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The 2019-2020 CEAS Newsletter



Director's Note

by CEAS Faculty Director Charles Kim

The 2019-20 academic year was a vibrant one at the Center for East Asian Studies. In the fall semester, we welcomed five new faculty members: Yeohyun Ahn (Assistant Professor of Graphic Design), Soh-Hyun Park Altino (Associate Professor of Violin), Kaiping Chen (Assistant Professor of Computational Communication), Ran Liu (Assistant Professor, Educational Policy Studies), and Eunsil Oh (Assistant Professor, Sociology and Asian Languages and Cultures). Ran and Eunsil joined the UW-Madison and CEAS faculty as part of the "Rethinking East Asia and the World" cluster. During the spring semester, Reed Lei, the third and final hire in the cluster, began a brief stint as a visiting researcher at UW, after having just completed his PhD at NYU. Reed starts his tenure-track position this fall as an assistant professor in Political Science and the La Follette School.

Anlin Yang arrived in June of this year to start as UW-Madison's Chinese and Korean Studies Librarian. We are delighted that Anlin, who previously worked at the Library of Congress and the University of Iowa, is now heading our East Asia Collection. Finally, in Spring 2021, Monica Kim will be joining the History Department as the first William Appleman WIlliams and David G. and Marion S. Meissner Professor of US Diplomatic and International History. Monica is a US historian whose research extends to the Koreas and China. It has been wonderful to witness the continuing growth and enrichment of the East Asia community through the collaboration of numerous CEAS members and partners.

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Before the suspension of activities in March, CEAS hosted and co-sponsored a diverse series of informative events that were pertinent to key issues in the East Asia region. Many of these events were part of the Center's regular Tuesday lecture series, while others were part of the growing East Asia Now series, which takes place in Madison and in other parts of the state. 2019-20 also saw the transfer of the TransAsia and the World Podcast to CEAS, where it has become an exciting new facet of East Asia Now. In the summer, CEAS hosted the first East Asia in the Upper Midwest teacher workshop. The topic of the inaugural workshop, the Korean War, was selected because 2020 marks the 70th anniversary of that major regional and international event. Teacher workshops with foci on other East Asian countries will be developed for upcoming summers.

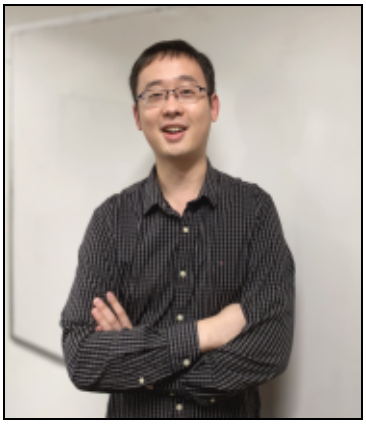
2019-20 was the second year of our current National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies grants. CEAS used NRC funds to support many of the year's events and programs. In addition, CEAS awarded 14 FLAS scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students for summer and full-year study. We are grateful to the US Department of Education for its generous support of East Asia studies at UW.

Associate Director David Fields and Assistant Director Laurie Dennis have been instrumental in responding to the challenges of the current crisis. A number of CEAS events from Spring 2020 have been (or will be) rescheduled for 2020-21. In addition, CEAS has been developing new, forward-looking ways to continue its mission under the changing circumstances. In closing, I would like to wish you safety and good health as we begin the new academic year.

Political scientist and East Asian librarian join UW-Madison in the midst of COVID-19

As campus was closing down this spring in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, two new scholars were arriving to join the East Asian community at UW-Madison: political scientist **Zhenhuan (Reed) Lei** moved to Madison in March, and East Asian librarian **Anlin Yang** followed in May.

