

**Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center  
Newsletter  
May 9, 2023**

Throughout the month of April (and May), the AAARCC invited/invites Purdue campus community to celebrate and take part in programs that honor the history, lives, and contributions of Asian/American and Pacific Islander communities. We appreciate many campus and community partners that collaborated with the AAARCC in celebrating the APA Heritage Month, discussing the theme "Asian Pacific American Experiences in Indiana and the Midwest." Please find some photo highlights from the month-long events.

As we close the 2022-2023 academic year, the AAARCC would like to thank you for all the wonderful support given for us to continue weaving the Asian/American experiences on campus. For the Purdue Class of 2023, congratulations on your graduation. Your journey and life story matter, and we send our best wishes for your next professional and personal goals. We hope you consider continued engagement and partnership with the AAARCC.

Have a wonderful Summer! We will see you back in the Fall with our programming theme "Cultural Citizenship."



Kathleen Wagner has been serving as the Administrative Assistant for the AAARCC since Fall 2019. In this capacity, Kathleen has been providing a welcoming presence for our visitors as well as performing administrative and business functions for the AAARCC. As our Center continues to grow, Kathleen is instrumental in making sure that the details of daily AAARCC administrative work are well taken care of. Kathleen is loved and trusted by those who frequent the AAARCC and those who come into our work.

Purdue AAARCC would like to congratulate Kathleen on her acceptance to the Ph.D. Program in Linguistics at Purdue University, with full support from the department and school. This is one of the confirmations of the amazing scholar, staff member, colleague, and person that she has been. Congratulations, Kathleen!

Kathleen's last day of work at the AAARCC will be on May 25, 2023. Please join us on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from noon to 1 PM to celebrate Kathleen's work. The search for a new Administrative Assistant is ongoing, and we hope to announce the results very soon.

Thank you, Kathleen, for who you are and all the work you have done for the AAARCC!



**Friday, April 28, 2023**

**InspirAsian: AAARCC Graduation and ASUB Multicultural Showcase**

The Purdue AAARCC and ASUB celebrated the graduation of over 100 students and enjoyed 10 amazing performances by students as part of the multicultural showcase. At this program, we also honored and recognized student leaders and volunteers who had contributed to the landscape of the Asian American and Asian community at Purdue.





**Monday, April 24, 2023**  
**Indigo & Javanese Craft**

Students participated in an indigo workshop and art activity, inspired by Javanese Indonesian cultural philosophy, with artist Dyah Miller.





**Friday, April 21, 2023**  
**Spring Lu'au**

The NAECC, AAARCC, American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) Purdue Chapter, Residence Hall Association, and Hawaiian Cultural Club hosted the Spring Lu'au celebrating the larger Pacific Islander communities. At this event participants enjoyed garden planting, different table activities, food, and performances.







**Thursday, April 20, 2023**  
**Invisible Blue: Indigo Art & Textile Art**

Roland and Chinami Ricketts from Bloomington led an interactive workshop on dying fabrics (t-shirts) with indigo. After the workshop, Roland presented on his professional background of getting interested in indigo and the different exhibits he has been involved with. He also shared Chinami's professional work with fabrics in different installations.







**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

**Film Screening & Discussion of *38 at the Garden***

Film introduction by The Asian American Foundation CEO Norman Chen and Purdue Basketball star Zach Edey.

Post-Screening Discussion Moderated by Patrick Armstrong  
Panelists:

- Frank Chi, Director of *38 at the Garden*
- Dr. Monica Trieu, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies and American Studies at Purdue University-West Lafayette and author of the new book, *Fighting Invisibility: Asian Americans in the Midwest*
- Dr. 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
- Dr. Pamela Saylor, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Purdue University-Northwest



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

***VIRTUAL FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION***  
***BLUE ALCHEMY: STORIES OF INDIGO (2011)***

**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM EDT**  
**ZOOM (REGISTER AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/APRIL17SCREENING](https://tinyurl.com/april17screening))**

***Blue Alchemy: Stories of Indigo*** (2011) is a feature length documentary, produced and directed by Mary Lance. It explores the history and reveals the beauty and importance of indigo, weaving together stories about textiles and culture and interviews with artists, artisans, and historians.

