

Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
Newsletter
March 10, 2025

Upcoming Programming



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SPRING BREAK 2025
AAARCC BUILDING HOURS (915 5TH ST)



Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 21: 9 AM - 4 PM

Contact us at:

Email: aaarcc@purdue.edu | Phone: 765-496-0488 | Socials: @PurdueAAARCC

AAARCC Spring Break Building Hours (915 5th Street)

The AAARCC will be open during Spring break (Monday, March 17th through Friday, March 21st, 2025) from 9am-4pm.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
12-1 PM | AAARCC (915 5th St.)

This event is free and open to the campus community.
Virtual live stream available via Zoom bit.ly/LLSpring25

Explore the intersections of identity, community, and impactful nutrition research to engage in a meaningful conversation about diversity and resilience



Susmita Ghosh

PHD Candidate in Nutrition Science, Department of Nutrition Science

Susmita will share her journey as an international graduate student living at Purdue University and navigating life in the USA. Her reflections on the challenges and triumphs she has experienced explore how her cultural identity shaped her sense of belonging, purpose, and research. She will provide insights into her research on child nutrition and development in low-resource settings and reflect on how her personal experiences have influenced her academic work.



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AAARCC Lunch and Learn Series

Thursday, March 13, 2025 | Noon to 1 PM at 915 5th Street

This week's Lunch and Learn series will feature "Finding Home and Purpose: A Journey Through Life and Research at Purdue," a presentation by guest speaker Susmita Ghosh (Ph.D. Candidate in Nutrition Science, Department of Nutrition Science). Join us to learn more about the intersections of identity, community, and impactful nutrition research to engage in a meaningful conversation about diversity and resilience.

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This event is free and open to the campus community. Space for in-person attendance is limited. Please consider arriving early or watching the virtual streaming at this link: bit.ly/LLSpring25

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



AAARCC 10TH ANNIVERSARY // THE PATHS LESS TRAVELED // SPRING 2025

**MARCH 24
MONDAY****7:00PM
8:30PM****NANCY T.
HANSEN
THEATRE****PAO HALL
552 W WOOD ST**

THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEING OURSELVES

Performance & Panel with Theater Mu

Join Theater Mu as they offer insight into the history of Asian American theater and social justice.

Learn how Mu became the largest Asian American theater company in the Midwest—and why their philosophy and programming have received national attention for artistic excellence and deep community engagement.

Enjoy live performances from Mu artists as they reflect on how their identities intersect with their personal lives, professional careers, and the Midwest theater landscape.

Conclude with break-out discussions for attendees and Q&A with the panelists centered around the themes of representation and resilience.

Open to the general public. Parking is available after 5pm in the front/back lots of Pao Hall and along Sheetz St.

**MARCH 25
TUESDAY****10:00AM
11:00AM****AAARCC
915 5TH ST**

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Brunch with Theater Mu

Join Theater Mu artists and staff for a social brunch!

Chat with Mu about the field of performance, theater, non-profit, and arts administration. Learn more about Asian American theater, including other Theater Mu programs and collaborations.

Light refreshments will be served.

**Open to Purdue students, faculty,
and staff with RSVP only.**

RSVP form: bit.ly/MuMar26



**THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEING OURSELVES:
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Monday, March 24, 2025, 7:00-8:30pm**

Nancy T. Hansen Theatre (Pao Hall 552 W Wood St)

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PURDUE ASIAN ALUMNI NETWORK (PAAN) FALL 2025 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

PIZZA PARTY CALL-OUT



WEDNESDAY | MARCH 26, 2025 | 12-1PM
AAARCC | 915 5th St.

Stop by this information session to meet Almira (Sugar) Yllana from the Purdue for Life Foundation and learn more about the Purdue Asian Alumni Network (PAAN) mentorship program.

This is a free event open to all current Purdue students. Food will be provided to first 50 attendees.



About PAAN Mentorship Program

For current Purdue students interested in refining their career path with a Boilermaker mentor:

- Connect with experienced Purdue alumni professionals
- Gain valuable insights and guidance
- Limited spots available

To view all Alumni Affinity Networks and the Fall 2025 **Mentoring Program Application**, please visit:
bit.ly/paan25

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SPRING 2025 CELEBRATION

**Friday, March 28 & Tuesday, April 1
3-5PM | AAARCC (915 5th Street)**

**Celebrate and learn about Nowruz (New Year)
through poetry writing, canvas painting,
and the *haftseen* table**

This is a free event open to the campus community.
This event is generously supported by the Sarmadi-Mohammadi family.

