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.
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.

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.

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 by September 15, 2017.

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

Comments? Questions? Promotion requests?
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