Reed is the third of three hires supported through the UW-Madison Cluster Hiring Initiative under the theme: Rethinking East Asia and the World: Politics, Education, and Society. He came to the U.S. for graduate studies at USC (M.A. in Economics and M.P.A., 2016) and New York University (Ph.D. in Political Science, 2020). His research focuses on critical political and policy issues, such as infrastructure investment, environmental protection, bureaucratic incentive schemes, and resource allocation with a regional focus on China. He is working on a book manuscript that studies how different models of government accountability and political career incentives affect the decision to invest in transportation infrastructure in China and in the United States.



Anlin came to the U.S. for graduate studies at the University of Arizona, where she earned her master of arts degree in Library and Information Science in 2014. She has worked at the Library of Congress, and spent three years as the East Asian Cataloging Librarian at the University of Iowa before arriving in Madison.

Two from Chengdu

Coincidentally, both Reed and Anlin were born in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China. Though Madison

(population 258,000) is a bit smaller than Chengdu (population 10 million), both are provincial/state capitals. Reed and Anlin said the two cities also share a good reputation for affordability, high quality of life, strong growth trends, and a colorful ambiance.

COVID complications



Anlin said she felt like a true Wisconsin resident when she received her license plate in the mail, after arriving in Madison from Iowa City.

"I have visited my office only once," she said. "It was the last day of July. I volunteered to work on-site for shelving. I got my office key from my colleagues and drank a bottle of water at my office after a whole day of physical work. When I sat on the office desk on that Friday afternoon, I was planning how to decorate my office to make it welcoming for our patrons. Love that moment!"

COVID-19 brought new challenges to her and her colleagues, especially with increased requests for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) at a moment when shipping was not available.

"I needed to find the table of contents online. The users picked the specific range of pages for us to request the scanning. After that, the ILL in quarantine was successful. The whole process might take a few hours or days compared with a few minutes in regular times. The good part is we've done very well so far."

Reed left New York City for Madison in the midst of a pandemic.

"COVID-19 fundamentally changes how we work on our research," he said. "To me, it means that I will have to put off some field visits or have to find a way to interview people virtually (which sometimes may not be feasible since political questions are sensitive in nature and may need to be in-person meetings). However, COVID-19 does allow me to put more time on research that uses only observational data and draws on information sufficiently available on the Internet and in books. Moreover, to my surprise, I actually spent more time talking to colleagues about research. Before COVID-19, none of us seriously tried virtual meeting apps or software. With Zoom, I have managed to catch up with friends from many places. So, in general, I would not say that I have become less productive. COVID-19 only means that I have worked differently."

Both Anlin and Reed commented on Lake Mendota, where they hope to spend more time once the campus opens up again, and on the friendliness of Madisonians.

"I never saw people say 'hi' and 'goodbye' to bus drivers in New York," remarked Reed.

"Our library staff is warm and considerate," said Anlin, "One of my colleagues in our International Area Studies (IAS) group asked her son to send the ergonomic chair I requested to my home. They did help me a lot. I deeply appreciate them."

Ambitious plans for the new year

Anlin has three goals in the upcoming fall semester.

"Firstly, I am willing to provide library support for our Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) instructors," she said. "I am learning with my colleagues together to offer library service for our instructors and students in a virtual environment. The other goal for me is developing our Chinese and Korean resources. I have added some free access due to COVID-19 on the Chinese and Korean LibGuides. I am planning to get more free trials for our CEAS staff and students. I will let you know when the trails are ready to use. Last but not the least, I will try to become familiar with our CEAS community. I would like to meet and know everyone in CEAS."

Reed will teach two undergraduate-level classes this fall, "Introduction to Chinese Politics" and "Analytic Tools for Public Policy." In the spring, he will offer "Dealing with China," also at the undergraduate level, and a graduate seminar, "Authoritarian Politics."

"All of these are new courses since the upcoming academic year will be my first to teach independently," Reed noted.

He will also be working on the following five research programs:

- The common wisdom is that democratic countries are more likely to adopt environmentally-friendly policies that promote cleaner energy, improve air quality, and reduce pollution. As an authoritarian country, why (and how) does China do a relatively good job of developing its renewable energy,

improving air quality (since 2013), and reducing industrial waste?

