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Newsletter
April 12, 2023

Upcoming AAARCC Programming

PURDUE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING
ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH SERIES



**ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH
KEYNOTE EVENT**

RUPAL THANAWALA

CEO/MANAGING DIRECTOR, TRIDENT SYSTEMS & PRESIDENT, ASIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE, INC.

Featuring TAAL, Purdue Philharmonic Orchestra, & the AAARCC Lion Dance Team

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM (Networking begins at 5:30 PM)
Loeb Playhouse (Stewart Center), 128 Memorial Mall Dr., West Lafayette, IN

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Roger C. Stewart Leadership
and Professional Development
Department



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This program is co-sponsored by the Roger C. Stewart Leadership and Professional Development Department, Purdue Foundation Student Board, and Purdue Graduate Student Government

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ASIAN AMERICAN & ASIAN RESOURCE & CULTURAL CENTER MUSIC APPRECIATION SERIES



AN EVENING OF MUSIC: CELEBRATING ASIAN & ASIAN AMERICAN MUSIC AND COMPOSERS

Friday, April 14, 2023 at 6:00-7:30 PM | Hiler Theater (WALC), 340 Centennial Mall Dr.

Join the AAARCC Vocal Ensemble (accompanied by Dr. Sylvia Eun Hee Seok), Indian Classical Music at Purdue, Dr. Kristen Yeon-Ji Yun and Dr. Phoenix Park-Kim in an evening celebrating Asian & Asian American Music and Composers. Free and open to the public and free parking is available at the University Street Parking Garage.

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   **SFAB** Purdue University Partially funded by the Student Activity Fee

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AAARCC x BAO HO AT SPRING FEST

APRIL 15, 2023 | 10 AM - 6 PM, PURDUE MEMORIAL MALL

Express your **creativity** through coloring with artist **Bao Ho** and Purdue Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (**AAARCC**) at Spring Fest. Born and based in Hong Kong, Bao is a self-taught artist known for her freestyle murals and illustrations.

Do you have any accommodation or accessibility need to attend this event? Please contact aaarcc@purdue.edu or (765)496-0488, or use the following QR code by April 2, 2023.

If you require any accessibility needs to fully participate, please let us know using the QR Code by April 2, 2023.



Activities are made possible in part by the Arts Federation, and the Indiana Arts Commission, which receives support from the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Patti and Rusty Rueff School of
Design, Art, and Performance



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FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 | 5 - 7 PM

Fowler Hall, Stewart Center

128 Memorial Mall Dr. West Lafayette, IN 47907

Post-screening panel to follow. Moderated by **Patrick Armstrong** (Indiana-based producer & co-host, The Janchi Show) and will feature:

- **Frank Chi**, Film Director
- **Monica Trieu**, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies at Purdue University-West Lafayette and author of the new book, *Fighting Invisibility: Asian Americans in the Midwest*
- **Shruti Rana**, Senior Assistant Dean for Curricular and Undergraduate Affairs, Indiana University-Bloomington and co-founder of the Indiana chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
- **Pamela Saylor**, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Purdue University-Northwest

Generously supported by The Asian American Foundation (TAAF) and the Student Fee Advisory Board (SFAB)

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Media Release: <https://tinyurl.com/April18-MediaRelease>

38 At The Garden chronicles the extraordinary ascendance of point guard Jeremy Lin during his landmark 2012 Season with the New York Knicks. Lin, an undrafted Harvard graduate, shocked fans, stunned his teammates and galvanized the Asian American community when he scored 38 points at Madison Square Garden against the Los Angeles Lakers, solidifying Lin's hot streak and the "Linsanity" craze.

A decade later, Lin's stature as a groundbreaking, cultural icon stands in stark relief to the recent hate crimes against the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community. 38 At The Garden recognizes a pivotal moment in time for Lin, and celebrates a phenomenon that was bigger than basketball for the world.

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INSPIRASIAN:

AAARCC GRADUATION & ASUB MULTICULTURAL SHOWCASE

APRIL 28 2023 | 6-8 PM
COREC BLACK & GOLD GYMS 1-3
ATTIRE: FORMAL/CELEBRATORY

Calling all graduating seniors & graduate students for Spring, Summer, & Fall 2023. RSVP here to receive a stole, graduation merchandise, and enjoy a community time:

<https://tinyurl.com/InspirAsian23-Registration>

Nominate yourself or others for awards:

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Follow @purdueasub & @purdueaaarcc for details of Multicultural Showcase

Free event parking is available at the Co-Rec Parking Lot (355 N. Martin Jischke Dr.) after 5:00 PM



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InspirAsian: AAARCC Graduation and ASUB Multicultural Showcase

Friday, April 28, 2023

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Ride the Boilermaker Special from 4:00-5:30 PM

Location: CoRec Black & Gold Gyms 1 - 3

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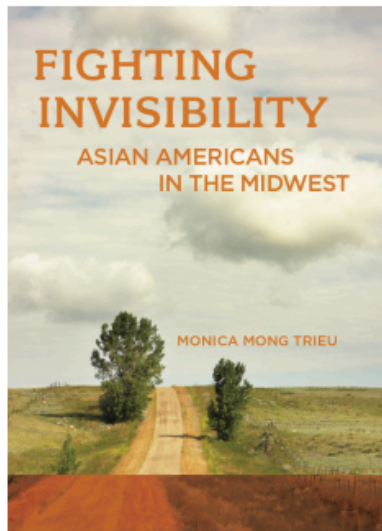
Recap of the Previous Week





AAARCC Director Dr. Pamela K. Sari and Program Administrator Manabu Taketani were part of a roundtable discussion titled *The Great Third Coast: How Teaching in the Midwest and South Challenges Asian American Studies* at the 2023 Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference.

At the conference, Dr. Sari and Mr. Taketani enjoyed attending different sessions and catching up with faculty members they have worked with in the past. They also had the opportunity to meet with programming partners and alumni.



DR. MONICA TRIEU

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, AMERICAN STUDIES
& ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

In *Fighting Invisibility*, Dr. Monica 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.

On Thursday, April 6th, the AAARCC hosted Dr. Monica Trieu for a book discussion and celebratory reception for her newly released book, *Fighting Invisibility: Asian Americans in*

the Midwest. Dr. Trieu is an Associate Professor in American Studies and Asian American Studies at Purdue University.

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