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USC Dornsife

East Asian Studies Center

April 24, 2023



2023 East Asian Area Studies Commencement Reception

Friday, May 12, 2023 | 11:30AM-1:30PM | CAS 100 | Invitation Only

On Friday, May 12, EASC faculty, staff, family and friends will gather to celebrate our East Asian Area Studies graduating seniors and M.A. students. Please join us from 11:30AM - 1:30PM in front of CAS 100 for the EAAS Reception before the Dornsife Group 2 Satellite Ceremony!

Friday, May 12, 2023 Commencement Schedule

USC Main Commencement Ceremony | 8:30AM

EASC Celebration Reception | 11:30AM

USC Dornsife Group 2 Satellite Ceremony | 2:30PM

For more information about Commencement 2023, visit the **[USC Commencement Website](#)**.

Congratulations to our Global East Asia Scholars!

Please join us in congratulating our **2023 Global East Asia Scholars**! After three long years, we are excited to send over 30 students on two programs to Japan. Our Global East Asia Scholars represent diverse fields in Comparative Literature, Human Biology, History, Environmental Studies, Theatre, Archeology, GeoDesign, Computer Science, Sociology, Cognitive Science, Media Arts and Practice, Anthropology, International Relations, and History. We are proud to be a Center that can support

undergraduate field research and we look forward to sending our students abroad! Please see below for more information about the two courses.



EASC 360: Tokyo - Japanese Society and Design Thinking
Taught by Professor Miya Desjardins, Art History and EALC

This course examines contemporary Japanese design beyond the material culture of the every day, reframing it as a form of social engagement that exists across various media and disciplines.

EASC 360: Kyoto - Heritage, Culture, and Identity in Japan's Ancient Capital
Taught by Professor Jason Webb, Comparative Literature and EALC

This course introduces the city of Kyoto via the history, religion, literature, architecture, and aristocratic milieu of the Heian period. As students' knowledge of Kyoto's past and familiarity with the contemporary city deepens, they will be able to address questions that fuse history with the present.



Graduating Student Feature!

EASC wants to highlight the amazing accomplishments of our graduating students who will be featured on the [EASC Instagram!](#) Today, we want to highlight **Minjee Park**, our graduating East Asian Studies Center student worker! After graduating, Minjee will be going to grad school for a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is hoping to become a licensed therapist and work in community mental health or private practice. Minjee's research interests have always been focused on making therapy more culturally aware and accessible to communities of color. By going to grad school, she aims to become a therapist that can address racial trauma and intergenerational differences in communities of color (with a special interest in Asian Americans)!

We asked Minjee if she had any advice to give to incoming students:

"I would say don't be afraid to take time and explore everything you're interested in. You don't need to have everything figured out. Taking a variety of classes in different departments was so helpful because it let me find out more about myself and what I wanted to do. By senior year, I had a pretty solid grasp of my career goals and I felt very happy with the major I chose. Take advantage of office hours

and talk to professors from classes you're most interested in. I've found that's where you get the most support on your academic journey and learn the most interesting things!"

Congratulations, Minjee!! 🎉

EVENT REMINDERS



Film Screening of *Before They Take Us Away*

Friday, April 28 | 3:00PM-5:00PM | MRF 340

Before They Take Us Away is a film that shows the varied experiences of self-evacuees. The screening of the 80-minute film will be followed by a post-screening talkback with the producers, writers, and director.

[RSVP](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Beth and Arthur Lev Student Research Fellowship: Call for Applications

Due: May 7

The [USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research](#) seeks applications from USC students of all disciplines. This fellowship provides **\$1,500** support for USC undergraduate students and **\$3,000** support for USC graduate students doing research focused on the testimonies of the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive and/or other related USC resources and collections during the summer.

[Please see here for the call for applications >](#)



Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

Screening: [Battles Without Honor and Humanity](#)

Mon, Apr 24 | 7:00PM-9:00PM | School of Cinematic Arts | [RSVP](#)

[Encountering Alice in Japan](#)

Wed, Apr 26-Thurs, Apr 27 | 9:00AM-6:00PM | Shinso Ito Center | [RSVP](#)

'Stand Up Like a Taiwanese!': PRC Coercion and Public Preferences for Resistance

Wed, Apr 26 | 5:00PM-7:00PM | UCLA Asia Pacific Center | [RSVP](#)

[North Korea: Lessons Learned and Creative Thinking](#)

Thurs, Apr 27 | 9:00AM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

Kyaracters: On the Other Side of Narrative

Fri, Apr 28-Sun, Apr 30 | 10:00AM-5:30PM | UCLA Yanai Initiative | [RSVP](#)

Conversation@PAM: Imagining Global Asias

Sat, Apr 29 | 2:00PM-4:00PM | Pacific Asia Museum | [RSVP](#)

Tales of Clamor

Sun, Apr 30 | 5:00PM-7:00PM | Visions and Voices | [RSVP](#)

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