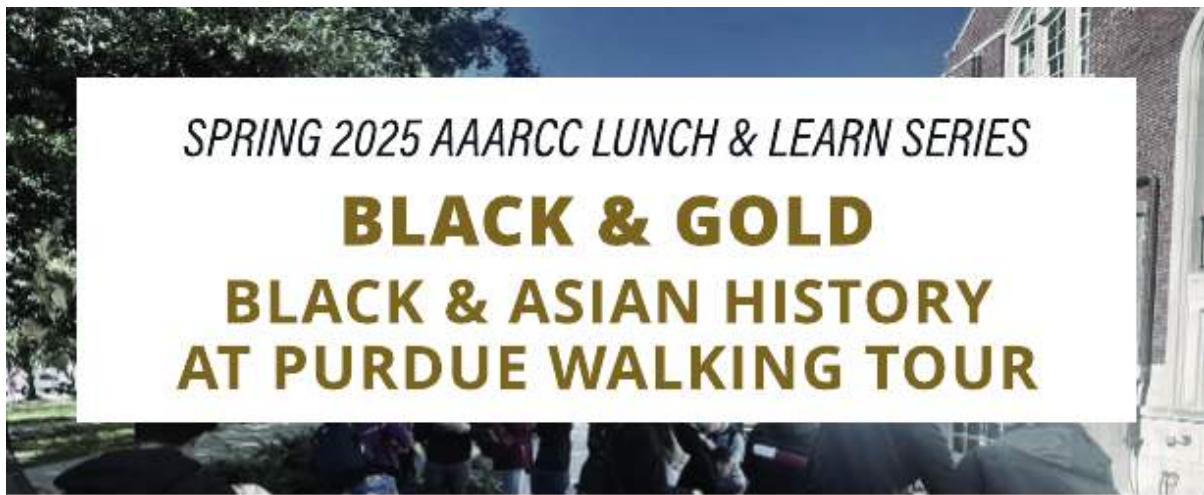




**Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
Newsletter
February 14, 2025**

Upcoming Programming



THURSDAY, FEB 20, 2025 | 12-1 PM
Start at Class of 1950 Lecture Hall
Tour Ends at AAARCC

RSVP by Feb 17: bit.ly/LLTourFeb20

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Asian American History in Purdue Buildings

AAARCC student researchers will share the archival history of how Asians and Asian American Boilermakers carved out community spaces within the buildings on campus.



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College of Liberal Arts



Join the AAARCC and the College of Liberal Arts Student Excellence & Community program on a walking tour of Black & Asian History at Purdue on Thursday, Feb 20, 2025 from 12-1 PM. Explore where Black Boilermakers made history at Purdue and how where/Asian American narratives are woven into the fabric of the Purdue campus.

This walking tour will start at the Class of 1950 Lecture Hall (648 Oval Dr), stop at Stanley Coulter Hall, and end at AAARCC (915 5th St). *In case of cold temperatures, the tour will start and end at the Class of 1950 Lecture Hall. *

Space for this tour is limited so please **RSVP by Feb 18: bit.ly/LLTourFeb20**

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If you would like to learn more about our Lunch & Learn series, please visit our website at purdue.edu/aaarcc/events/25-spring.php



PUTSATA REANG'S *MA AND ME*

SPRING 2025 BOOK DISCUSSION

FEB 21 | FRIDAY | 2-3PM | AAARCC (915 5TH ST.)

FREE EVENT & OPEN TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

If you need accommodation to participate in this event, please contact (765)496-0488 or email aaarcc@purdue.edu

Join the AAARCC in celebrating the narratives of Cambodian and QTBIPOC refugees in America from Putsata Reang's memoir *Ma and Me*. We will explore themes of displacement, familial bonds, cultural and filial duty, coming out and queer love, and resilience through community storytelling activities. *Reading the book prior to the event is not required to participate.*

About the Author:

Putsata Reang is an award-winning author and journalist whose writings have appeared in various national and international publications. Putsata was born in Cambodia, and raised in rural Oregon. Her memoir explores the glades of displacement felt by children of refugees, and the overlay of emotional exile that comes with being gay.

Upcoming Event:

Putsata Reang is the featured author for PSUB's Books & Coffee event series co-sponsored by Purdue Libraries, LGBTQ Center, and AAARCC. She will be speaking at the PMU North Ballroom on Thursday, Feb 27 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Free book copy provided for the first 20 individuals who RSVP and attend the event!



bit.ly/feb21book

RSVP not required to attend

This program has been made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities



