

# USC Dornsife *East Asian Studies Center*

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## Spring 2023 EASC Event Wrap!

This semester alone, EASC hosted over 20 in-person and virtual events for our students, faculty, staff and wider community. We want to thank you all for connecting with us and attending our events!

This semester, we continued our professionalization activities such as the [Grad Professionalization Series](#) and reintroduced the annual [East Asia Career Panel](#) with our fantastic alumni! It was also great to connect with our amazing students through the **EASC Grad Mixer** and three Undergrad **EASC Meet & Greet**s! Additionally, we had the pleasure of welcoming two international delegations. We got to meet a group of **Korean Education Influencers** and showcase USC's growing interest in Korean studies. We also welcomed the **Meiji University Delegation** and celebrated our long-standing partnership.

EASC was also able to help our affiliated faculty (**Nitin Govil, Jenny Chio, Sunyoung Park, Jacques Hymans**) through the [EASC Guest Speaker Series](#) in enriching their course content by providing funds for guest lecturers from all over

the world. We were also able to create an opportunity for our affiliated faculty to gather and celebrate each other's achievements at the [EASC Spring Faculty Dinner!](#)

In addition, EASC sponsored panels on [Himalayan Cheese Production](#) organized by our visiting scholar, **Kalzang Bhutia**, and on [Silk Road Material Culture](#) in partnership with the [Dunhuang Foundation](#) organized by **Sonya Lee**. We also co-sponsored, in partnership with the Ito Center and Center for Advanced Genocide Research, a talk by **Sheldon Garon** on civilian morale during wartime periods.

EASC also sponsored two events on our Postdoctoral Scholar **Li-Ping Chen's** research! Li-Ping and **Tang Li** organized two events and an exhibition on [Dr. Theodore Chen](#), the founder of the East Asian Studies Center and the first professor of Chinese descent at USC. You can read all about Li-Ping's research and see her [presentation here!](#)

We are proud to be a Center that is able to connect students and faculty with resources and offer a space for community and learning! Keep up with us next academic year for another full calendar of exciting events.

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## **USC Asian Pacific Islander Faculty and Staff Association**

EASC Associate Director **Grace Ryu** was featured in the monthly [USC Dornsife Administration Snapshot](#) for the **Asian Pacific Islander Faculty & Staff Association** (APIFSA) at USC which she Co-Chairs. Please see [the feature](#) by Dr. **Quade French**, Associate Dean and Chief Diversity

Officer! You can also learn more about APIFSA and how to join with the links below.

[APIFSA Website](#) | [APIFSA Instagram](#) | [Join here!](#)



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## **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**

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## **Congratulations EASC affiliates!**

We want to congratulate our affiliated faculty, students and staff on their many awards this academic year. We are proud to highlight a few of their many accomplishments!

## **Student Awards**

**Lindsay Jolivette (PhD, EALC)** - 2023 USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant | Summer 2023 EASC Graduate Fellowship

**Rio Katayama (PhD, EALC)** - 2022-23 Center for Transpacific Studies Final Year Dissertation Fellowship | 2023 USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant

**Ruiyi Li (PhD, SOCI)** – Summer 2023 EASC Landscape and Sustainability Studies Initiative Research Assistantship

**Issay Matsumoto (PhD, HIST)** – 2023 Global East Asia Tokyo Maymester Graduate Assistantship

**Lina Nie (PhD, HIST)** - 2023-24 USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute Dissertation Fellowship | 2023 Yale University Conference Funds | 2022 Center for Transpacific Studies Grant | 2023 KSI Field Grant | Summer 2023 EASC Graduate Fellowship

**Kirsten Seuffert (PhD, EALC)** - Anne Friedberg Memorial Grant | Summer 2023 USC Visual Studies Research Institute Grant | 2023-24 USC Oakley Endowed Fellowship

**Emily Warren (PhD, HIST)** - 2023 Global East Asia Kyoto Maymester Graduate Assistantship

**Tiara Wilson (PhD, EALC)** - Summer 2023 EASC Graduate Fellowship | 2023 Center for Transpacific Studies Grant | Summer 2023 KSI Field Grant

**Xinhui Yang (PhD, EALC)** - 2023 Gold Family Graduate Fellowship | 2023 USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant

*To see all the Summer 2023 EASC Graduate Fellowship Awardees, [click here!](#)*

## **Faculty Awards and Promotions**

**Vinayak Bharne (ARCH)** - 2023 USC Pacific Asia Museum Academic Leadership & Impact Award

**Bettine Birge (EALC)** - Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Scholar Grant 2022-2023

**Jenny Chio (EALC)** – Alexander Von Humboldt Research Fellowship

**Rebecca Corbett (East Asian Library)** - “Encountering Alice in Japan” Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, Small Scholarly Conferences on Japan Grant

**Joshua Goldstein (HIST)** - Association for Asian Studies Joseph Levenson Prize for top work on Post-1900 China

**Velina Houston (THTR)** – “Aloha ‘Oe” Semi-Finalist in the International Musical Theatre Competition

**Tang Li (East Asian Library)** - 2023-2024 USC Visions and Voices Grant

**Akira Lippit (CTCS, EALC, COLT)** - Awarded title of University Professor by USC Office of the Provost

**Sunyoung Park (EALC, SWMS)** - Korea Foundation Field Research Fellowship

**Mengxiao Wang (EALC)** - 2024 American Council of Learned Societies/Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation in Buddhist Studies Early Career Research Fellowship | 2023 USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute Faculty Fellowship | 2023

Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences (ASHSS) Grant Writing Mentorship Fall Funding

**Duncan Ryuken Williams (REL, AMST, EALC)** - 2022 Grawemeyer Award in Religion | Award from Mellon Foundation for the Irei Monument Project

**Kerim Yasar (EALC)** – Promoted to Associate Professor

**Jessica Zu (REL)** - 2023-24 Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies Faculty Fellowship

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### Research Grant for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies

The [Center for Chinese Studies](#) is currently accepting applications for the 2024 Research Grants for Foreign Scholars in Chinese Studies. This program for foreign professors, associate professors, assistant professors (including post-doctoral researchers) and doctoral candidates in departments related to Chinese studies at foreign universities, as well as researchers at related foreign academic institutes. CCS provides assistance with research expenses, research materials, liaison with universities and research institutions, and use of CCS facilities. Eligibility for travel subsidies is restricted to foreign scholars who currently reside abroad; those already in Taiwan are not eligible. The research should be undertaken in Taiwan, and be focused mainly on Taiwan or Chinese studies. [See more information about the application here >](#)



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### Events Around USC, CA & Beyond

[Food as Method: the Remaking of Chifa and Peru's Pivot Toward Global China](#)

Mon, May 8 | 2:00PM-3:30PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies

[Professionalizing Care: Experts, Empire, and the Transnational Making of International Adoption in Cold War South Korea](#)

Mon, May 8 | 3:30PM | UCLA Center for Korean Studies

[Painting and the Surveyed Site: Leng Mei's View of Rehe and the Construction of the Early Qing Landscape](#)

Tues, May 9 | 12:30PM-2:00PM | UCLA Center for Chinese Studies | [RSVP](#)

[Hinge Points: An Inside Look at North Korea's Nuclear Program](#)

Thurs, May 11 | 9:00AM | The Korea Society | [RSVP](#)

[Immigration and Community Transformation: Diverse Integration Experiences of Chinese Americans](#)

Thurs, May 11 | 6:00PM-7:30PM | US-China Education Trust | [RSVP](#)

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