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Newsletter
May 3, 2024



May is the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! The month is an opportunity to reflect on the history and lived experiences of Asian/Americans. It is also a time to be (re)activated in things we can individually and collectively do to make our communities better.

Purdue AAARCC was founded in Spring 2015, and we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary this next academic year! We are seeking partnerships with other campus and student organizations on campus to celebrate the milestone. Email us at aaarcc@purdue.edu if you are interested in partnerships, and please consider helping us share the meaning of APA Heritage Month.

Today, the AAARCC is thankful for all the students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community who continue supporting our work!

Upcoming Programming



Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration
Reception and Light & Sound Show
organized by Asian American Alliance
Friday, May 3, 2024
Time: 7:45 - 9:15 PM

Reception
Time: 7:45 - 8:45 PM
Location: 11 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN
Registration: Closed.

Light & Sound Show
Time: 8:45 - 9:15 PM
Location: Monument Circle
Registration: Not Required.



Asian Fest (organized by Asian American Alliance Indianapolis)

The AAARCC will be tabling and taking part in the traditional outfit exhibition

Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 11 am to 4 PM

Location: Indiana Historical Society

(450 W. Ohio St. Indianapolis, IN 46202)

In observance of the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join Asian American Alliance, one of the AAARCC's partners in Indianapolis, to experience different Asian cultural expressions- arts, music, henna and food. Attend free health fairs and fun activities for the entire family!

Review of the Week



Congratulations, Program Administrator Manabu Taketani for winning the prestigious Jefferson Award from the Office of Engagement and Multiplying Good! Manabu is also awarded finalist for the national award and will be representing Purdue at the national award competition and national celebration of service in New York City!



The AAARCC is excited to share that our Graduate Assistant Denny Putra who has been with the AAARCC since 2019 has been placed at Brigham Young University (Provo, UT) for his final-year internship! This internship is fulfilling the graduation requirements for his Ph.D.

degree in Counseling Psychology, and Denny will be moving to Utah in June 2024. Congratulations, Denny, and thank you for all your wonderful work!





Khushi Rao (Junior, Neurobiology and Physiology) and Aerrielle Condino (First Year Engineering) have completed their Peer Information Consultant (PIC) work for the 2023-2024 academic year! PIC program is a partnership with Purdue Libraries and School of Information Studies to help provide information services to students/researchers from minoritized populations, to contribute to special projects that align with diversity, inclusion, and belonging themes, and to help build better relationships with cultural centers and student organizations on campus.

Khushi's research is on the history of the Purdue chapter of the Society of Asian Scientist and Engineers, while Aerrielle's research is on the meanings of campus space/place for Asian/American communities. Both research projects will contribute to the Purdue Archives and the AAARCC's ongoing documentation of Asian/American history at Purdue.

The AAARCC would like to thank Purdue Libraries' Associate Dean for Organizational Development and Diversity & Inclusion Mark Puente for all your leadership and support for this partnership. Thank you, Adriana Harmeyer (Purdue Archives), for the training and all the time you take to brainstorm and answer questions from our PICs. Robin Meher at the Knowledge Lab is such an amazing staff - thank you for all your support as we look for media to showcase our archives. Thank you, Dr. Jerilyn Tinio (Purdue Libraries and School of Information Studies), for your continuous support for students' professional development.

Please join us in congratulating Khushi and Aerrielle for their work!



Thank you, student staff member Sherine Mathew, for all your work on Purdue Day of Giving! Sherine spent time learning about the importance of fundraising through Purdue Day of Giving, practiced how to explain the AAARCC's work in a 24-hour campaign, and worked with the staff to plan all the posts and images. The day of giving was also an opportunity for mentorship in these areas. We appreciate you, Sherine!

Campus/Community Opportunities

Black Cultural Center Graduation Celebration
Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 4PM | PMU South Ballroom

Are you graduating this May or December 2024? The BCC wants to celebrate you. The event

starts at 4 pm on May 9th in Purdue Memorial Union South Ballroom, followed by a reception at Dauch Alumni Center. Don't miss out and [register now!](#) Registration will close on April 19th.

Excelencia Graduation

Friday, May 10, 2024 | 11AM-1PM | Beck Agricultural Center

All graduating students are invited to participate in the Excelencia Graduation Ceremony which takes place on the Friday of graduation weekend. Students and their families and friends are invited to this ceremony, held in Spanish, Portuguese and English. The LCC celebrates the accomplishments of the graduating class and recognizes the efforts of their family and friends in the process. The deadline to Register is Friday, April 12th at 12pm. [Click here to register!](#)



In Conversation with

**LEILANI MAXERA &
NOELANI AHIA**

Grieving Lahaina: Past and Present
The intimate connection between
'āina and Kānaka and the space
needed to heal



**MAY 10, 2024
5PM EST**

THE COLLECTIVE FOR
RADICAL
DEATH STUDIES

Grieving Lahaina: Past and Present
The intimate connection between 'āina and Kānaka and the space needed to heal.
A conversation with Leilani Maxera and Noelani Ahia:

Friday, May 10, 2024

Time: 5 PM ET

Location: Online

Ticket: \$10

Click here to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grieving-lahaina-past-and-present-tickets-879563978537?aff=erelexpmlt>

In observance of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Collective for Radical Death Studies invites you to join us for a conversation with Leilani Maxera and Noelani Ahia.