...dishes during this special day include...
...mah or smoked fish and herb...
...soup with nood...
...bun...

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Nowruz Spring 2025 Celebration
Friday, March 28, 2025 and Tuesday, April 1, 2025
3-5 PM at AAARCC (915 5th Street)

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Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 5:00PM – 8:00PM

Doors open at 4:30pm and ceremony will start promptly at 5:00pm

CoRec Gold & Black Gyms (355 N Martin Jischke Dr)

Free event parking available at the Co-Rec Parking Lot

**Open to all undergraduate and graduate students
graduating in Spring, Summer, and Fall 2025!**



Please RSVP by March 31
to reserve your stole and
spot at the celebration!

bit.ly/InspirAsian25



Dress code is celebratory and formal attire

Light refreshments will be served

Featuring performances from student organizations

Follow @purdueasub & @purdueaarcc on social media for more information



Office of Diversity, Inclusion
and Belonging

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InspirAsian 2025: AAARCC Graduation & ASUB Gala
Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 5-8pm (doors open at 4:30 PM)
Co-Rec Gold & Black Gyms | 355 N Martin Jischke Dr

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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
- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) - Wednesdays, Noon to 1 PM
- Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) - Wednesday, April 2nd, 1:00-2:00 PM
- Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) - Wednesday, March 26th, 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>

In addition, the AAARCC also offers this weekly programming:

- Join the AAARCC volunteers in practicing your language skills on Tuesdays and Fridays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM at the AAARCC (915 5th Street). So far, we have native and fluent speakers to help you practice Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Indonesian, and Vietnamese. This is not a class and there will not be prepared lessons. Volunteers will answer questions or speak with you in the language that you are learning.
- 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 to Purdue Student Union Board for inviting the AAARCC, LGBTQ Center, and Libraries and School of Information Studies to collaborate on PSUB's Books and Coffee event series featuring author Putsata Reang on February 27, 2025.