This 79-minute virtual movie screening will be followed by a discussion with faculty and staff Dr. Anne Edwards (Director, Black Cultural Center), Dr. Tithi Bhattacharya (Associate Professor, History Department), and Dr. Christopher Munt (Senior Director, Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging). Join us at this Zoom link or use the provided QR code: <https://tinyurl.com/April17Screening>

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**Virtual Film Screening & Discussion of *Blue Alchemy: Stories of Indigo***

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**Saturday, April 15, 2023**  
**AAARCC x Bao Ho at Spring Fest**

Members of the Purdue and local communities had the opportunity to express their creativity through coloring with artist Bao Ho and Purdue Asian American & 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.







**Friday, April 14, 2023**  
**Evening of Music: Celebrating Asian & Asian American Music and Composers**

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 performed in an evening celebration event featuring Asian & Asian American Music and Composers.



**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
**Afternoon Chat with Artist Bao Ho**

Hong Kong based self-taught artist, Bao Ho known for her freestyle murals and illustrations spoke at the AAARCC's last Lunch & Learn of the academic year. She shared her journey of becoming a full-time artist.





**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

**Keynote Speaker Event Featuring: Rupal Thanawala  
CEO/Managing Director, Trident Systems & President, Asian American Alliance  
Inc.**

Featuring performances by: TAAL, Purdue Philharmonic Orchestra, & the AAARCC Lion Dance Team.

Rupal Thanawala is CEO/Managing Director of Trident Systems and leads in digital transformation and management consulting practice. Rupal has over two decades of experience in strategy and management consulting in Fortune 500 companies and specialization in Life Sciences industries. She is a community-minded business executive providing leadership in non-profit sectors focusing on diversity and inclusion, technology, health, and education. She serves on the boards of Asian American Alliance, Inc. (President), Indiana Chamber of Commerce, American Lung Association, BDPA (Black Data Processor Association), Techpoint Foundation for Youth Health Science Innovation, and the Dean's Advisory Committee of Indiana University School of Informatics and Computer Engineering.

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





**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
**AAARCC & ASUB Leadership Forum: David H. Li**

The AAARCC hosted David H. Li, retired President, CEO, and Director of Cabot Microelectronics Corporation (CMC) Materials, a global materials supplier to the semiconductor industry. David shared from his professional background and answered questions participants had about the world of business and future directions and role of AI in industry.



**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

**Book Discussion & Reception of Dr. Monica Trieu's newly released book, *Fighting Invisibility: Asian American in the Midwest***

At the reception, Dr. Trieu explained the research process behind writing the book and answered participants' questions.





**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

**Book Discussion of *Fighting Invisibility: Asian American in the Midwest***

Dr. Jerilyn Tinio, Assistant Professor from the Libraries and School of Information Studies led the second community discussion of Dr. Monica Trieu's book, *Fighting Invisibility: Asian Americans in the Midwest*.



**Monday, April 3, 2023**  
**Exhibition Opening Reception**  
***Be Heard: Asian Experiences in Indiana***

The Purdue AAARCC and Libraries hosted an exhibition and opening reception of *Be Heard: Asian Experiences in Indiana*. This exhibition offered a glimpse of more than 100 years of Asian heritage in the state. The exhibit was based on interviews of individuals of varying cultural backgrounds who recall what it has been like to be Asian in the Hoosier State throughout the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.



## Community Engagement

### Meet Community Partners May 11, 4-6 PM

Connect with local organizations for project partnerships, personal and professional engagement, and leadership development.

River City Community Center, 2842 Old U.S. 231, Lafayette, IN 47909 ( 7 mins from campus)

#### Community & belonging.

Find your tribe.

- Explore all the resources available in Greater Lafayette for youth, recreation, arts and culture, mental health, wellness, and more.
- Learn about opportunities to meet and collaborate with new people who care about the causes you care about. Find community and belonging in your shared interests and desire to do good in the world.

#### Project partnerships.

Partner up.

Learn about and meet new nonprofit partners for:

- service-learning courses
- engagement, extension, and engaged research
- student organization consulting projects
- student organization service projects and service days
- community service

#### Leadership development & involvement.

Level up, for all.

- Meet organizations actively recruiting for their boards of directors, committees, and volunteer corps.
- Develop your leadership skills and credentials by moving the world forward with organizations whose missions move you.

On Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., more than 60 Greater Lafayette-based organizations will gather, expo-style, to make connections with Purdue students, faculty, staff, retirees, and the larger community.

The annual expo is held at **River City Community Center**, just a 7-minute drive from the heart of campus. For more details, please go to:

<https://www.purdue.edu/engagement/may-11-expo-to-meet-community-partners/>

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