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MARCH 4, 2014

Graduate Students Gain Insight into Public Speaking for Non-Native Speakers

30 graduate students from disciplines ranging from Communications to Linguistics to Public Policy attended "[Public Speaking for Non-Native Speakers](#)" last Wednesday, receiving valuable advice from Associate Professors **Saori Katada** (International Relations) and **Meiling Cheng** (Theatre/ Critical Studies and English) about how to tackle academic public speaking. The event was part of the [EASC Grad Forum series](#), in which USC faculty address important topics for the professionalization of graduate students.

Their candid and personal presentations gave tips for attitudinal and technical approaches to improving public speaking in academic settings. Both also addressed cultural challenges from Asian upbringing and academia.



Due Friday: Tsai Family Research Fund for Taiwan Studies Apps

DEADLINE: MARCH 7 | 5:00 PM
Interested in research, study and other academic activities related to Taiwan? USC undergraduate students, graduate students and

faculty are invited to apply for the Tsai Family Research Fund for

Taiwan Studies for summer 2014 and academic year 2014-15. Made possible by a generous donation from the Tsai family. [>MORE INFO](#)



Seeking Asian Female - Screening & Q&A with Director Debbie Lum

FRIDAY | MARCH 7 | 7:00 PM

Albert & Dana Broccoli Theatre

Please join us for a screening of the documentary *Seeking Asian Female* followed by a Q&A with

director **Debbie Lum** as part of the USC Center for Transpacific Studies "Transpacific Intimacies" screening series. *Seeking Asian Female* is a feature-length personal documentary about the unlikely romance of Steven and Jianhua ("Sandy") - an American man obsessed with marrying any Asian woman and the Chinese woman half his age who agrees online to become his fiancée. [>MORE INFO](#)

Events Around USC

[Transpacific Intimacies Film Screenings](#)

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY | MARCH 5-7 | Center for Transpacific Studies

[The Transpacific Partnership \(TPP\): A Panel Discussion with USC Professors Saori Katada, Daniel Lynch, and David Kang](#)

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5 | 12:00-2:00 PM | Center for Transpacific Studies

[Detained in North Korea: Acclaimed Journalist Laura Ling's Pursuit for Human Rights](#)

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5 | 8:00 PM | USC Speakers Committee

Events Around Los Angeles

[A Chinese Trading Post in Oshikango, Namibia](#)

THURSDAY | MARCH 6 | 4:30-6:00 PM | UCLA African Studies

[What is Noh Theatre?](#)

TUESDAY | MARCH 11 | 12:00-1:00 PM | Pomona College Pacific Basin Institute

Call for Papers

[EastCon 2014: 2nd Annual Princeton Undergraduate East Asian Popular Culture Conference](#)

DEADLINE: MARCH 7 | APRIL 25-26, 2014 | Princeton, New Jersey

Funding

[Asia Foundation China Research Grant: The Domestic Dimension of International Affairs](#)

DEADLINE: MARCH 28