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# USC Dornsife

## *East Asian Studies Center*

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### Happy Holidays & EASC Community Announcement

As we close out the year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to the entire EASC community for your support, patience, and care throughout this period of significant change. With the ongoing restructuring at USC, EASC will look different as two of our exceptional staff members transition into new roles.

**Kaitlin Lam**, our Program Specialist, has accepted the role of PhD Student Services Advisor II position (EALC, CSLC and SLL) and **Justine Phan**, our Program Officer, has accepted the role of Administrative Assistant II position, both in the Dornsife Humanities Hub. We are a bit heartbroken to have them moving on, but are grateful that they will remain close and that our community will continue to benefit from their talents and commitment.

As part of the restructuring, our undergraduate majors and minors will now be supported by the Dornsife Undergraduate Student Services hub and our East Asian Area Studies MA program will now be served by the new Dornsife MA Graduate Student Services hub. Though this transition has its challenges, we have great confidence in the colleagues we are partnering with and we remain committed to ensuring that all EASC and EAAS students, undergrads and grads, receive the guidance and support they have always found at the Center.

EASC will continue under the leadership of Director **Joshua Goldstein** and Associate Director **Grace Ryu**. All inquiries may still be directed to [easc@usc.edu](mailto:easc@usc.edu).

Thank you for participating in all of our events and programming this Fall semester and we greatly appreciate your continued support during this transition. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year and seeing you at our events and programs this Spring semester.

We wish you a restful holiday season filled with warmth and time with loved ones.



## EASC Student Worker Feature - Daniel Yu

EASC is excited to highlight **Daniel Yu**, a Master's student in Computer Science and a dedicated student staff member who has been with the Center for the past two and a half years! Since joining in Fall 2023, Daniel has brought enthusiasm and creativity to our community, from supporting events to building meaningful connections across campus. Daniel completed his B.S. in Computer Science Games and is now finishing his M.S. in Computer Science through USC's Progressive Degree Program, with a focus on sound design. He has contributed to numerous game projects, including *Free Will*, an MFA thesis project that won a BAFTA Student Award, and was selected as a Game Audio Diversity Alliance (GADA) Scholar. He is currently working on *Skijoring*, a ski-racing game set for release this spring. Reflecting on his time at EASC, Daniel highlights the importance of positive workplace culture. Some of his favorite memories include walks, lunches, making dumplings for Lunar New Year, and even testing the team's strength at the McCarthy Quad jungle gym. After graduation, he will be starting an exciting new chapter as a full-time sound designer for an independent game studio. We are so proud of you, Daniel, and can't wait to see the worlds you create next.

Congratulations Daniel and thank you for everything you've done for the EASC community!

Please see [Daniel's full feature here](#) ►

## Opportunities

### EASC Graduate Fellowships

**Deadline: 5:00PM on Friday, February 6**

**EASC Graduate Fellowships** provide summer stipends, typically between \$1,000-\$3,000, depending on the proposed course of study. The purpose of the award is to advance understanding of East Asia and/or US-Asia relations. Awards are given based on the quality of the proposed project and budgets submitted with the application. To be eligible for the EASC Graduate Fellowships, applicants must satisfy the following:



- Full-time USC graduate student from any discipline of study
- Domestic or international student, active and enrolled
- Must be engaged in research and study of East Asia or U.S.-Asia relations
- Funds must be used towards advancing degree progress

Visit the [Fellowship Webpage](#) to apply!



## Library of Congress Asian Division: Florence Tan Moeson Fellowship

**Deadline: 9:00PM (PT) on January 11, 2026**

The [Library of Congress Asian Division](#) is now accepting applications for the [2026 Florence Tan Moeson Fellowship](#), a competitive opportunity open to students, faculty, librarians, and independent researchers interested in working with the Library's extensive Asian collections in Washington, D.C. Fellows must plan a research visit of at least five business days, and applicants with limited access to research or travel funding are especially encouraged to apply. [Learn more](#) ►

### Events Around USC & LA

**Korean Travel: Survival Language & Tips Workshop**

Tues, Dec 16 | 4:00PM-6:30PM | The Korean Society | [RSVP](#)

**Meditation With Art: Sound Bath With Japanese Singing Bowl**

Wed, Dec 17 | 7:00PM-8:00PM | Japan Foundation | [RSVP](#)

**YOKAI Architecture**

Fri, Dec 19 | 7:00PM-8:30PM | Japan Foundation | [RSVP](#)

**Korean Through K-Pop Workshop**

Mon, Dec 22 | 5:00PM-7:00PM | The Korean Society | [RSVP](#)



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