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Newsletter  
January 20, 2023

**A Week at the AAARCC**





On Thursday, January 19th, the AAARCC hosted our Lunch & Learn series featuring Amazon Best-Selling Author and Sophomore of Political Science at Purdue, Charlotte Yeung. Charlotte Yeung presented the value of sharing one's story and told examples from her work with women in Afghanistan and her experience as an ICAN ambassador in Hiroshima, Japan.



On Thursday, January 12th, the AAARCC hosted our first Lunch & Learn of the Purdue University Police Department Chief, Lesley Wiete. Chief Wiete shared about the resources the police department offers to the community and answered questions from the participants.

## **Upcoming AAARCC Programming**

- Monday through Friday, January 23 - 27, 2023 | **Purdue AAARCC Lunar New Year Week of Celebration!**
- Saturday, January 28, 2023 | 11 AM to 2 PM at the Black & Gold Gym of the Purdue CoRec. **Purdue University AAARCC Lunar New Year Celebration**
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 | 12 - 1 PM at the AAARCC | Lunch & Learn featuring: Presenter: Dr. Kuan-Hua (Joe) Chen, Assistant Department Head- Department of Mathematics. **Presentation title: My Roles in the Math Department.** Professor Chen is widely known among students with his course videos and notes that gained a popular name as "Chenflix."
- Thursday, February 16, 2023, | 4 - 5 PM ET, via Zoom | Speaker Series featuring Dr. Gaoheng Zhang. Presentation Title: **Dogmeat, Chop Suey, and “Mozzarella Gialla”: Communicating Chinese Migrant Alimentary Stereotypes in Italian Popular Culture**

## **AAARCC Lunar New Year Celebration Announcements**

PURDUE UNIVERSITY ASIAN AMERICAN & ASIAN  
RESOURCE AND CULTURAL CENTER (AAARCC)

**Lunar New Year Week of Events**  
**January 23 - 28, 2023 at the AAARCC**  
**915 5th Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906**



**Monday, January 23, 2023**  
**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

**Tea Tasting and Cake with Tea Appreciation Club**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**  
**3 - 5 PM**

**Dumpling Making with Purdue Global Engineering Programs (GEPP)**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**  
**12 - 1 PM**

**Lunch & Learn: "Science of the Phases of the Moon" with College of Science Multicultural Science Programs**

**Thursday, January 26, 2023**  
**12 - 1 PM**

**Lunch & Learn: How Do You Celebrate Lunar New Year? A Conversation with Faculty Members**

**Friday, January 27, 2023**  
**1 - 3 PM**

**Fortunes and Nostalgic Snacks with Residence Hall Association**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**  
**11 AM - 2 PM at the CoRec Black & Gold Gyms 1 - 3**

**Lunar New Year Celebration with live performances, food, and activities**

**Join the AAARCC in celebrating the Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit and also Year of the Cat) as we host several events leading up to the main celebration! All events will take place at the AAARCC (915 5th Street).**

Monday, January 23rd, the **Tea Appreciation Club** will be hosting a tea tasting experience along with cake from 12:30 - 2:30 PM.

Tuesday, January 24th, **Purdue Global Engineering Programs** will be hosting a dumpling-making and eating activity from 3 - 5 PM.

Wednesday, January 25th, we'll hear from **College of Science Multicultural Science Programs** as they lead a special Lunch & Learn titled, "Science of the Phases of the Moon"

from 12 - 1 PM.

Thursday, January 26th, from 12 - 1 PM, we'll have a casual conversation with **faculty members during Lunch and Learn series** and hear about how they celebrate Lunar New Year.

Friday, January 27th, from 1 - 2 PM, the **Residence Hall Association** will be passing out fortunes and nostalgic snacks!

Saturday, January 28th from 11 AM - 2 PM at the Black & Gold Gyms of the Purdue CoRec, the AAARCC is hosting our **Annual Lunar New Year Celebration** with live performances, food, and activities.



Join us in welcoming the Year of the Rabbit:

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**11 AM - 2 PM ET**

**Black & Gold Gyms 1-3**

**(France A. Córdova Recreational Sports Center/CoRec)**

**Featuring table activities, performances, and food**

**Time: 11 - 2 PM**

**Location: Black & Gold Gyms 1 - 3 Purdue CoRec**

Join the AAARCC in welcoming the Year of the Rabbit and the Year of the Cat at our Annual 2023 Lunar New Year Celebration! Come enjoy incredible performances, have fun and learn some new things at activity and informational booths, and enjoy some food!

This event is co-sponsored by the Chinese Studies program and the Student Fee Activity Board.

# **Purdue AAARCC**

## **2023 Lunar New Year Celebration**

### **Volunteering Sign-up**



**Saturday, January 28, 2023**  
**Multiple Hours Available**  
**Black & Gold Gym**  
**France A. Córdova Recreational Sports Center**

Are you interested in being involved with the AAARCC?  
Consider volunteering at our annual Lunar New Year  
Celebration! Each year, hundreds of individuals participate in  
the AAARCC's annual Lunar New Year Celebration. If you are  
interested to volunteer, please complete the short survey at  
this link or QR Code by January 20th:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2023LNY-Volunteer>



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**Time: Multiple Time Slots Available**  
**France A. Cordova Recreational Sports Center**

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## **Upcoming Book Discussion and Reception**