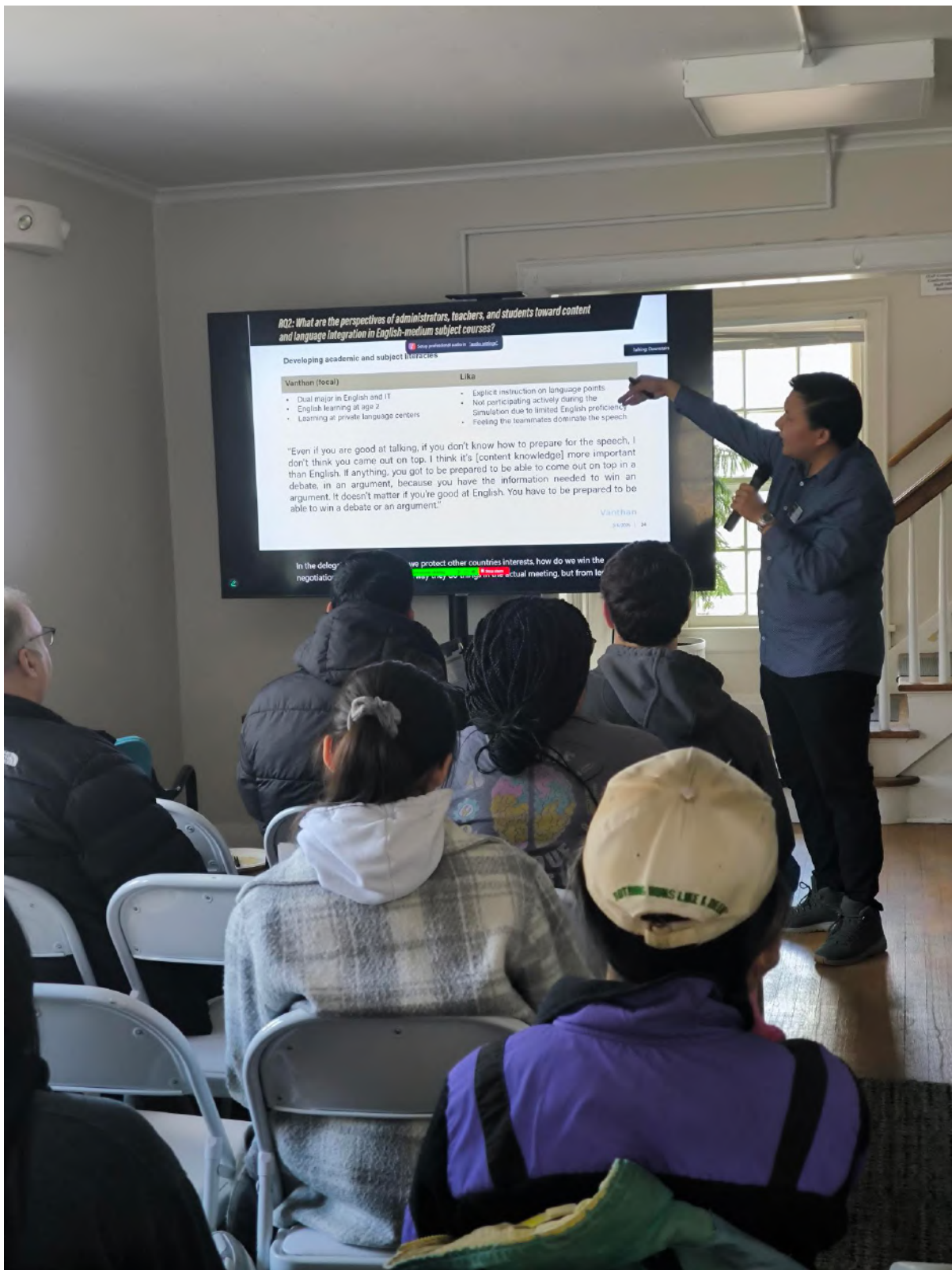
We truly appreciate the Department of English, Dr. Aparajita Sagar, and Putsata's team for inviting the AAARCC to host a memoir writing workshop with Putsata. Thank you to Putsata for visiting the AAARCC and creating a unique workshop for our faculty and students. Attendees reflected on their existential wounds and the stories they carry but struggle to share. This intimate engagement gave attendees opportunities to connect with Putsata and exchange stories.

In the week leading up to Putsata Reang's campus visit, the AAARCC hosted book discussions about the narratives of Cambodian and QTBIPOC refugees in America, including the major themes of displacement, familial bonds, cultural and filial duty, mental health, and coming out featured in her memoir *Ma and Me*.

The AAARCC was able to provide ASL interpreters and copies of Putsata's book to support this program, thanks to a grant from the Indiana Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Thank you to George Hanlin, Director of Grants for Indiana Humanities, for attending the program and sharing your support for our community.

If you would like to read Putsata's memoir *Ma and Me*, please visit the AAARCC (915 5th Street) to check out a copy.





Thank you to Vikrant Chap (Ph.D. Candidate, Literacy and Language Education) for presenting as part of AAARCC's Spring 2025 Lunch & Learn series on March 6, 2025. Vikrant talked about his research related to content and language integration models, translanguaging, and comparative education in Cambodia's Higher Education. To read more about Vikrant's research, you can visit: <https://doi.org/10.1002/tesj.895>

Phi Kappa Phi was co-sponsoring this lunch and learn event. Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective multidisciplinary collegiate honorary society, initiating more than 30,000 members a year on 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.

This workshop is part of AAARCC's Spring 2025 Lunch & Learn series which features guest speakers every Thursday from noon to 1pm. If you would like to learn more about our upcoming Lunch & Learn events, please visit our website at purdue.edu/aaarcc/events/25-spring.php





AAARCC staff and students were tabling at the Mental Health Around the World event as part of the Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW). The AAARCC Lion Dance team was also tabling and performing at the event, allowing us to connect with student organizations, cultural centers, other campus resources, and attendees from across campus community.

Campus and Community Opportunities

Third Annual
Creative Arts Show

For survivors and allies to express their journey with interpersonal violence and advocacy to commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month across all mediums!