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LUNAR NEW YEAR

2025 WEEK OF EVENTS

FREE AND OPEN TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY



FEB 03 MONDAY	1:00PM-3:00PM AAARCC 915 5TH ST	TEA TASTING & CAKES Try different oolong teas typically enjoyed during LNY celebrations, paired with cakes from JNY Bakery Co-hosted by <i>Tea Enjoyers and Appreciators (TEA) Club</i>
FEB 04 TUESDAY	3:00PM-4:00PM AAARCC 915 5TH ST	LNY TRADITIONS: WISHES & ORNAMENTS Learn how to write LNY wishes in different Asian languages to make your own paper ornaments Hosted by <i>AAARCC Language & Conversation Volunteers</i>
FEB 05 WEDNESDAY	2:00PM-4:00PM AAARCC 915 5TH ST	KOREAN GAMES & LNY SNACKS Learn how to write LNY wishes in Korean and play yutnor (Korean board game) while trying the traditional combination of sikhye (rice punch) and yagwae (honey sesame pastry) Hosted by <i>AAARCC Staff</i>
FEB 06 THURSDAY	12:00PM-1:00PM RUEFF GALLERIES PAO HALL 552 W WOOD ST	LUNCH & LEARN: BEIJING OPERA EXHIBIT Explore the history and modern performance of Beijing Opera through a guided tour examining artifacts and promotional artwork. RSVP: bit.ly/LLFeb6 Co-hosted by <i>Purdue Galleries</i>
FEB 06 THURSDAY	5:00PM-7:00PM LOBBY EARHART HALL 1275 1ST STREET	LNY FORTUNES & AUSPICIOUS FOODS Stop by to write positive fortunes for LNY in different languages and sample auspicious comfort foods to usher in wealth and prosperity for the coming year Co-hosted by <i>Earhart Hall Staff</i>
FEB 08 SATURDAY	11:00AM-2:00PM GOLD & BLACK GYMS CO-REC 355 N MARTIN JISCHKE DR	ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Featuring over 1,300 attendees, 9 performances, and 30 tabling campus partners and organizations Co-sponsored by <i>ODJB, AAARCC, UR, RHA, PSUB, HHS Connex, JMHC, OMP College of Ag, and Asian Studies</i>
FEB 13 THURSDAY	6:00PM-7:00PM SHARK TANK TARKINGTON HALL 1165 W STADIUM AVE	LNY RED ENVELOPES & TEA TASTING Stop by to fill a red envelope with treats and sample different teas and snacks typically enjoyed during LNY celebrations Co-hosted by <i>Tarkington Hall Staff</i>
FEB 22 SATURDAY	12:00PM-4:00PM CENTRAL LIBRARY INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY 40 E SAINT CLAIR ST Co-hosted by <i>Indianapolis Public Library, Indianapolis Chinese Performing Arts Inc., Indiana Association of Chinese Americans, and Purdue University Indianapolis</i>	LUNAR NEW YEAR IN INDIANAPOLIS Enjoy 22 stage performances featuring Chinese American performing arts, music ensembles, and Tai Chi presentations. Visit 16 activity booths representing various cultural-interest community organizations and vendors in Indianapolis.



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Lunar New Year in Indianapolis

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Enjoy 22 stage performances featuring Chinese American performing arts, music ensembles, and Tai Chi presentations. Visit 16 activity booths representing various cultural-interest community organizations and vendors in Indianapolis.

Co-hosted by Indianapolis Public Library, Indianapolis Chinese Performing Arts Inc., Indiana Association of Chinese Americans, and Purdue University Indianapolis

Books & Coffee

Featuring author **Putsata Reang**

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School of Information Studies

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Asian American and Pacific Islander Resource Center

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Lending Library, Transgender and Gender Center





DATE:
February 27th

CAMPUS:
West Lafayette

TIME:
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

LOCATION:
PMU North Ballroom

If you need accessibility accommodations to participate in this event, please contact (765)496-0488 or email aaarcc@purdue.edu.

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Books & Coffee featuring Putsata Reang and her book *Ma and Me: A Memoir*
Thursday, February 27th, 2025
6:30-8:30pm ET at the PMU North Ballroom

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Center for Career Opportunities



CCO/PPA SERVICES TOUR

MARCH 25, 2025 | WEDNESDAY | 1-2PM**YOUNG HALL | 155 S GRANT STREET**

Join the AAARCC on a tour of the Center for Career Opportunities
and Pre-Professional Advising offices to learn about their services

ALL AAARCC EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

12:55PM	MEET AT THE LOBBY OF YOUNG HALL
1:00PM	TOUR OF CCO/ PPA OFFICE AREA
1:20PM	AND THE CAREER CLOSET
1:25PM	CENTER FOR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
1:35PM	SERVICES OVERVIEW
1:35PM	PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING
1:50PM	SERVICES OVERVIEW
1:50PM	Q&A
2:00PM	



PLEASE RSVP BY
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 5PM

bit.ly/mar12tour

CCO/PPA Services Tour

March 25, 2025 | Wednesday | 1-2pm**Young Hall | 155 S Grant Street**

Join the AAARCC on a tour of the Center for Career Opportunities and Pre-Professional Advising offices to learn about their services. This event is taking place instead of the usual CCO/PPA liaison hours at the AAARCC.

Please RSVP by Monday, March 10, 5PM using the following link: bit.ly/mar12tour

Recurring Liaison Hours & Programming

This Spring 2025 semester, the AAARCC partners with the following campus units to have Liaison hours at the AAARCC, open to all campus community.