- While many people assume China can get things done easily because of its top-down hierarchical structure, we know relatively little about the disputes within the Chinese government. It would be naive to assume that different ministries in China do not have disagreements with each other. With several coauthors, we intend to measure Chinese ministries' stance on different policy issues and analyze how the Chinese Communist Party succeeds in (or fails at) coordinating the different interests diffused in its gigantic governmental structure.
- The Chinese government has strong incentives to make laws. This seems counter-intuitive: Why would a ministry go through the lengthy process of making laws in the People's Congress (at either the national or provincial level) to limit its own power? How does the rule of law (or as some law professors would prefer, rule by law) benefit the government in China?
- A recent reform in China centralized the power to finance and appoint judges in local courts from local governments (prefecture or county) into the hands of provincial governments. My coauthors and I plan to study the effectiveness of this centralization reform on local governments' ability to protect their local firms' interests by intervening in the judicial trials in local courts.
- Diplomats matter in foreign relations. However, we see great variation in what type of people serve as ambassadors. My coauthors and I will employ text data analysis and machine learning methods to identify the different diplomatic styles of Chinese ambassadors and test if these different diplomatic styles have a substantive effect on the bilateral relationship with China. In a companion research paper, my coauthor and I will perform similar analysis on American ambassadors.

In addition to his research and teaching, Reed said he looks forward to meeting new students, including those majoring/minoring in East Asian Studies.

"I want to know how I can be of help to those students who are interested in China, especially during this difficult time when the White House is not very friendly to China."

Join us in welcoming Reed and Anlin to Madison!

10 FLAS grants awarded for academic year 2020-21

Ten Badgers will be studying East Asian languages this academic year with funding from the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships program, administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

FLAS grants assist students in acquiring foreign language and area studies competencies. The Center for East Asian Studies (CEAS) awards grants each spring for the study of Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Tibetan, with separate competitions for summer language intensive and academic year studies.

The competition for Summer 2021 and Academic Year 2021-22 will take place in the winter, with an anticipated application deadline in mid February.

FLAS recipients are listed on the CEAS website at: https://eastasia.wisc.edu/flas-recipients/

CEAS has so far made the following FLAS awards for the current five-year grant cycle:

Academic Year 2018-19: Six awards, for the study of Chinese (3), Japanese (2) and Korean (1).

Summer 2019: Six awards in Chinese (3), Japanese (2) and Korean (1).

Academic Year 2019-20: Eight awards in Chinese (4), Japanese (2) and Tibetan (2).

Summer 2020: Seven awards in Chinese (2), Japanese (2) and Korean (3).

Academic Year 2020-21: 10 awards in Chinese (6), Japanese (2), Korean (1), and Tibetan (1).

2019-2020 Highlights

Higher Education Workshop Collaboration with Peking University Enters Fifth Year
June 2019: The higher education workshop is an annual series that alternates between Beijing and Madison, and is devoted to studying pressing issues in post-secondary education for China and the U.S. Participating in the 2019 event, which received support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, were faculty members from multiple universities across China, along with educational leaders from the U.S. and Europe. The theme of the May conference was "Rethinking Regional-International Inquiry in the 21st Century," and included panels on the legacy of area studies, their political dimensions, and organizational structures. Peking University's Institute of Area Studies and UW-Madison's CEAS were co-sponsors.

CEAS Associate Director published in *Washington Post*
June 2019: David Fields, Associate Director of CEAS, published an op-ed titled "How Korea was divided and why the aftershocks still haunt us today" in the "Made by History" section of the *Washington Post*. Read the op-ed here.

Panel Discussion Highlights Tariffs, Trade Tensions, and Wisconsin Ag
July 2019: The first event of the 2019-2020 East Asia Now series took place on June 18 in Wausau, WI, titled "U.S.-China Trade Tensions: What's at Stake for Central Wisconsin's Agriculture?" The panel discussed a variety of topics, including how trade tensions and tariffs affect relationships, profits, and the future of Wisconsin agriculture. Watch the event recording.

