I am delighted to welcome you back to the campus and to welcome you for the first time. CEAPS has been an important locus of teaching, research, learning experience, and outreach on East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign community. As Interim Director for the academic year of 2017-2018, I am excited and truly honored to have this rich and rewarding opportunity to work with you all and meet with new people. This year, we continue the great work from last academic year, dedicating ourselves to strengthening our community, and creating an environment for our students and faculty to achieve their goals for future success.

- Misumi Sadler
CEAPS Interim Director (2017-2018)
The CEAPS Speaker Series is CEAPS’ signature event. Every semester, we invite renowned Asian Studies scholars to the U of I campus to give talks on their most recent research and projects. The CEAPS Speaker Series not only highlights cutting-edge research on East Asia, but also creates opportunities for speakers to meet with faculty and students with mutual intellectual interests.

Japanese Sovereignty, Meiji State Practices, and International Law
September 15 | Friday | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
1018 Foreign Languages Building [707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL (61801)]

Meiji Japan is an excellent lens through which to view the emergence of a global order in the 19th century and to examine the assertion of sovereignty in it. While other scholars present the case of Japan in terms of “the expansion of international society,” this talk will argue that Japan helps to demonstrate how international society was constructed.

DOUGLAS R. HOWLAND
DAVID D. BUCK PROF. - CHINESE HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE

The Mediating Mind: Image as Ritual in a Chinese Buddhist Cave-Shrine
October 06 | Friday | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
1018 Foreign Languages Building [707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL (61801)]

Drawing on Hans Belting’s recent work on image anthropology, this talk concludes by interrogating the triangular relationship among illusion, matter, and the mind that is thematized in the grotto. The cave, its source texts, and related rituals collectively seem to insist on the fundamental irrelevance of all media save the mind itself.

PHILLIP E. BLOOM
DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN GARDEN STUDIES & CURATOR OF THE CHINESE GARDEN
THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

Immigrant Incorporation in East Asian Democracies
November 03 | Friday | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
1018 Foreign Languages Building [707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL (61801)]

Until the early 2000s, South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan shared restrictive immigration policies, descent-based nationality laws, and exclusionary practices toward immigrants. These analogous policies and practices, however, generated dramatically divergent patterns of immigrant incorporation from the mid-2000s.

ERIN A. CHUNG
ASSOC. PROF. - EAST ASIAN POLITICS
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
CEAPS/VASP Brown Bag Series

The CEAPS brown bag series is designed to give U of I graduate students and faculty a chance to share their work with colleagues on campus.

The VASP brown bag series features talks by visiting scholars from universities in Asia.

CEAPS Brown Bag events

Changing Water Management in a Changing China
Ximing Cai - CEE Faculty
September 20 (Wed) | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
1311 Newmark Civil Engineering Laboratory
[205 N. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL (61801)]

The Pursuit of Dao:
Natsume Sōseki and His Kanshi of 1916
Xiaohui Zhang - EALC, PhD Candidate
October 20 (Fri) | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
1018 Foreign Languages Building
[707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL (61801)]

Prosperity Fluctuations in Development of Construction Industry
Yanfang Sun - CEE
September 26 (Tue) | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
101 International Studies Building
[910 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL (61820)]

The Use of Water Quality Surrogates to Estimate Total Phosphorus Concentrations in Iowa Rivers
Sea Won Kim - Agriculture
October 31 (Tue) | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
101 International Studies Building
[910 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL (61820)]

Prevention & Intervention in Family Violence to Women
Vivien Xiaole Li - Law
November 14 (Tue) | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
101 International Studies Building
[910 S. Fifth Street, Champaign, IL (61820)]

PROPOSALS / APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE CEAPS BROWN BAG TALKS ARE NOW OPEN!

