

USC Dornsife *East Asian Studies Center*

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Congratulations Graduate Fellowship Awardees!

Please join us in congratulating our **25 recipients** of the **2023 EASC Graduate Fellowships**! Our EASC Grad Fellows represent diverse fields in East Asian Languages and Cultures, History, American Studies & Ethnicity, East Asian Area Studies, Sociology, Cinema & Media Studies, Comparative Literature, and Communication & Journalism. We are proud to be able to help USC graduate students advance their academic careers in Asian Studies and are excited to see what amazing research they produce!



Graduating Student Feature!

EASC wants to highlight the amazing accomplishments of our graduating students. Today, we want to highlight **Joe Collins**, our graduating East Asian Area Studies MA student! Joe is currently working on his MA thesis analyzing the role of popular mobilization in the fragmentation of loosening COVID-19 restrictions in mainland China, but his research focus at USC also includes Cross-Strait diplomatic and trade relations. In addition to researching, Joe spends his free time skiing, snowboarding, tending to his plants, and playing roller hockey.

We asked Joe if he had any advice to give to incoming students:

"My advice would be for incoming students to embrace taking some classes outside their specific focus area, as doing so can really help you approach what you're familiar with from a completely different lens and methodology. I would also recommend taking advantage of all the amazing events on campus and trying your best to meet and connect with as many people as you can."

Congratulations, Joe!! 🎉



EASC Faculty Feature Wrap

Thank you for your continuous support this semester! This Spring, we had the opportunity to interview our EASC-affiliated faculty, postdocs and librarians. Please join us next semester in celebrating our amazing community!

Nitin Govil is an Associate Professor in Cinematic Arts! Nitin has been teaching at USC since 2012 and his classes focus on transnational popular culture, television, Asian media, genre, stardom, and speculative fiction. Most of Nitin's published research focuses on media culture in local and global contexts, with an emphasis on histories of media exchange. Previously, he worked extensively on Hollywood's history in South Asia and is now researching inter-Asia media culture between China and India, focusing on cinema co-productions, film festivals, celebrity diplomacy, and regional narratives of contact and conflict. [Read More >](#)

Jungeun Hong is the Interim Korean Studies Librarian! Jungeun received her MA in East Asian Studies and MLS from UCLA where she worked as a reference librarian and archivist with various public libraries and organizations since 2017. Jungeun is passionate about community archives and is especially interested in the Korean-American Digital Archive, the Peace Corps Korea Digital Archive, and the Korean Missionary Archives, which document the inspiring stories of Koreans in America. [Read More >](#)

Tang Li is the Acting Head and Chinese Studies Librarian with the USC East Asian Library. She has an academic background in both art history and library sciences which fueled her interest in cross-disciplinary research in fields such as archival, bibliographical, and textual studies, book history, Chinese painting during the Ming and Qing periods, digital scholarship, and East Asian librarianship. [Read More >](#)

Mengdie Zhao is a Postdoctoral Fellow with the USC Society of Fellows in the Humanities. Mengdie received her Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Civilizations

from Harvard University and joined the Society of Fellows in 2022. Mengdie's research and teaching interests include Chinese literature, gender studies, and legal history. [Read More](#) ►

EVENT REMINDERS



EAAS Commencement Reception

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

EASC faculty, staff, family and friends will gather to celebrate our East Asian Area Studies graduating seniors and M.A. students in front of CAS 100 for a reception before the Dornsife Group 2 Satellite Ceremony!

By Invitation Only

OPPORTUNITIES

ASPAC Graduate Student Paper Prizes

Due: May 31

Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC), a regional affiliate of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), will award the annual Mori-ASPAC and Barlow Prizes for outstanding essays by graduate students in June 2023.



2023 Mori-ASPAC Prize for Graduate Students

In honor of long-time ASPAC member, Professor Barbara Mori, this prize recognizes extraordinary graduate student scholarship in any area of Asian Studies. It is open to all students pursuing graduate studies in any discipline and in any area of research pertaining to Asian Studies. [See here to apply](#) ►

2023 Barlow Prize Graduate Student Prize in Chinese Studies

In honor of the late Jeffrey G. Barlow, (Pacific University), longtime ASPAC advocate and publisher of E-ASPAC, the ASPAC board has instituted a prize for the best graduate student paper in any area of Chinese studies. [See here to apply](#) ►

Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

"John Doe Chinaman" and California's Color Line

Mon, May 1 | 7:30PM-8:30PM | The Huntington | [RSVP](#)

Screening: [The Donut King](#)

Tues, May 2 | 7:00PM | School of Cinematic Arts | [RSVP](#)

[The Charm of Woodcut Chinese Seals and Calligraphy by Tseng-Yao Terry Sun](#)

Wed, May 3 | 10:00AM-5:00PM | UCI Department of East Asian Studies

The Relationship Between Government and Nonprofit Sector in China: A Network Perspective

Wed, May 3 | 5:00PM-8:00PM | UCLA Asia Pacific Center | [RSVP](#)

The Dragon Roars Back – Mao, Deng And Xi Jinping And China’s Evolving Relations With The World - Zhao Suisheng 赵穗生, University Of Denver

Thurs, May 4 | 4:00PM-6:00PM | US-China Institute | [RSVP](#)

The Zhuangzi as Medicine: Fang Yizhi's 方以智 (1611–1671) Yaodi pao Zhuang

Thurs, May 4 | 4:00PM-5:30PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

Double Book Talk: Unsettling Exiles and Building Colonial Hong Kong

Thurs, May 4 | 6:00PM-7:30PM | UCLA Asia Pacific Center | [RSVP](#)

A Conversation with Katherine Tai: 19th United States Trade Representative

Fri, May 5 | 9:00AM-11:00AM | Marshall | Vineyard Room, DCC | [RSVP](#)

“Coming To You” Screening and Discussion

Sat, May 6 | 1:00PM-4:00PM | GYOPO | [RSVP](#)

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