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USC Dornsife *East Asian Studies Center*

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Welcome Back!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are excited to begin the new academic year with you! We have a full schedule of events for our wonderful EASC community this semester and look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, stay connected with the East Asian Studies Center on our [EASC Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).



Fall 2024 EAAS MA Cohort

Last week, EASC welcomed our new [EAAS MA cohort](#)! After our orientation, our new students had the opportunity to meet with some of our affiliated faculty and continuing MA students at a luncheon, followed by a campus tour. Please welcome them to the East Asian studies community at USC!

Brianna Alwood | Modern Japanese Literature, Meiji Period and the Westernization of Japan, Effects of WWII on Japanese Society, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Sophie Calderon | Premodern Japanese History and Literature; Japanese Language and Linguistics

Jumi Yoon | Korean Identity in Contemporary Media and Popular Culture; Korean Democratization; Modern Korean Literature; East Asian Diasporic Culture

Kayla Zhang | Contemporary Media and Popular Culture in China and Japan; Japanese Film and Animation; Gender Study of Chinese Ethnic Minority Women; Contemporary China-Japan Relations

Zoe Zhang | Shinto and Kagura; Tourism and Cultural Heritage in Japan; Cultural Stewardship

Fall 2024 Events

We have a full schedule of events this semester! We will be continuing our **Grad Mixers & Undergraduate Mixers** as well as the **EASC Career Panel**. We will soon announce our **EASC Guest Speaker Series** events so please stay tuned for those dates. Visit the [EASC Upcoming Events page](#) for a list of all upcoming events with much more to come this Fall!



Global East Asia Q&A Info Session

Thurs, Oct 17 | 4:00PM - 5:00PM | CAS 100

Join us for the Q&A Info Session for the Global East Asia Maymester Program to Tokyo, Japan. Please review this [video](#) first and if you still have questions, feel free to join us at the info session. [Learn more >](#)

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Fall 2024 EASC Undergraduate Mixer

Fri, Oct 18 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM | CAS 100

Please join us for the Fall Undergraduate Mixer! Come meet other East Asian area studies and Korean studies majors and minors while enjoying snacks and drinks. We would love for you to also invite any other students interested in East Asian media, research, or study abroad opportunities! [Learn more >](#)

RSVP

Fall 2024 EASC Grad Mixer

Thurs, Oct 31 | 4:00PM - 5:30PM | CAS 100

Please join us for the Fall 2024 EASC Grad Mixer! Enjoy food, drink and



conversation with fellow students across USC. Graduate students from any field are welcome to join, so this is a great opportunity to meet fellow students with East Asia-related research topics and interests! **Learn more >**

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2024 East Asia Career Panel

Wed, Nov 13 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM | Location TBD

The East Asia Career Panel is an annual event EASC organizes and is open to all undergraduate and Masters students interested in leveraging their East Asian language and area studies skills in their future professions and learning about the different career options available. **Learn more >**

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2024 Summer Wrap!

The EASC community had a busy summer this year! We kicked off the start of summer with a **reception** to celebrate the **Bruce and Francis Kaji Family Endowed Fund** which enabled us to cover the lodging for our 2024 Global East Asia Tokyo cohort. In addition to the Tokyo program, we sent a group of students to Kyoto with support from the Cressant Foundation. Thanks to **Miya Desjardins** (Art History and EALC) and **Jason Webb** (Comparative Literature and EALC) for designing such engaging research study abroad courses for our undergraduate scholars! While abroad, our students researched diverse topics such as themed entertainment in Japan, informal fashion runways, and the use of Ryukyuan seashells in Buddhist architecture.

Our affiliated faculty have also been busy outside of the classroom with **Brian Bernards** (EALC and Comparative Literature) being awarded a 2024 Global Grant Fellowship from the Asian Cultural Council and **Jenny Lin** (Roski) being awarded the 2024-2025 Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome. We also had

twenty-three EASC graduate fellowship awardees travel around the world for research, conferences, and language study. Stay tuned to see EASC grad fellowship awardee features later this semester! Our EAAS majors were also quite productive this summer with many working abroad on paid internships. A couple of our students had the opportunity to intern at the Santec Corporation in Aichi, Japan including **Cooper Brown**, a double major in East Asian Area Studies and Communications. We will be sharing more features on our amazing undergrads this fall!

OPPORTUNITIES

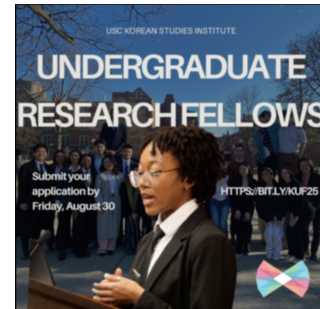
KSI Undergrad Research Program

Deadline: Friday, August 30

The USC Korean Studies Institute is accepting applications for the **2024-2025 Undergraduate Research Fellows Program!**

By participating in the KSI Undergraduate Fellows Program, you will:

- Receive close academic mentoring from the KSI.
- Produce a 15-20 page research paper on any Korea-related or Korean-American research topic such as politics, North Korea, literature, K-pop, and more!
- Participate in a USC mini-research conference.
- Participate in the annual USC-Michigan Korean Studies Exchange.
- Learn about fellowship and publishing opportunities.



Apply Here >



Noriaki Tsuchimoto Research Grant

Deadline: Friday, August 30

The **Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University** invites applications for grants to support research utilizing the **Noriaki Tsuchimoto Papers** housed in Manuscripts and Archives in the Yale University Library. The collection is currently comprised of 83 boxes containing materials related to the filmmaking and other activities of the Japanese documentary filmmaker Noriaki Tsuchimoto. The Council will offer up to four grants in FY 2024-2025 to support research utilizing the collection at the level of up to \$1200 for researchers traveling from North America and \$2200 for those coming from outside North America. Grant funds will be disbursed in the form of reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, reproductions, and related research expenses while on campus. **Apply Here >**

Events around USC & LA

Story Up Shorts in Los Angeles

Wed, Aug 28 | 7:00PM-9:00PM | Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

Hanji: the Past and Present

Thurs, Aug 29 | 6:00PM-8:00PM | Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles | [RSVP](#)

Giant Robot x JANM Konbini

Sat, Aug 31 | 11:00AM-5:00PM | Japanese American National Museum | [RSVP](#)

Film Screening - *RAINY DOG* (1997)

Tues, Sept 3 | 3:00PM | Cinematic Arts | [RSVP](#)

Film Screening - *Pai Niang Niang: The Last Omanthus Blossom*

Tues, Sept 3 | 7:00PM | Hong Kong on Screen x Cinematic Arts | [RSVP](#)



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