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MARCH 6, 2017

Event Wrap & Upcoming Event: Grad Forum **Dissertation Writing and Funding Applications**

Brett Sheehan, Director of **EASC** and Professor of History, discussed the challenges involved in preparing, researching and ultimately writing a dissertation with graduate students from 15 different programs and in various stages of the dissertation writing process. They discussed ways to structure their research and writing and shared their experiences working with citation managers. Prof. Sheehan also gave advice on how students can organize their dissertation to make the transition into a first publication easier. **PHOTOS**

The next **Grad Forum workshop** will be **Funding Applications**, led by **Carol Wise**, Associate Professor of International Relations, and **Sonya Lee**, Associate Professor of Art History, EALC and Religion. This workshop will address the application process, advice on preparing a strong application and the importance of organizing your research and

CV in advance for funding applications. All USC graduate students are welcome to attend.

Monday | March 27 | 12:00-1:30 PM | SOS B40 | [RSVP](#)



Event Wrap: *Finding Cleveland* Screening

Last Thursday, EASC welcomed **Baldwin Chiu** and **Larissa Lam** to screen their recent film, *Finding Cleveland* in Prof. Brett Sheehan's EASC 160: *China and the World* GE class lecture on the 19th century "coolie trade." *Finding Cleveland* is a documentary short that follows Charles Chiu (Baldwin's father) and his family as they travel to Cleveland, Mississippi in search of their family history and to visit the gravesite of Charles' father, KC Lou, whom they have never met. They learn of the early Chinese community of grocers serving the African-American population in the Mississippi Delta in the context of the Chinese Exclusions Act and the struggles of the pre-civil rights era South. The screening was followed by a Q&A with Baldwin and Larissa and the students of EASC 160.



Thursday: USC-PCC Partnership - Visit USC Day

USC [East Asian Studies Center](#) and the [Chinese Language Program](#) will welcome Pasadena City College students to the USC campus this Thursday. This visit is a part of the [USC-PCC Partnership](#), a program funded by EASC's Title VI NRC grant to help community college students interested in continuing their study of East Asia transfer to four-year institutions.



East Asian Library - *Hinamatsuri* Display

Last Friday, the [East Asian Library](#) observed the Japanese holiday of *Hinamatsuri* (or Girls' Day) by displaying a set of Meiji period Emperor and Empress dolls. *Hinamatsuri* is a traditional celebration characterized by sets of Hina Dolls (typically an emperor and empress, but some sets can include a full court of nobles, ministers and musicians) on display in homes, shops and occasionally train stations. The display in the entranceway of the East Asian Library will be up through the month of March for those interested in viewing the set.

Upcoming Workshops:

[Summer Text and Translation Workshop in Shanghai China](#)

The UCLA Asia Pacific Center invites applications by graduate students from all disciplines who are interested in a six-day intensive summer reading and translation workshop. The workshop will be held at Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) and led jointly by Cao Shuji, Professor of History at SJTU, R. Bin Wong, Distinguished Professor of History at UCLA, and Jacob Eyferth, Associate Professor of Modern Chinese History at University of Chicago. For more information, or to apply, please visit the [Asia Pacific Center website](#).

Application Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017

ALI 252: Intensive Pronunciation Workshop

The American Language Institute (ALI) is offering a three-week intensive pronunciation workshop this summer for students interested in improving the pronunciation skills they need to be successful at USC and in their careers. Graduate and undergraduate international students are welcome to enroll. For more information, please email USC ALI Advisors at askali@usc.edu.

Headlines

Is the Search for a China-Hollywood Blockbuster Doomed?

February 24, 2017

Stan Rosen, Professor of Political Science, was quoted in an article, featured by *Foreign Policy Magazine*, regarding the recent film *Great Wall's* performance in the Chinese and American markets and the inherent challenges films face in catering to the respective audiences.

Should we really be so afraid of a nuclear North Korea?

February 22, 2017

Korean Studies Institute Post-Doctoral Scholar, **Marco Milani** and **Prof. Markus Bell** (University of Sheffield) wrote an article that was recently featured in *Dornsife Connect*. The article tackled the idea of whether a nuclear North Korea is really a threat to international security and why the North Korean government is so adverse to ending nuclear development.

USC club creates inclusive community for Japanese students

February 22, 2017

USC Japanese Exchange Student Support (JESS), founded by EASC Global East Asia Japan alumni and FLAS Fellow, **Steven Nguyen**, was featured in the *Daily Trojan*. JESS was inspired by Steven's experience in Japan with GEA when students from Meiji University served as cultural ambassadors and guides. Upon returning to USC, Steven created JESS to support international Japanese students at USC.

Donald Trump decides to honor the "One China" policy

February 10, 2017

USC Dornsife's **David Kang**, Professor of International Relations and Business and Director of Center for International Studies and Korean Studies Institute, was quoted in a recent Vox article on President Donald Trump's decision to honor the "One China" policy and why politicians often deviate from campaign rhetoric after election when navigating America's diplomatic relationship with China.

Events Around USC & LA

Kodo: Dadan 2017 North American Tour

Tuesday | March 7 | 8:00-10:00 PM | Walt Disney Concert Hall

Faithscape: Re-examining the Sacred Landscape of Ise & Banaras
Wednesday | March 8 | 6:00-8:00 PM | DML 110C

Hollywood Made in China - Talk by Prof. Aynne Kokas
Thursday | March 9 | 4:00-5:30 PM | ASC 204

Tokyo SKA Paradise Orchestra Performance
Saturday | March 11 | 4:00-7:00 PM | Shrine Auditorium

The Northern Others in Chinese Histography: Reading the Tuoba Xianbei
- Talk by Prof. Nina Duthie
Monday | March 13 | 2:00-3:30 PM | UCLA

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