CEAS Associate Director on Wisconsin Public Radio's Central Time
July 2019: David Fields related the story of Syngman Rhee, South Korea's first president, and how his decades-long campaign for a free Korea helped pave the way for creating the two Koreas. Listen to the podcast.

Chancellor Blank on the UW's Relationship with China
August 2019: In late May, Chancellor Rebecca Blank traveled to China to meet alumni, welcome incoming Chinese students and their families to UW, attend conferences organized by UW faculty at Chinese universities, meet with higher education leaders, and conduct industry-partnership conversations. This trip, along with UW's 100+ year-long history with China, is explored in a blog post.

East Asian Art History Projects Wins Prize
September 2019: Keqinhua Zhu, a recent UW-Madison graduate (B.S '19, Art History and Conservation Biology), was awarded the $500 Iwanter Honorable Mention Prize from the Center for the Humanities for her senior honors thesis, "From Global to Local: A Case Study of the Macartney Tapestry in the Reign of Emperor Qianlong, 1735–1796."

Panel Discussion Highlights Trade issues in Ag
October 2019: On October 17, CEAS held its second East Asia Now event in Platteville, WI, titled "Struggles in Wisconsin Farm Country: The Trade War, Weather, and Workforce Issues." Watch the event recording.

UW Summer Launch in Japan: Supernatural and Surreal
December 2019: UW-Madison Study Abroad's "Summer Launch!" announced a new engaging experience in Japan designed especially for incoming UW-Madison first-year students and led by Japanese Literature Professor Charo D'Etcheverry. The Covid-19 pandemic forced the postponement of this program until summer 2021.

CEAS Faculty Member on Wisconsin Public Radio
February 2020: Ian Coxhead, Professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics, discussed the economic impact of the coronavirus on Wisconsin Public Radio. Listen to the podcast.

WISC-TV on Coronavirus Crisis Panel Discussion
March 2020: Read about the cutting-edge work UW-Madison researchers are doing to find a cure and vaccine for COVID-19 here.

CEAS 2020 Undergraduate Paper Winners
May 2020: The Center for East Asian Studies was one of eight area studies centers participating in the second annual Area and International Studies Undergraduate Paper Award. The 2020 winners for the CEAS competition are: Lena Simon, Samuel Brown, Beth Allen, Lydia Chen, Anitha Quintin, and Vivienne Woolridge.

First Virtual East Asia Now Event
June 2020: An online East Asia Now event was held on June 11, titled "COVID-19, Trade Tensions, Turbulent Markets - Trouble for Wisconsin Ag." This lunchtime panel discussed how the trade war with China and COVID-19 are affecting Wisconsin agriculture. Watch the event recording.

New Federal Proposals Would Lead to Sharp Declines in Chinese Students Coming to Wisconsin
June 2020: CEAS faculty Judd Kinzley discussed the impact of the new federal proposals on Chinese students in an article for *The Cap Times.* Read the article.

Haiku Hour on Wisconsin Public Radio
June 2020: CEAS faculty Adam Kern was on WPR on June 28 to discuss the shortest poetic form in the world, haiku. Listen to the podcast.

East Asia in the Upper Midwest: The Korean War
June-July 2020: This new CEAS teaching initiative, held in a virtual format due to Covid-19, provided k-12 educators with materials, resources and support to integrate lessons about the Korean War into their classrooms.

Relaunch of Podcast
July 2020: The Center for East Asian Studies relaunched the TransAsia and the World Podcast under the name East Asia Now. It is available on SoundCloud, iTunes, and Google Podcasts. Listen to the available episodes.