Contact us at CEAPS@illinois.edu for further inquiries and information

For details and more information on the CEAPS/VASP Brown Bag talks & CEAPS Speaker Series, please visit: illinois.edu/calendar/list/3931
THE FILMS OF BYUN YOUNG-JOO

Director Byun Young-joo is best known for her documentary trilogy on the comfort women of Korea: The Murmuring (1995), Habitual Sadness (1997), and My Own Breathing (1999). The trilogy reached international acclaim and broke new grounds for Korean feminist cinema and documentary filmmaking. Her feature film Ardor was presented at the Berlinale in 2003, and her latest film Helpless won the Best Director award at the 2012 Paek Sang Arts Awards. Byun Young-joo is a founding member of the women’s feminist film collective Bariteo.

During World War II an estimated 200,000 Korean women were forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese Imperial Army. Byun’s films helped advance the women’s demands for a formal apology and compensation from the Japanese government. HABITUAL SADNESS uses contemporary footage of the women bearing witness to a horrific period of their own lives, and is a testament to their strength as they replace their painful memories with the warmth of communal life.

For more information on & Film Screening events, please visit: illinois.edu/calendar/list/3931

BYUN YOUNG-JOO

Join BYUN YOUNG-JOO on October 12th for Habitual Sadness + Q&A afterwards

HABITUAL SADNESS [71 mins]
6:00 - 9:00 PM | October 12th, 2017 [Thur]
126 School of Information Sciences

HELPLESS

film screening || KOREA | mystery + thriller | 117 mins
6:00 PM | October 11th, 2017 [Weds]
126 School of Information Sciences [501 E. Daniel St., Champaign, IL]

AKANEZORA: BEYOND THE CRIMSON SKY

film screening || JAPAN | drama | 120 mins
3:30 PM | November 4th, 2017 [Sat]
101 Armory Building [505 E. Armory Avenue, Champaign, IL]
DAI SIL KIM-GIBSON

Dai Sil Kim-Gibson is an independent filmmaker/writer, known for championing the compelling but neglected issues of human rights. Her films have been screened at international film festivals and broadcasted on PBS and Sundance Channel. She has also authored many articles and books, including Silence Broken: Korean Comfort Women, Looking for Don: A Meditation, and Korean Sky.

In PEOPLE ARE THE SKY, director Dai Sil Kim-Gibson makes a pilgrimage to her place of birth in North Korea for the first time in nearly 70 years, to explore if it is still home. A mix of interviews, epic images and graceful musings, PEOPLE ARE THE SKY offers some of the best political and social history of the relations between North and South Korea, and is also a contemplative exploration of the meaning of home.

Join DAI SIL KIM-GIBSON on September 12th for ‘People are the Sky’ + Q&A afterwards

OTHER ASIALENS FILM SCREENINGS

AsiaLENS | film screening || CHINA+KOREA+PHILIPPINES | documentary | 104 mins

THE APOLOGY

3:00 PM | October 10th, 2017 [Tues]
Knight Auditorium - Spurlock Museum [600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL]

AsiaLENS | film screening || JAPAN+KOREA | documentary | 53 mins

THIS ISLAND IS OURS

3:00 PM | November 14th, 2017 [Tues]
Knight Auditorium - Spurlock Museum [600 S. Gregory St., Urbana, IL]
**VISITING ASIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The VISITING ASIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM [VASP] was founded in 2012 to continue the legacy of the Freeman Fellows Program [1996-2012] which brought scholars from partner institutions in China to the University of Illinois campus to promote exposure to American society, engagement with academic communities, and access to resource materials.

VASP was created to expand this mission to scholars from academic institutions in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and Central Asia. Since the launch of the program, we have welcomed over 40 scholars of diverse academic disciplines from China, Japan, and Korea to conduct research, present papers, and collaborate with faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Applications for the Visiting Asian Scholars Program [Spring 2018] are now open**

Please visit [www.ceaps.illinois.edu/vasp/index.html](http://www.ceaps.illinois.edu/vasp/index.html) for more information.

For any questions, please contact us at ceaps@illinois.edu.
We are happy to announce our 2017-2018 fellowship winners.

