

Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
Newsletter
August 1, 2024



Greetings from Purdue AAARCC!

Allow me to introduce myself to greet you through this first newsletter back, as the whole campus seems to be "giant leap" journeying into the new academic year. My name is Pamela K. Sari. Ph.D., and I have the joy of working as Director of the Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC) at Purdue University. I am a Boilermaker who completed my doctorate degree from the American Studies program at Purdue. My special connection with the AAARCC started during my time as a graduate student, participating in the organization Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC), part of final efforts to ask the university to open a cultural center to share the diversity of Asian America.

The AAARCC was founded in Spring 2015 as a result of continued and dedicated efforts especially from students, but also supported by faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. To see a dream of many Boilermakers (years before APAC's work) finally coming to fruition was incredible, but to have the opportunity to lead it- it is very special! This Fall 2024 will be my fifth year in this role, and as I reflect on the work that the AAARCC has been doing, it is without a doubt that my heart is filled with gratitude. What started as a one-room office at

Stewart Center in 2015 is now a facility (a home!) at 915 5th Street, bursting at the seams, with pedagogical, cultural, and advocacy programming in collaboration with campus and community partners.

As the AAARCC summer hours are coming to a close, we are gearing up to welcome the 2024-2025 academic year and our 10th anniversary of weaving diverse Asian American and Asian communities into Purdue's campus life. Ten years of walking alongside our Boilermakers, the AAARCC has grown into a space where, through understanding the diverse histories and lived experiences of Asian and Asian American communities, we are weaving meaningful journey of identities, academic excellence, and personal and professional flourishing for all Boilermakers.

Come celebrate with us by engaging our initiatives! All our 2024-2025 programming will reflect on what it means for the AAARCC to look back to ten years of work and look ahead on tremendous possibilities, that we have summed up in a theme "The Paths Less Traveled." Whether you are a Purdue administrator, staff, faculty, student, alumni, community member, or Friend of the AAARCC, my hope is that you will take time today to think about the possibilities of partnering, being present, supporting and sharing our work on a regular basis. You can contact us at aaarcc@purdue.edu or call us at (765)496-0488 to initiate further collaborations.

On behalf of the AAARCC staff members, thank you for being part of this work. Wishing you the best for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Warm wishes,
Pamela K. Sari, Ph.D.
she/her/hers
Director, Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
Purdue University

Picture:

The patterns inside the AAARCC letters were taken from a mural at the AAARCC building titled *Meeting Space*. Completed by artists Zach Medler and Mindy Tan, *Meeting Space* was made in partnership with the AAARCC's Summer College for High School class in 2022. Inspired by *peranakan* tiles in Singapore, the class invited students to design tile patterns that were meaningful for them. These patterns were some of the featured designs, illustrating the diverse histories and lived experiences of Asian and Asian Americans alongside other communities. It describes the AAARCC as a place where meaningful journey of identities, academic excellence, and personal and professional flourishing are woven for all Boilermakers.

The Paths Less Traveled: Celebrating Purdue AAARCC's 10th Anniversary

The Paths Less Traveled is a reflection of Purdue University Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)'s 10th year anniversary. Through this theme, we send our appreciation to Boilermakers, Friends of the AAARCC, and role models who came before us, who worked tirelessly for the founding of the AAARCC and for their continued weaving of Asian American and Asian experiences into Purdue campus life. *The Paths Less Traveled* reflects our continued pedagogical, cultural, and advocacy work to understand the diversity of Asian America. It describes a journey of discussions on themes, communities, professions, and issues are less highlighted in Asian America, and celebrates Asian/American contributions to the arts. Some of our work this year will be in partnership with Southeast Asia in the Midwest Initiative at Purdue, bringing scholars and practitioners with area expertise in Southeast Asia and Southeast Asian America. With anti-Asian racism and other challenges that Asian/Americans are still facing even to this day, *The Paths Less Traveled* is also a plea for continued and increased support for the AAARCC and broader Asian communities at Purdue University. As the AAARCC continues its work, *The Paths Less Traveled* highlights the joy of thinking and dreaming about future possibilities.