April 1st from 12:30pm-4:30pm
@ KRACH Lobby

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Center for Advocacy, Response & Education

CARE Creative Arts Show
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 | 12:30-4:30pm
Krach Lobby | 1198 3rd Street

Save the date for CARE's third annual Creative Arts Show! If you would like to be featured in the art show, scan the QR code to learn more about submitting a piece. Whether you've been pursuing art for years or you're just now looking to start, you are welcome to be a part of this show!

The poster features a vertical image on the left showing white and pink blossoms on tree branches. The right side has a black background with white and gold text. At the top, it says 'FNR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS' in small white letters. Below that, 'SPRING INTO NATURE' is written in large, bold, gold letters. Underneath, 'WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23' is in large white letters. A grey horizontal band contains the text '4 PM TO 7 PM ET' and 'STEWART WOODS AT HORTICULTURE PARK' in white. Below this, a paragraph in white text describes the event. To the left of the QR codes, there are two lines of italicized white text. In the center, under 'PLEASE RSVP', is a QR code and the URL 'Purdue.ag/SpringIntoNature2025'. To the right, under 'EVENT LOCATION', is another QR code and the URL 'Purdue.ag/HortLocation'. At the bottom left is the Purdue University logo. At the bottom right, contact information for Sandra Taruno and Wendy Mayer is provided in small white text.

FNR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

SPRING INTO NATURE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

4 PM TO 7 PM ET
STEWART WOODS AT HORTICULTURE PARK

Join us for an engaging evening at Horticulture Park, featuring guided nature hikes, hands-on springtime activities and more! Discover the beauty of the season with bird walks, wildflowers and creative nature-themed art.

Delicious food will be provided. Vegetarian and vegan options available.

This event is open to all members of the Purdue community.

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Forestry and Natural Resources

PLEASE RSVP



Purdue.ag/SpringIntoNature2025

EVENT LOCATION



Purdue.ag/HortLocation

Contact Sandra Taruno or Wendy Mayer with questions:
storunos@purdue.edu
wendymayer@purdue.edu

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources Community Engagement Committee is excited to be planning the annual Spring Into Nature event, scheduled for **Wednesday, April 23, from 4–7 pm.**

Join the group for an engaging evening at Horticulture Park, featuring guided nature hikes, hands-on springtime activities, and more! Discover the beauty of the season with bird walks, wildflowers, and creative nature-themed art.

Check out the QR codes above to RSVP and to see the event location. Contact Sandra Taruno or Wendy Mayer with questions: storunos@purdue.edu or wendymayer@purdue.edu

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LAVENDER GRADUATION

APRIL 22 | 6PM | FOWLER HALL

*Registration is now open! Open to any student,
undergraduate or graduate, who is graduating in 2025
(Spring, Summer, or Winter)*



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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender and Queer Center

The LGBTQ Center presents Lavender Graduation:

April 22, 2025 | 6pm
Fowler Hall | 128 Memorial Mall Dr

Registration is now open! Open to any student, undergraduate, or graduate who is graduating in 2025 (Spring, Summer, or Winter).

THE BLACK CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES



**MAY 15, 2025 | 4:00 PM
PMU SOUTH BALLROOM**

**GRADUATE PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**

All persons have equal access to Purdue University's education programs, services, and activities that are hosted by the Black Cultural Center.

BCC presents Celebration of Graduates:

**May 15, 2025 | 4pm
PMU South Ballroom | 101 Grant St**

Graduate participation is limited. Scan the QR code to register.

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LCC presents Excelencia Graduation Ceremony:

May 16, 2025 | 11am-1pm

Beck Agricultural Center | 4550 US-52, West Lafayette, IN

Excelencia celebrates the graduating class of 2025 in a ceremony where all graduating students are welcome. Faculty, staff, and students' loved ones are encouraged to attend as we also recognize the efforts of their family and friends and the impact they've had on their academic career. We integrate students' loved ones into the ceremony which is held in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Graduating students should dress to impress. They are not required to wear regalia but may do so.

[Click here](#) for more information, to register, and for award nominations.

Class of 2025, [Register Here](#).

Campus and Community Partners, [Register Here](#).

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

In accordance with Purdue policies, all persons have equal access to Purdue University's educational programs, services and activities, without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability or status as a veteran. See Purdue's [Nondiscrimination Policy Statement](#). If you have any questions or concerns regarding these policies, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance at vpec@purdue.edu or 765-494-5830.

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