**2017-2018 CEAPS Fellowship for East Asian Languages & Area Studies**

**FORREST CALE MCSWEENEY** is a PhD student studying Chinese history in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures. He has studied Chinese in America, Taiwan, and China. He hopes to craft his dissertation to extend the existing scholarship on concepts of Heterodoxy in the legal, institutional, and social domains into the late Qing post Boxer reformer era and into Republic China. Along with supporting this research, the CEAPS fellowship will allow him to advance his Mandarin presentation skills and social science readings.

**The Dave and Barbara Thomas Award for Study Abroad**

**TAYLOR BRUNSON** is an undergraduate student in LAS Global Studies. With the support of the Thomas Award, she plans to study at Konan University in Kobe, Japan as part of the Year in Japan Program. Taylor is a veteran student who is funding her education through the support of GI Bill. This award will make a world of difference in her academic and personal pursuits: “Studying abroad has been my dream since I first learned there was such a program. I knew I wanted to experience that in Japan, a country that has always fascinated me. Due to family financial issues, this goal was one I had to accomplish on my own. I may be older than the 13-year-old who first dreamed of learning in Japan, but I am proud to say that I am finally on my way.”

**A CEAPS Reunion Down Under**

This past summer, I was invited by the Asia Institute to deliver the inaugural Inagaki Seminar at the University of Melbourne for the Australian Research Council Discovery Project (2016-2019). The speaker series was established to commemorate the start of Japanese language education by Mr. Moshi Inagaki (University of Melbourne). With the seminar revolving around transnational events, the topic of my Routlege edited book on the China-Japan territorial dispute over the Diaoyu-Senkaku Islands fit the bill well. The main presentation, updated from the one given at Indiana University, covered Boris Johnson’s pledge in Sydney to send two carriers to the South China Sea, and the Chinese-Indian border confrontation, as well as decades of fortifying work by Japan on Okinotorishima.

One person who came up to speak with me afterward was a total pleasant surprise. It was Yoriko Hasui! She previously worked at CEAPS (I was Acting Director in her first year) as a coordinator of the Japan Outreach Initiative by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and Laurasian Institution. She asked me about everyone at CEAPS, and, of course, her host family, Dr. Nelson. Yoriko has embarked on a new stage of her life, currently in the Master of Development Studies program at the University of Melbourne. Let us wish her every success in reaching her career goals!

- Tim Liao
  CEAPS Director
Ceaps Outreach Programs

At Ceaps, we’re excited about the start of the 2017-2018 academic year and continuing the work that we’re doing to promote learning about the history and culture of East Asia, and the Pacific region in our community and beyond.

For our big summer activity, we welcomed eight students to campus from Illinois and Indiana for a two week introductory Mandarin language day camp. Led by our graduate instructors Xiaoyu Liu [Education Policy, Organization & Leadership] and Jinghan Tang [School of Information Sciences], the students spent the first part of each day learning the basics of conversational Mandarin before moving on to cultural learning for the remainder of the session.

Ceaps also helped the Confucius Institute to put together a group of area educators who took a ten-day educational tour of China in late June. The group met with educators from schools in NanChang and also visited important cultural sites, including Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall.

In connection to the China tour, one of the schools represented, North Ward Elementary in Tuscola, is working on a peer-to-peer connection with a classroom in Beijing. This will be a video exchange with students in Mrs. Megan Banerjee’s class at Yew Chung International School, with students from each school sharing stories of life in their respective countries with one another.

As we move into the academic year, Ceaps and the other Area Studies Centers at the university are working together to promote global learning in our own community. On October 1st, we will be joining other campus organizations for a community International Fair hosted by the Spurlock Museum, and Ceaps and the other Area Studies Centers will also be hosting International Story Time at the Mahomet Public Library throughout the school year. Of course, we’re always happy to work with schools and community groups to promote learning about East Asia and the Pacific region.

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