Upcoming Programming

BGR AAARCC OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, August 14, 2024 | 3-5 PM
Thursday, August 15, 2024 | 3-5 PM
at Asian American & Asian Resource & Cultural Center
915 5th Street (Inside and at Lawn area)

Welcome to Purdue! At the BGR Cultural Center Open House, you can tour the AAARCC and enjoy the following activities:

- Tote bag painting
- Crane painting
- Clay sculpture
- Button making
- Karaoke
- and different giveaways!

Kona Ice (partnership with LCC & NAECC) will be provided!



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Purdue AAARCC Fall 2024 Hours of Operation



Mondays - Fridays, 9 AM - 5 PM

915 5th Street, West Lafayette | (765) 496-0488 | aaarcc@purdue.edu

The AAARCC is available for after-hour reservations by registered student organizations or campus partners.

Please use this link or scan the QR Code:

<https://tinyurl.com/ReservingPurdueAAARCC>



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Fall 2024 Building Hours

Starting August 19, 2024, the AAARCC will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 am to 5 pm Eastern Time. Our address is 915 5th Street in West Lafayette. We can also be reached through email at aaarcc@purdue.edu and phone at (765) 496-0488. The AAARCC is available for after-hour reservations by registered student organizations or campus partners. Please use this link or scan the QR Code: **<https://tinyurl.com/ReservingPurdueAAARCC>**

EXPRESS FEST

2024

RESOURCE FAIR

8.21.24 • 3PM-5PM

CULTURAL CENTER LAWN • 915 5TH ST., • WEST LAFAYETTE

Express Fest, is a free annual cultural resource fair hosted by the Asian American Asian Resource Cultural Center, Native American Educational Resource Center, and the Latino Cultural Center.

Immerse yourself in a day of culture and university resources with live performances and resource tables. Join us for a day of learning, sharing, and connecting as we embrace diversity together.

AAARCC



The Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC) provides dynamic educational resources for the Purdue community and the Lafayette-West Lafayette community. Since joining Purdue in April 2015 under the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, the AAARCC has opened its doors to all and seeks to remain as a source of education, integration, and support.

NAEECC



The Native American Educational and Cultural Center (NAEECC) proudly represent over 70 tribal nations through our Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander students, alumni, faculty, and staff. We are

committed to nurturing student learning and academic success, providing a safe, inclusive space for students, and offering educational opportunities for the campus community to learn about Indigenous cultures.

LCC



The Purdue University Latino Cultural Center creates an inclusive environment for the entire campus community, fostering meaningful dialogue and cultural understanding of Latinx communities. We support Latinx faculty

and staff while we recruit, retain and empower Latinx students to succeed, giving them a sense of belonging until graduation and beyond.

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FOR A BOOTH



REGISTRATION IS
FREE. FOR MORE
INFORMATION CALL
765-494-2530.



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and Cultural Center



Office of Diversity, Inclusion
and Belonging

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

3:00-5:00 pm at 915 5th Street Lawn Area LTURAL CENTER LAWN 915 5TH ST.,
WEST LAFAYETTE

Join us at Express Fest, a free annual cultural resource fair hosted by the Asian American & Asian Resource Cultural Center, Native American Educational Resource Center, and Latino Cultural Center. Enjoy live performances, resource tables, and celebrate diversity with us through learning, sharing, and connecting.

BOOK TALK

Global Anti-Asian Racism

(Columbia University Press, 2024)



"Racialization from Home: China's Response to the Anti-Chinese Movement in Mexico, 1928-1937"

Xuening Kong

Ph.D. Candidate, History, Purdue University
Part-time Lecturer, History, Franklin College, IN

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

4-5 PM

***AAARCC (915 5th Street)
and on Zoom***

Use the QR Code for Zoom link:



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Department of History

Asian Studies

Book Talk: Global Anti-Asian Racism (Columbia University Press, 2024)

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

4:00-5:00 pm at the AAARCC (915 5th Street)

Join the AAARCC, Department of History, and Asian Studies Program as we celebrate Xuening Kong (Ph.D. Candidate, History, Purdue University and Part-time Lecturer in History at Franklin College, IN) and her newest publication, "Racialization from Home: China's Response to the Anti-Chinese Movement in Mexico, 1928-1937" in *Global Anti-Asian Racism*, published by Columbia University Press, 2024. Xuening's book talk will be followed by light refreshments.