Review of 2019-2020 Events

CEAS hosted or co-hosted 37 events during the 2019-2020 academic year, which were attended by approximately 1,600 people. Unfortunately the Covid-19 pandemic forced the cancellation or postponement of all CEAS in-person events after March 2020. Below are some of the highlights from our 2019-2020 schedule.

June 18
East Asia Now series: "China Trade Tensions: Impact on Central Wisconsin Ag." Panelists included **Bradley Pfaff**, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, **Dr. Ian Coxhead**, UW-Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, **Will Hsu**, Hsu's Ginseng, and **Don Radtke**, Wisconsin Farm Bureau U.S. The Moderator was **Pam Jahnke**, Wisconsin Farm Radio Report.

September 17
#WAYWO (What are you working on) series: Fall 2019. Panelists included **Charo D'Etcheverry**, Professor of Japanese Literature, **Galen Poor**, PhD candidate in the Department of History, and **Yoriko Dixon**, Japanese Studies Librarian.

October 1
"The Significance of 1940." Guest speaker was **Dr. Chun Lin**, Professor of Comparative Politics in the London School of Economics and Political Science. Professor Lin discussed how the year 1949, due to the historical victory of the Chinese communist revolution, stands as a normative gauge with which to measure subsequent developments in China and its global position.

October 3
Documentary showing of *Shusenjo: The Main Battleground of the Comfort Women Issue*. Event featured a Q&A session with Director **Miki Dezaki**.

October 15
"A German-Jewish 'University' in China During World War II." Lecture presented by **Dr. Weija Li**, Assistant Professor of German and the director of the Global Higher Education Master's Program at the UW-Madison. Dr. Li illustrated how the European Jewish refugees sustained their educational aspirations and efforts by creating various educational institutions in the war-torn Chinese city.

October 15
Chinese Politics and Policy series: "Frightened Mandarins: The Adverse Effects of Fighting Corruption on Local Bureaucracy." Guest speaker was **Erik (Haixiao) Wang**, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Politics at Princeton University. China's anti-corruption campaign served as an example to revisit the classic question of how to best monitor and discipline the bureaucracy.

October 17
East Asia Now series: "Struggles in Wisconsin Farm Country: the trade war, weather, and workforce issues." Opening remarks made by **Dennis J. Shields**, Chancellor, UW-Platteville. Panelists included **Brad Pfaff**, Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, **Rep. Travis Tranel**, Representative, Wisconsin 49th District, **Paul Mitchell**, Director, Renk Agribusiness Institute, and **Anna Landmark,** award-winning cheesemaker and owner of Landmark Creamery. The moderator was **Pam Jahnke**, Wisconsin Farm Radio Report.

October 17
Chinese Politics and Policy series: "The Political Pollution Wave." Guest speaker was **Dr. Victoria (Shiran) Shen**, Assistant Professor of Environmental Politics at the University of Virginia. This presentation explores Dr. Shen's dissertation-based book project that develops a theory to explain a "political regulation wave," where the tenure spell of top local leaders shapes the pattern in environmental regulation.

October 22
Chinese Politics and Policy series: "Private Returns to Public Investment: Political Career Incentives and Infrastructure Investment in China." Guest speaker was **Reed (Zhenhuan) Lei**, Ph.D. candidate of political science in the Department of Politics at New York University. By proposing a political exchange model, Reed Zhenhuan demonstrated a fundamental synergy between the incentives of short-term mayors and of provincial leaders that is realized as a result of subway projects.

October 25
"Where Taiwan Stands." Lecture presented by **Dr. Edward Friedman**, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Political Science, UW-Madison. In this talk, Professor Friedman discussed U.S. policy towards Taiwan, cross-strait relations, current Hong Kong protests, as well as Taiwan's democracy and upcoming elections.

October 29
Chinese Politics and Policy series: "Environmental Activism in Authoritarian Regimes: Comparing China and Russia." Guest speaker was **Dr. Elizabeth Plantan**, China Public Policy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center. This presentation offered a theoretical framework to explain divergent regime responses to civil society in China, Russia, and other authoritarian regimes.