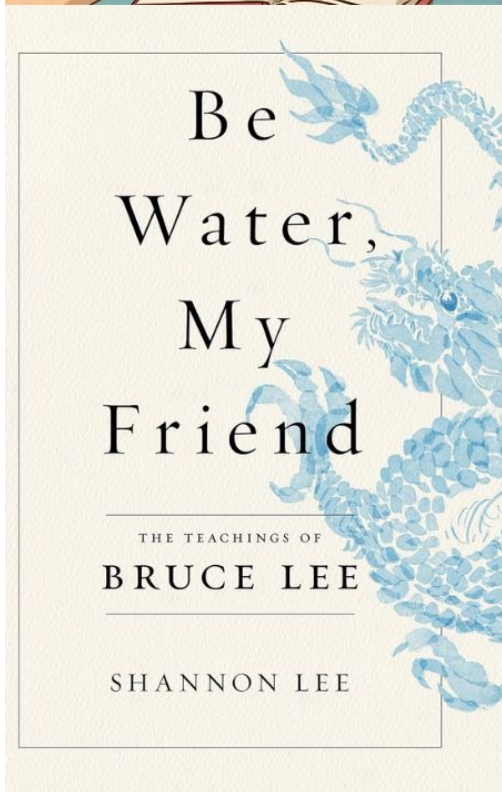
The fires on Maui in August 2023 claimed the lives of over 100 humans and destroyed the town of Lahaina, yet before the ashes even settled conversations turned to what this meant for tourism. Join us for a conversation about local efforts to heal in community and what it means to grieve under occupation.

Prism Foundation Scholarship Applications for 2024 are now open!
(Applications close on Friday, July 12, 2024 at 11:59 PM PT)

<https://theprismfoundation.org/scholarships>

Prism Foundation provides scholarships to empower outstanding students who are making a positive impact on the Asian & Pacific Islander and LGBTQIA+ communities.

Our scholarships range from \$1000–\$5000, and our portfolio of recipients have included both undergraduates and graduates across a spectrum of ages, gender identities, sexual orientation, racial and ethnic background, and more. We have funded artists, activists, researchers, lawyers, therapists, and hope to continue highlighting and empowering our student community.



PURDUE ALUMNI

Book Club

PURDUE ASIAN
ALUMNI NETWORK

Every Other Tuesday starting on 3/19/24

8 pm to 9 pm ET

via Zoom

3/19/24

Chapters 1 & 2

The Water Way | The Empty Cup

4/2/24

Chapters 3 & 4

The Eternal Student | The Opponent

4/16/24

Chapters 5 & 6

The Tools | The Obstacles

4/30/24

Chapters 7 & 8

The Rainstorm | The Living Void

5/14/24

Chapters 9 & 10

The Way of the Intercepting Fist | My Friend

Purdue Asian American Alumni Network: Book Club

Join the PAAN for a book club featuring "Be Water, My Friend" by Shannon Lee. Every other Tuesday starting on 3/19/2024. 8 pm - 9 pm ET via Zoom.

3/19/24 : Chapters 1 & 2. The Water Way | The Empty Cup

4/2/24: Chapters 3 & 4. The Eternal Student | The Opponent

4/16/24: Chapters 5 & 6. The Tools | The Obstacles

4/30/24: Chapters 7 & 8. The Rainstorm | The Living Void

5/14/24: Chapter 9 & 10. The Way of Intercepting Fist | My Friend

We welcome anyone to join the Purdue Asian Alumni Network in our third book club session, reading *Be Water, My Friend* by Shannon Lee. Here is the link to register for any of the five dates we are meeting, and we look forward to connecting with you all!

<https://events.blackthorn.io/en/3ktQ526/g/1DDqcB2naP/purdue-asian-alumni-network-virtual-book-club-be-water-my-friend-4a9GNs2Euv/overview>



May 2024 graduates!

Please respond to the Next Step Survey (powered by 12Twenty) and share your plans after graduation! www.cco.purdue.edu/survey

All information will be confidential, and postgrad data is shared only in aggregate form.

See 5 years of Boilermaker outcomes here: <https://www.cco.purdue.edu/data>

Research Participation Opportunities



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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

PURDUE UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS ARE RECRUITING ASIAN AND ASIAN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE RURAL MIDWEST TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES GROWING UP.



EARN \$50 FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Asian & Asian American teens living in Rural Midwest
IRB-2022-1326

FOR MORE INFORMATION, REACH OUT TO STEWART CHANG ALEXANDER AT AA_TEEN_STUDY@PURDUE.EDU

**Asian & Asian American teens living in Rural Midwest
IRB-2022-1326**

Purdue University researchers are recruiting Asian and Asian American high school students who live in the rural Midwest to learn about their experiences growing up.

Earn \$50 for your participation.

For more information, reach out to Stewart Chang Alexander at AA_Teen_Study@purdue.edu
tinyurl.com/AAPurdueStudy

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