Summer in Review



This summer, the AAARCC Garden Initiative provides multiple opportunities for engaged learning about diverse foodways and edible landscaping through container gardens. A partnership with Asian American and Asian Gardening Club and Purdue Student Farm,

supported by Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, volunteers learn to grow, maintain, and harvest vegetables from container gardens and hydroponic system. Our volunteers have also had the opportunities to go to student farm, learn about their work, and help harvest vegetables. With our garden bounty and Student Farm's weekly vegetable deliveries from their Boilermaker Vegetables Season Pass, there have been more than 100 sign-ins for vegetable pick up/use throughout Summer 2024.



The AAARCC staff and guest alumnus visited Purdue CDF Freedom School Program and read Joanna Ho's *Eyes That Kiss in the Corners* during their Harambee time. We met many amazing young scholars and are looking forward to participating again in the future!



Thank you, campus partners, incoming and prospective students and families, as well as departmental guests for visiting the AAARCC throughout the summer. Featured here were Marsha Baker, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the College of Veterinary Medicine and participants of the four-week pre-matriculation program for Vet Up! Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students.

Research Participation Opportunities

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center

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

THE ARISE LAB WANTS YOU!

**IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED IN...**

**Asian American or
Biracial/Multiracial
experiences related to:**

- Racial-ethnic identity
- Family
- Discrimination
- Culture
- Mental health
- Racial attitudes
- Activism



Benefits of Research Experiences

- Learn about the research process
- Gain expertise on research topics
- Get experience for graduate school
- Develop connections with professors
- Work with like minded students

**Learn more at
ariselab.owlstown.net**

**Scan the QR
code for
access to our
RA interest
form!**



Are you interested in helping better understand the experiences of Multiracial and/or Asian Americans? If so, the ARISE (Antiracism, Resistance, Identity, Socialization, and Equity) Lab is recruiting undergraduate research assistants! Our lab broadly studies identity development, discrimination, mental health, activism, and navigating parent-child acculturation gaps.

By joining, you can learn more about research, prepare for graduate school, and contribute your perspectives. If you are interested, please fill out this interest form (you can also scan the QR code on the flyer): <https://forms.gle/zmrWGqrgxk9iy7Xo7>. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you have any questions. Please feel free to reach out to nlieng@purdue.edu.

ASIAN, WHITE, MULTIRACIAL, WASIAN?

DO ANY OF THESE LABELS RESONATE WITH YOU?

IF SO, YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A RESEARCH STUDY ON MULTIRACIAL ASIAN AMERICANS CONDUCTED BY SARAH MACDOUGALD AND LISA KIANG AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY (#IRB00025542)

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Complete a *CONFIDENTIAL* online survey lasting no more than 30 minutes

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WHO...

- Are ages 18-26
- Identify as multiracial with Asian and White heritage
- Currently reside in the U.S.

ALL
PARTICIPANTS
HAVE A CHANCE
TO ENTER A
RAFFLE FOR A
\$20 GIFT CARD!

Interested?

scan the QR code to participate
in the study!



While there are no direct personal benefits or course credit offered for participating, this study's results could aid similar research on the experiences of individuals who are both Asian and White, potentially giving you satisfaction in sharing your voice.

Questions? Contact Sarah MacDougald
macdsr21@wfu.edu for further inquiry

Asian, White, Multiracial, Wasian?

Do any of these labels apply to you? If so, you might be interested in participating in our research study by Sarah MacDougald and Lisa Kiang, Ph.D., at Wake Forest University (IRB #IRB00025542) about multiracial Asian-Americans! We aim to expand dialogue on your unique experiences and would appreciate your involvement.

Although there are no direct personal benefits or course credit offered for participating, your involvement will contribute to important research aimed at understanding the unique experiences of individuals who are both Asian and White, offering you the opportunity to share your voice and make a meaningful impact.

In order to participate, we ask that you...

- Are aged 18-26
- Currently live in the U.S.
- Identify as multiracial with Asian and White heritage

Our online survey should not take more than 20 to 30 minutes to complete and in return for your participation, you will have the option to enter a raffle with a 1 in 25 chance to win a **\$20 gift card**.

Interested in participating?

Please click the link below to review the informed consent form and understand the benefits and any potential risks to ensure total comfort with your participation and to take the survey:

https://wakeforest.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_oOJOTv79isQtIsm

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