November 5
Chinese Politics and Policy series: "Countering Capture: Elite Networks and Government Responsiveness in China's Land Market Reform." Guest Speaker was **Dr. Junyan Jiang**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Government and Public Administration, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dr. Jiang considered the configurations of elite networks as a key mediating factor, arguing that access to external support networks helps improve politicians' responsiveness to ordinary citizens by reducing their dependence on vested interests, and test this claim using China's land market reform as a case.

November 7
Badger Cafe series: "The Unexpected Origins of the Division of Korea." Lecture presented by **Dr. David Fields**, CEAS Associate Director. Dr. Fields spoke about the origins of the division of Korea and how this history shapes events on the Korean peninsula today.

November 16
"Tzu Chi: Serving with Compassion." Presented by representatives from the Midwest Region of the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, who shared the history of Tzu Chi, its development in the United States, international disaster relief, environmental protection efforts, and community service efforts across university campuses.

November 19
#ProfPrac (CEAS Professional Practice) series: "How to be an Expert." Lecture by **Veronica Rueckert** and **Käri Knutson**, national media relations specialists for UW-Madison. Discussed how CEAS faculty and graduate students can use their expertise in public.

November 20
"China Tomorrow: Democracy or Dictatorship." Guest speaker **Dr. Jean-Pierre Cabestan**, Professor at Hong Kong Baptist University, discussed the continuing strength of China's one-party system. The East Asia Now Podcast released an episode featuring a recording of this event.

November 21
"How Japan Handled the 'Trump Shock' and learned to Live with it: Understanding Japan-US Relations from a Japanese Perspective." Guest speaker was **Toshihiro Nakayama**, Professor of American Politics and Foreign Policy at the Faculty of Policy Management at Keio University. This talk was about the US-Japan security alliance. The East Asia Now Podcast released an episode featuring a recording of this event.

December 2
East Asia Now series: "Hong Kong in Turmoil." Panelists included **Dr. Jenny Chan**, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, **Robert J. Kaiser**, Professor of Geography at the UW-Madison, and **Jack Ji**, UW-Madison Law Student.

December 3
"Dying for an iPhone: Apple, Foxconn and the Lives of China's Workers." Guest speaker was **Dr. Jenny Chan**, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. This lecture highlighted working conditions in factories producing some of the world's most popular consumer electronics.

December 4
"Internships and Vocational Skills Training in China." Guest speaker was **Jenny Chan**, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. This presentation introduced the internship experiences of Chinese teenage students in China, which has the world's largest vocational education system.

December 4
"After 25 Years of Humanitarian Aid, Why are North Koreans Still Hungry?" Guest speaker was **Dr. Edward P. Reed**, Adjunct Professor at the Asian Institute of Management in Manila. This lecture explored food insecurity in North Korea (DPRK), which is one of the world's longest running humanitarian challenges.

December 6
Wisconsin Alumni Lecture series: "How Korea Was Divided and Why It Matters?" Lecture presented by **Dr. David Fields**, CEAS Associate Director. This lecture examined the division of Korea, particularly how it happened in a much longer sequence of events that has its origin in the 19th century — in an obscure treaty — and in Americans' belief in their own exceptionalism.

December 9-13
Trends in East Asian Studies Librarianship series. Guest speakers included **Ying Qin**, **Shuyi Liu**, **Anlin Yang**, and **Tang Li**.

January 24th
East Asia Now series: "U.S. - China Trade Discussion." Panelists included **Robert Wachsmut**, VP Chippewa Valley Bean; **Will Hsu**, Hsu's Ginseng; **Randy Romanski**, Interim Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer

Protection (DATCP); and **Guanming Shi**, Professor of Economics at the UW-Madison.

February 4th
#WAYWO series: Spring 2020. Panelists included **Soh-Hyun Park Altino**, violinist, **Sarah Thal**, Professor of Japanese History, and **Zhijun Ren**, PhD candidate in the Department of History.

