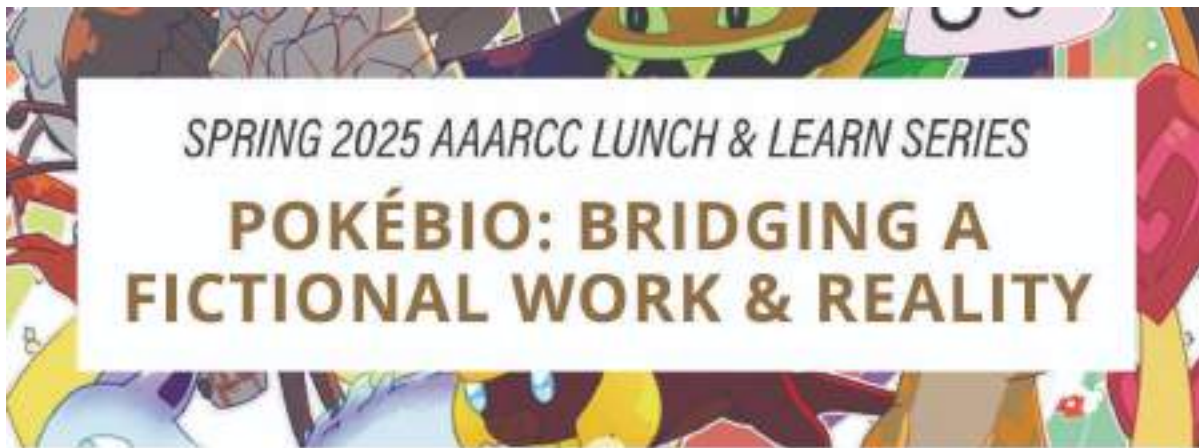




**Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
Newsletter
February 24, 2025**

Upcoming Programming



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025
12-1 PM | AAARCC (915 5th St.)**

Virtual live stream available via Zoom
bit.ly/LLSpring25

*Discover how students designed unique
Pokémon-inspired creations of endangered species
of the Midwest & used 3D printing to create a
campus-wide interactive game capturing thousands*



Dr. Ximena Bernal

Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

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Asian American and Asian
Resource and Cultural Center



AAARCC Lunch and Learn Series

Thursday, February 27, 2025 | Noon to 1 PM at 915 5th Street

This week's Lunch and Learn series will feature a presentation "PokéBio: Bridging a Fictional Work & Reality" with guest speaker Dr. Ximena Bernal (Professor, Department of Biological Sciences). Join us on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from Noon to 1 pm at 915 5th Street and discover how students designed unique Pokémon-inspired creations of endangered species of the Midwest & used 3D printing to create a campus-wide interactive game capturing thousands.

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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

Books & Coffee

Featuring author **Putsata Reang**

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

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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

This program has been made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is co-sponsored by Purdue Student Union Board, Purdue Libraries and School of Information Studies, the AAARCC, and the LGBTQ Center. If you need accessibility accommodations to participate in this event, please contact (765)-496-0488 or email aaarcc@purdue.edu



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 at 5:00 PM by 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:

- On-Campus Writing Lab (OWL) - Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 PM ET
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) - Wednesdays, Noon to 1 PM ET
- Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) - Wednesday, Feb 26, 1:00-2:00 PM ET
- Pre-Professional Advising (PPA) - Wednesday, Feb 26, 1:00-2:00 PM ET
- Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) - Wednesday, Feb 26, 3:00-4:00 PM
- Boiler Financial Track (BFT) - Fridays, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

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



LANGUAGE & CONVERSATION PRACTICE

3pm - 4pm every Tuesday and Friday
AAARCC - 915 5th Street

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







Thank you, Briggitta August (Director of Student Excellence and Community, College of Liberal Arts) and team members Emily Wright and Nah'Shon Williams for leading the tour presentation of "Black and Gold: History of Black and Asian students at Purdue." The tour reflects important archival work done to understand the presence, contribution, and intersectionality of our diverse student body throughout the history of this campus.

The tour experience is part of AAARCC's Lunch and Learn Series, a pedagogical program started in 2017. It is a weekly intellectual and community gathering to weave Asian/American experiences through discussing the latest research, teaching, and engagement. For a complete schedule of this semester's Lunch and Learn events, please visit the AAARCC website and go to "Events" tab.

Campus and Community Opportunities



What Will You Do? Recognizing and Addressing Microaggressions

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

5:00 - 6:00 PM | HHS Connex Hub - Stone Hall 122

This workshop, led by Dr. Pamela K. Sari, Director of the Asian American and Asian Recourse and Cultural Center (AAARCC), will include an overview of microaggressions and ways to recognize and address them through "microinterventions."

Students will engage in a self-reflection and participate in group discussions to share examples of supportive behaviors and practices they would like to experience in their classes, departments/organizations, and campus community.

This event is hosted by the HHS Connex program. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

THINKING ABOUT GRAD SCHOOL?

GET EXPERT ADVICE FROM FACULTY WHO'VE BEEN IN YOUR SHOES!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2025 • 4 PM - 5PM
WALC B066

Join the CCO for a faculty panel discussion on exploring graduate school. Hear from faculty members from Purdue's College of Liberal Arts, College of Science, and Polytechnic Institute as they share their personal journeys to graduate school, insights into choosing the best program for you, recommendations for building connections with faculty, and tips for navigating the application process. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from those who've been in your shoes and can help you plan your next giant leap!