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Center for Career Opportunities (CCO)
- Pre-Professional Advising (PPA)
- Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE)
- Boiler Financial Track (BFT)
- On-Campus Writing Lab (OWL)

For a complete list of these liaison hours, please visit: <https://www.purdue.edu/aaarcc/events/25-spring.php>

PURDUE OWL APPOINTMENTS

**WALK-INS WELCOME EVERY TUESDAY AT THE AAARCC
FROM 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

WHAT CAN THE PURDUE OWL HELP YOU WITH?

Thousands of Purdue students, especially good writers, come to the OWL because they know it's useful to talk about what they're writing and to get some feedback. Writers bring in papers from courses in biology, engineering, political science, technology, communications, and many other courses besides English. They also come in to work on resumes and job applications, internship and co-op reports, or any other writing task they're working on, including papers for graduate seminars. We help Purdue students, faculty, staff and even those learning English as a second language.

MEET THE PURDUE OWL CONSULTANTS



Jacqueline Borchert

she/her

Professional Writing Specialist

Jacqueline Borchert is a Professional Writing Specialist who has been a preschool, middle school, and English Language Learner teacher. Her current research focuses on linguistic justice and multiracial identity. She enjoys playing DND, reading, and baking.



On-Campus Writing Lab

Come to our liaison hours with Jacqueline Borchert from Purdue OWL every Tuesday from 1-3pm! Whether you need help with what you are writing and getting feedback, or working on resumes, job applications, internship and co-op reports, or any other writing task out there, Purdue OWL can help consult and give advice.



CONVERSATION PRACTICE

Want to practice speaking an Asian language but there's no environment? Just stop by the AAARCC and ask for language practice. The volunteers are ready to help you out with conversations, role-play, and dialogues.



CULTURE TALK

Share your knowledge about your culture, what others should know when you visit a country in Asia, or listen to the stories of the Asian American communities in the US!



CHARACTER WRITING PRACTICE

Learn how to write characters in Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic, Thai, and more to understand their meanings



MOVIES AND MUSIC

Watch iconic movies and dramas from Asia, sing karaoke of your favorite songs while enjoying the snacks at the AAARCC!



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Join our volunteers and practice speaking in different languages on Tuesdays and Fridays, 3:00-4:00 pm ET at the AAARCC (915 5th Street). This Language and Conversation practice currently has volunteers who speak Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, and Vietnamese. We welcome any Boilermaker community who would like to converse about different cultural themes, do character writing practice, practice using a short video from a movie/drama, or sing karaoke songs together. No prior appointment is needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to aaarcc@purdue.edu.



This Spring 2025 semester, the AAARCC and Asian and Asian American Graduate Student Association (AAAGraSA) partner in weekly study sessions. Stop by the AAARCC (915 5th St.) Conference Room on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30pm for support as a graduate student, networking, and enjoying tea and snacks with others.

Week in Review





This week, the AAARCC co-hosted a workshop on "Gardening as Activism" with Dr. Mindy Tan (lecturer, African American Studies, School of Interdisciplinary Studies) and Zach Medler (ZMED, muralist and studio artist based in West Lafayette, IN) as part of AAARCC's Lunch and Learn series. Attendees got to learn about how gardening as a means of activism, and then color in plant-themed murals together!

To view the rest of our Lunch & Learn series and more of AAARCC's Spring 2025 events, please visit our website: bit.ly/aaarcc-events





Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Lunar New Year celebration!

The event this year was attended by more than 1,500 people, consisting of both Purdue community and community-at-large. We had 37 tabling activities and nine different performances (with two of the performing art groups traveled from the Indianapolis area). For the three-hour event, we had 60 Boilermaker volunteers with a total of 110 volunteer hours. Eight different units supported us through co-sponsorships, and five businesses in town celebrated with us through gifts to encourage audience engagement. Leading up to Saturday event (and even this coming week), we also partnered with different units, student organizations, and community organizations both in West Lafayette and Indianapolis campuses to co-host Lunar New Year events.

Campus and Community Opportunities



Nutrition for a Healthier You

A healthy diet can improve your focus, energy, and even numbers like blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar.

The Nursing Center for Family Health wants to help you learn how to incorporate nutritious foods into your busy life.

Scan here to help us learn more about your eating habits and how we can connect you to nutrition resources on and off campus

Take the Survey!



Access the Cookbook!



Scan this to explore a variety of recipes in our multicultural cookbook to help you eat well



Love to cook? Take part in this study from the Nursing Center for Family Health, where the project involves a culturally diverse online cookbook with healthy, affordable options. I would love if your center would help me get the word out about my project.

Check out the QR codes for access to the cookbook (bottom) and for a survey to add your own recipes (top). The survey is an opportunity for to share more about eating habits, cultural background, and contribute recipes as well. The cookbook is completely free and available to anyone. At the end of the semester, there will be a demonstration of one of the cookbook recipes.

Have questions or want to learn more about the project? Contact Erin Schwering at schwerie@purdue.edu.



Join the Women of Color in Healthcare Association as they host a social on **Friday, February 21st, from 5:30-6:30pm at STON 215** to bring outreach to more women on campus and cultivate rapport with the various cultural centers.

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If anyone you know is interested in subscribing to the AAARCC's newsletter, click here to [subscribe](#).

If you or anyone you know is interested in giving financially to the AAARCC, click here to [give](#).

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