February 18th
"Jomon Food Diversity, Climate Change, and Long-Term Sustainability." Guest speaker was **Dr. Junko Habu**, Professor of the Department of Anthropology of the University of California, Berkeley. Using case studies from the Early and Middle Jomon periods (ca. 6000-4400 cal. BP) of prehistoric Japan as well as ethnographic studies in northern Japan, this presentation emphasized the importance of framing recent and current global environmental problems in the context of the greater human experiences. The East Asia Now Podcast released an episode featuring an interview with Dr. Junko Habu discussing this event's topic.

February 27th
"Harmony and Evolution Inaugural Tour." Tour with UW-Madison Design Studies Professor and Chinese-American Art Faculty Association Vice Chair **Dr. Wei Dong**. This event was in celebration of the opening of *Harmony and Evolution: An Exhibition of the Chinese-American Art Faculty Association*.

February 28th
CEAS Lecure: **Anthony Fung**, author affiliated with Chinese University of Hong Kong, "TikTok & Creative Labor in China."

March 2
East Asia Now series: "Perspectives on the Coronavirus Crisis in China." Panelists included **Dr. Edward Friedman**, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Political Science, **Dr. Robert Kirchdoerfer**, Professor of Virology and coronaviruses, **Dr. Joseph A. McBride**, Professor of Infectious Diseases, **Dr. Zhongdang Pan**, Professor of Communication Science, and **Dr. Fuxian Yi**, Researcher on China's demographic crisis.

March 3
"A Global Enlightenment: Western Progress and Chinese Science." Lecture presented by **Alexander Statman**, A.W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the UW-Madison Center for the Humanities. This talk argued that non-Western science informed a signature contribution of the European Enlightenment: the idea of progress.

March 5
Badger Café series: "How Stability Is Maintained in North Korea." Lecture presented by **Dr. David Fields**, CEAS Associate Director. This talk offered insight on North Korea and how the secretive nation remains stable despite predictions of its imminent collapse.

June 11
East Asia Now series: "COVID-19, Trade Tensions, Turbulent Markets — Trouble for Wisconsin Ag." Panelists included **Dr. Ian Coxhead**, UW-Madison Professor of Economics, **Dan Smith**, president & CEO of Cooperative Network, **Sen. Janis Ringhand**, D-Evansville and a member of the Senate agriculture committee, **Cal Dalton**, member of the board of United Wisconsin Grain Producers, an ethanol plant in Friesland, and a corn grower-cattle farmer from Endeavor, and **Rep. Travis Tranel**, R-Cuba City, a farmer and a member of the Assembly Agriculture Committee.

June 11
UW Cinematheque's view-at-home series: *Hill of Freedom* (20014). This film is directed by Hong Sang-soo, one of South Korea's most acclaimed and prolific artists.

July 9
UW Cinematheque's view-at-home series: *Woman on the Beach* (2006). This film is a modern romance directed by Hong Sang-soo, one of South Korea's most acclaimed and prolific artists.



CEAS 2019-20 Scrapbook

Some scenes from CEAS events during the past academic year include a panel discussion hosted by UW-Platteville (above) for the October **East Asia Now** series: "Struggles in Wisconsin Farm Country: the trade war, weather, and workforce issues." Below, clockwise from left: Emeritus Professor Hyuk Yu asks a question during a December **CEAS lecture** at the Law School on humanitarian aid to North Korean by guest speaker Dr. Edward P. Reed; violinist Soh-Hyun Park Altino performs at the February **#WAYWO** (What Are You Working On) event; UW-Madison students present a Chinese Lunar New Year papercut with a Wisconsin message to their Wausau host after the January **East Asia Now** series: "U.S. - China Trade Discussion;" director Miki Dezaki tales questions after a **film screening** of his documentary *Shusenjo: The Main Battleground of the Comfort Women Issue*.