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 COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



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Register using the QR code on the flyer.



Interested in the sport of cycling or utilizing a bicycle as means of transportation or freedom? Then the 2025 WRCC Ride Scholarship may be for you! The Wabash River Cycling Club (WRCC) Ride Scholarship is offering an exciting opportunity for a cyclist in an under-represented demographic to receive a package worth up to \$1,800. This package includes a new or gently used bicycle and related safety equipment that will get them exploring on two wheels and help them reach their cycling-related goals.

Information about the scholarship and application can be found on the WRCC website at <https://wrcc-in.org/page/wrcc-ride-scholarship>.



You're invited to the annual Health Programs Expo! Sponsored by the Pre-Professional Advising office in the Center for Career Opportunities, this event will feature 86 representatives from a variety of professional school programs, as well as military scholarships and scribe and test preparation companies. For the full list of participating programs, check out the QR code here!

Come and learn about schools you are interested in, other career options, and the variations in how schools organize their curricula. Prepare yourself for clinicals, learn what kinds of student learning support are offered, how schools provide for student social life, and more, all of which will help prepare you for interviews.

February 24 | 2-5 pm | PMU North & South Ballrooms

No registration is required.

Casual attire (since you may be coming from classes/labs!)

EVERY DAY TOGETHER

Mental Health Action Week

Mental Health Action Week is a week dedicated to championing mental health, well-being and promoting a community of care at Purdue.

EVERY DAY TOGETHER!


**MARCH
3 - 7
INDIANAPOLIS
AND
WEST LAFAYETTE**

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR
MORE INFORMATION



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More details will be posted as the week approaches.

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MONDAY, MARCH 3

MHAW Kickoff - Indianapolis

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Boiler Park (Rain Location: ET Atrium)

This event will feature a food truck, self care bar, campus resources, games and more for Purdue students to connect, relax and have fun.

MHAW Graduate Student Kickoff - West Lafayette

9 - 11 a.m. at The Purdue Graduate Student Center

Enjoy breakfast at the PGSC and celebrate the beginning of Mental Health Action Week!

MHAW PSG Kickoff - West Lafayette

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Memorial Mall (Rain Location: CoRec Black and Gold Gym)

Hosted by Purdue Student Government, this event includes inflatables, a food truck and various activities to celebrate the start of MHAW.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Well-Being Wednesday - West Lafayette

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Memorial Mall (Rain Location: CoRec Feature Gym)

Join us on Memorial Mall to get to know the well-being community on campus and network with fellow Boilermakers. This event will feature Tom's Coffee, food, yard games, campus resources, an opportunity to make friendship bracelets, photo opportunities, crafts and other fun activities. A great opportunity to bring Purdue together to have fun, play together and chat over a free cup of coffee!

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Mental Health Around the World - West Lafayette

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at The CoRec Feature Gym

Come and enjoy food, fun and entertainment while connecting with student organizations, cultural centers and other campus resources. This is a great opportunity to celebrate mental health with people celebrating all different cultures, identities and backgrounds!



Every Day Together: Mental Health Action Week 2025

Mental Health Action Week is a week dedicated to championing mental health, well-being and promoting a community of care at Purdue. Mark your calendars for March 3-7, when we will be hosting a week full of events focused on well-being at both the West Lafayette and Indianapolis locations. Enjoy a week of programming including kick-off events, Well-being Wednesday, Mental Health Around the World and various events around campus led by campus organizations, the Division for Student Life, and other campus units.

Check the complete schedule on the MHAW 2025 [website](#).

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING INSTITUTE

March 8TH

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
HONORS COLLEGE STEAM LAB**

**REGISTER:
[LINKTR.EE/LEADPURDUE](https://linktr.ee/LEADPURDUE)**



Community organizing builds meaningful relationships with people in our communities based on shared values & common concerns. The institute will equip you with the tools to build relationships & power to effectively bring about social change.



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It's easy to talk about social change, but how does it actually happen?

Community Organizing means building and growing meaningful relationships with people in our communities based on shared values and common concerns. The COI will equip you with the tools to build relationships and power to effectively bring about social change. The institute consists of interactive small group activities, large group discussion, and a working lunch for participants to practice their one-to-one skills.

This institute will be facilitated by Brooke Shannon and Bennett Foster.

Brooke is an Assistant Professor at the University of Memphis teaching political science and urban affairs. She studies public policy and American politics at the local level. She volunteers with the union and civic/ housing organizations regularly in electoral and community politics.

Bennett is an artist, musician, and political organizer from Memphis, TN with over 10 years of experience in grassroots labor and community organizing, movement training, and political campaigns across Tennessee. Bennett serves as Executive Director of Memphis For All, building community and electoral power inside and outside of the ballot box.

Topics covered include:

Building Power, One-to-one interviews, Organizing my Community, Campaign Planning, Facilitating Meetings, Working with Media and Intro to Nonviolent Direct Action

March 8 | 10am-4pm | Honors College Steam Lab

Register: https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9yRnLVQBlqDk9ZY

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