to 4.5 Professional Development Hours will be provided for IL teachers.

Session 1: Ink Shower Art Exhibit Tour with Visiting Curator & Artists
- Saturday, November 7th, 2026
- 10am - 11:30am
- Krannert Art Museum
(500 E Peabody Dr. Champaign, IL 61820)

Session 2: Landscapes in Sound & Ink Concert **Performance and ZOOM Discussion**
Part A:
- Sunday, January 31st, 2027
- 3pm - 5pm
- Recital Hall, Smith Memorial Hall (801 S Mathews Ave Urbana, IL 61801)

Part B:
- Monday, February 1st, 2027
- 5pm - 6pm
- ZOOM with Dr. Chi-Chen Wu (Associate Professor of Piano, U of I School of Music)

Registration

Conference: Tariffs and the End of the Liberal Order? Views across the Atlantic and Pacific

What does the return of tariffs mean for the liberal international order? This interdisciplinary conference examines trade policy as a meeting point of economics, politics, and history. Bringing Atlantic and Pacific perspectives into conversation, it explores how tariffs shape international cooperation, economic sovereignty, and geopolitical competition—and asks whether current disputes mark a rupture with the past or a new chapter in longstanding tensions over markets and state power.

November 12 - 13, 2026
Alliance Française de Chicago (810 N. Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60610)
Registration is FREE

This free event brings together global perspectives through two days of presentations and roundtable discussions at the Alliance Française in Chicago, IL hosted by the Center for East Asian & Pacific Studies, College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Studies, and the European Union Center from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Conference Website & Regisration

International Graduate Student Conference 2027

International Graduate Student Conference is an excellent opportunity for emerging scholars to present their work on a regional scale, and since 2001, it has served as a nexus of interdisciplinary and multi-cultural exchange. Building on the last 25 years, this year's conference theme is *Weaving Knowledge for Shared Indo-Pacific Prosperity*, with the goal of this year's conference being to explore how cross-cultural dialogue, relational learning, innovation, and collective action can make communities more resilient, build sustainable economies, and foster regional cooperation. As researchers and emerging scholars, we harness the potential to address economic security in the Indo-Pacific Region, and we would be grateful for your participation in weaving knowledge systems to cultivate shared Indo-Pacific prosperity.

The International Graduate Student Conference 2027 will take place from **February 11-13, 2027** at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The deadline for abstract submissions for paper and poster presentations is **September 30th, 2026 at 11:59 pm**. If you have any questions, concerns, or need additional information, please contact us at igsc@eastwestcenter.org.

International Graduate Student Conference Website

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