PURDUE AAARCC, AMERICAN STUDIES,  
& ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES PRESENTS

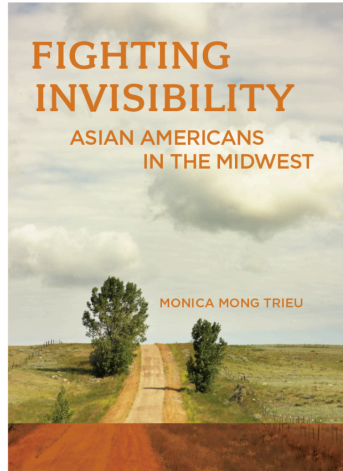
# BOOK DISCUSSION & RECEPTION

## *FIGHTING INVISIBILITY: ASIAN AMERICANS IN THE MIDWEST*

(Rutgers University Press, 2023)

<https://tinyurl.com/FightingInvisibility>

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 | NOON - 1 PM  
AAARCC (915 5TH STREET)



### DR. MONICA TRIEU

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, AMERICAN STUDIES  
& ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

In *Fighting Invisibility*, Dr. Trieu argues that we must consider the role of physical and symbolic space to fully understand the nuances of Asian American racialization. By doing this, we face questions such as, historically, who has represented Asian America? Who gets to represent Asian America? This book shifts the primary focus to Midwest Asian America to disrupt—and expand beyond—the existing privileged narratives in United States and Asian American history.

Drawing from in-depth interviews, census data, and cultural productions from Asian Americans in Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, and Michigan, this interdisciplinary research examines how post-1950s Midwest Asian Americans navigate identity and belonging, racism, educational settings, resources within co-ethnic communities, and pan-ethnic cultural community. Their experiences and life narratives are heavily framed by three pervasive themes of spatially defined isolation, invisibility, and racialized visibility.

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# BOLD Ideas, ESSENTIAL Reading

## Fighting Invisibility

### Asian Americans in the Midwest

MONICA MONG TRIEU

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MONICA MONG TRIEU is Associate Professor of American Studies and Asian American Studies at Purdue University, Indiana. She is the author of *Identity Construction Among Chinese-Vietnamese Americans: Being, Becoming, and Belonging*.

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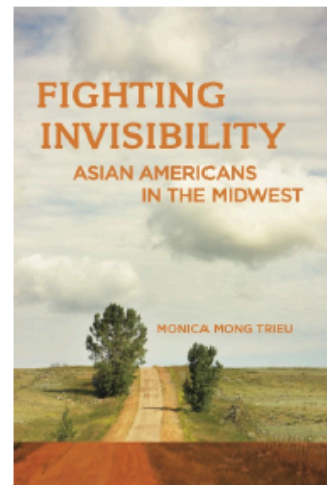
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Purdue AAARCC, American Studies Program, and Asian American Studies Program invite you to a Book Discussion and Reception, celebrating the upcoming publication of *Fighting Invisibility: Asian Americans in the Midwest* (Rutgers University Press, 2023) written by Dr. Monica Mong Trieu.

The Book Discussion and Reception event will take place on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from Noon to 1 PM ET at the Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC), 915 5th Street.

**Book Info can be found here:** [tinyurl.com/FightingInvisibility](https://tinyurl.com/FightingInvisibility)

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For more information, reach out to Stewart Chang Alexander at [AA\\_TEEN\\_STUDY@PURDUE.EDU](mailto:AA_TEEN_STUDY@PURDUE.EDU)

## **Weekly Refresh and Refuel & AAARCC Library**

**Purdue AAARCC & ACE Food Pantry Pop-UP Bread Table**  
Open during business hours (8 - 5 PM) while supplies last.

**Real-Tea Series: Purdue AAARCC & CAPS Student Hour**  
Wednesdays from 12 - 1 PM

**CCO and PPA Office Hour**

Wednesdays from 1 - 2 PM

**CARE Advocacy Hour**

January 23, February 20, March 20, and April 17

**Purdue AAARCC Library**

Open daily during business hours (8 - 5 PM)

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**Community Programs**

FRIDAY, JAN. 27 | 1-4 PM

# *LGBTQ CENTER GRAND OPENING*

The LGBTQ Center will host a grand opening celebration to recognize our new home in Hicks Undergraduate Library. Tours of the space and food will be provided. Short remarks will take place at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome!



## **LGBTQ Center Grand Opening**

**Date: Friday, January 27, 2023**

**Time: 1 - 4 PM**

**Location: Hicks Underground Library**

The LGBTQ Center will host a grand opening celebration to recognize our new home in Hicks Underground Library. Tours of the space and food will be provided. Short remarks will take place at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

## **The Unveiling of the Parker Halls Commemorative Installation**

**Date: Friday, February 3rd, 2023**

**Time: 3:30 p.m.**

**Location: Frieda Parker Hall Lobby (1196 Third Street West Lafayette, IN)**

Please join us as Purdue University unveils the Parker Halls Commemorative Installation! The installation showcases the Parker Sisters' courageous activism to integrate Purdue student housing. Their persistence for equity in education is an American legacy that paved the way for all Boilermakers to achieve their highest success.

Please RSVP at this link: [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5jBP2pQwsbbECTY](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5jBP2pQwsbbECTY)

**Diversity Law Day at Indiana University Maurer School of Law**

Diversity Law Day will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 9am-3:30pm ET at the law school in Bloomington, IN. The event will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. Diversity Law Day is dedicated to the idea that the legal profession must reflect the expanding diversity of society. Joining efforts with the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), we hope that this day will encourage students from underrepresented and underserved communities to discover career opportunities in law. This day is particularly tailored towards high school juniors and seniors, as well as college freshman and sophomores. The event is free to attend, but registration is required. To register complete the form [here](#). Contact Josie Brush at [jvbrush@iu.edu](mailto:jvbrush@iu.edu) or call 812-855-2704 with questions.

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