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# *East Asian Studies Center*

**eNewsletter**

**September 11, 2017**

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## Global East Asia Scholar Michael O'Krent

**Michael O'Krent** is a senior majoring in Comparative Literature and a 2017 **EASC Global East Asia** China Scholar. He recently met with EASC to discuss how his research and travel during the Global East Asia program has enriched his understanding of China and informed his academic and professional plans. You can read our conversation with Michael [here](#) and [RSVP](#) to attend his presentation at the upcoming **Global East Asia as Maymester Info Session** on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 5:30 PM in THH 118.

### EVENT WRAP

#### Study Abroad Fair

USC Fall Study Abroad Fair took place last Thursday, September 7 on Trousdale Parkway. **EASC** staff and Global East Asia scholars met with students to discuss the Global East Asia as a



Maymester program and promote the **EASC Global East Asia Info Session** on October 25, 2017, along with other opportunities offered by our Center.

Photos from the Study Abroad Fair can be viewed [here](#). Please **RSVP** to attend the **EASC Global East Asia Info Session** and learn more about the program components, application process and funding opportunities. Pizza will be provided!

### UPCOMING EVENT

## Japanese Program Mixer

**Fri, Sept 15 | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

### FLYER

The **Japanese Language Program** will hold a mixer featuring students who have participated in various USC programs in Japan recently. Summer 2016 **EASC Global East Asia Japan** Scholar Shannon Thielen will give a presentation about



the program and share her experience conducting research and traveling in Japan. See [flyer](#) for details.

### EVENT WEDNESDAY

## EASC Grad Mixer

**Wed, Sept 13 | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM | CAS 100**

EASC invites graduate students focusing on East Asia to join us this fall to enjoy food, drink and conversation with fellow students across USC. Graduate students from any field are welcome to join. This is a great opportunity to meet students with similar East Asia-related research interests from a variety of academic fields across USC.



### EVENT REMINDER

## Architects of Buddhist Leisure

**Wed, Sept 20 | 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM | ACB 238**

### FLYER

Professor Justin McDaniel's talk will focus on his new book *Architects of Buddhist Leisure*. The book looks closely at the growth of Buddhist leisure culture through a study of modern Buddhist architects who helped design Buddhist



tourist sites, memorial gardens and monuments, museums and cultural centers, and even amusement parks in Nepal, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. It is designed to start a discussion about the very idea of Buddhist leisure space in modern Asia, question the role of the visionary architect, and look at the rise of Buddhist ecumenicalism.





## EVENT REMINDER

### Navigating Graduate (PhD) Life

Mon, Sept 25 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | SOS B40

[FLYER](#) | [RSVP](#)

The first [Graduate Student Professionalization](#) workshop of Fall 2017 - [Navigating Graduate \(PhD\) Life](#) - will be led by professors **Brett Sheehan** and **David Kang**. This session will focus on important topics to help organize and

manage one's graduate career, such as academic portfolio management, time-management and work/life balance.



## EVENT REMINDER

### Fall 2018 Faculty Luncheon

Wed, Sept 27 | 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

[RSVP](#)

We invite our affiliated faculty to join us at the [EASC Fall 2018 Faculty Luncheon](#) to hear about the latest activities and news regarding EASC and its community as well as meet and interact with colleagues from different

disciplines and research foci. Please [RSVP](#) at least one week before the event.



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### SPACE AND PLACE

**Deadline this Friday, Sept 15**

The theme for the [2018 Interdisciplinary Symposium on East Asian Business](#) is "Space and Place." Topics could include the role of business in everything from real estate development to city planning, or its role in defining spaces for consumption, social activity,

or even politics. You can download a PDF of the Call for Proposals [here](#). If you have new research you would like to present, or if you would like to nominate a guest, please submit a brief [proposal](#) to [easc@usc.edu](mailto:easc@usc.edu) by **September 15, 2017**.

## Call for Papers and Discussants

**Deadline | Friday, October 6, 2017 | [FLYER](#)**

[2018 USC KSI Graduate Symposium](#) aims to professionalize graduate students, nurture their scholarship, and create interdisciplinary networks of Ph.D. students working on research related to Korea, East Asia, and/or Asian diasporas. The symposium provides students from various institutions with the chance to meet and share research in progress with their peers and participating faculty. In addition, participants will engage in workshops that will build their professional and research skills. Graduate students from any department and any university, especially in California, are encouraged to submit paper proposals or serve as discussants. See [flyer](#) for details.

## Events around USC & LA

### Japanese Teahouse Tours

Monday | September 11 | 11:30 am - 3:30 pm | The Huntington Library

### Reaffirming or Resisting? - Talk by Professor Khor Boon Eng

Tuesday | September 12 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm | VKC 150

### Music in the Huntington Library Chinese Garden

Wednesday | September 13 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | The Huntington Library

### The Beautiful Country and The Middle Kingdom - Talk by John Pomfret

Wednesday | September 13 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm | ASC 204

### Organize Your Research with Citation Managers

Thursday | September 14 | 12:00 pm - 1:30pm | DML 241

### Tai Chi Series at The Huntington Library

Friday - Saturday | September 15-16 | 8:30 am - 10:00 am | The Huntington Library

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Comments? Questions? Promotion requests?

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