

Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center  
Newsletter  
April 9, 2025

**Upcoming Programming**



**The AAARCC staff members will be presenting at different conferences this week:**

- **HDFS Intern (AAARCC Placement) Jae Yon Kim** will be presenting a research talk at the Spring 2025 Undergraduate Student Research Conference.
- **AAARCC and Libraries and School of Information Student Staff HyunShu Kim** will be presenting a research poster at the Spring 2025 Undergraduate Student Research Conference.
- **Administrative Assistant Maia Talbert** will be presenting at the DEI Science Consortium JUWELS for Posterity Poster Session. This work is a partnership with the Department of Psychological Sciences.
  - **Poster Presentation:** *Engaging and Understanding the Experience of Asian Workers in the United States*
  - **Team:** Rick Yang, Maia Talbert, Ziqi Yao, Iris Yao, Pamela K. Sari, Franki Kung
- **Bilsland Fellow (AAARCC Graduate Assistant) Nguyen Le** will be presenting at the 2025 Festival of Teaching and Learning.
- **Director Pamela K. Sari (and co-authors Jerilyn Tinio and Mark Puente)** will be presenting at the 2025 Festival of Teaching and Learning.

AAARCC 10TH ANNIVERSARY // THE PATHS LESS TRAVELED // APA HERITAGE MONTH

## SPRING 2025 ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AMANDA PHINGBODHIPAKKIYA

**APRIL 14-16**  
**MON-WED**  
**10AM-12PM**  
**2PM-4PM**  
**5PM-7PM**  
**AAARCC**  
915 5TH ST

### OPEN STUDIO HOURS

Stop by the AAARCC to observe Amanda's work in progress and gain insight into her process of weaving materials into sculptures, installations, and rituals of restoration and remembrance

### PARTICIPATORY ART MAKING SESSIONS

Intentionally volunteer time to creating art with Amanda while learning themes and techniques used to create community-centered public art.

Open to individuals who RSVP: [bit.ly/aaarcc-air25](https://bit.ly/aaarcc-air25)



**APRIL 17**  
**THURSDAY**  
**5PM-6PM**  
**AAARCC**  
915 5TH ST

### AAARCC 10TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION RECEPTION & ARTIST TALK

Gather and share the collaborative work created by Amanda and the Purdue campus community in celebration of the AAARCC's 10th Anniversary and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Artist talk 5-6pm (refreshments provided) followed by open exhibit hour

**Rain Plan: Stewart Center 279 (128 Memorial Mall Dr)**



Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya is a Brooklyn-based transdisciplinary artist. Born in Atlanta to Thai and Indonesian immigrants, her practice spans participatory installations, textile, sculpture, large-scale murals, and public art. Her work has been shown at the Brooklyn Museum, Lincoln Center, The Museum of the City of New York, Times Square, and countless rallies and protests around the world.

Amanda's work transforms everyday spaces into spheres of healing and monuments of belonging. Her process draws upon community contribution and personal narrative to shape portals made of textile, metal, wood, and dreams: an ecosystem of reciprocity between the artist and her communities. Through ceremony and ritual, delicate moments of connection and unexpected vulnerability emerge — creating a path to expansive thinking and new possibilities.



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### Spring 2025 Artist in Residence: Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya April 14-17, 2025

The AAARCC is pleased to announce our Spring 2025 Artist in Residence in observance of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and the AAARCC's 10th anniversary. Please join us in welcoming artist Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya on campus from Monday April 14 through Thursday April 17, 2025.

Stop by the AAARCC (915 5th St.) from **Monday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 16 at 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm, and 5-7pm** for **Open Studio Hours** to observe Amanda's work in progress and gain insight into her art making process. *Open to the campus community.*

Amanda will also host **Participatory Art Making Sessions from Monday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 16 from 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm, and 5-7pm**. These sessions are RSVP opportunities to intentionally volunteer time to making arts while learning themes and techniques used to create community-centered public art. Please RSVP for these sessions at [bit.ly/aaarcc-air25](https://bit.ly/aaarcc-air25)

Join us on **Thursday, April 17 from 5-6pm** for the AAARCC 10th Anniversary Exhibition Reception & Artist Talk. Gather and share the collaborative work created by Amanda and the Purdue campus community in celebration of the AAARCC's 10th Anniversary and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! The artist talk will be 5-6pm (refreshments provided) followed by open exhibit hour at the AAARCC.

**Rain Plan: Stewart Center 279 (128 Memorial Mall Dr)**

*All events are open to the campus community.*

#### About the Artist:

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This program is made possible by AAARCC, University Residences, Bechtel Innovation Design Center, Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, SFAB, Purdue Food Co., ALab, PATTeRN (John Martin Honors College), and ZMEDStudios.



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Center for Advocacy,  
Response & Education

## *SPRING 2025 CARE LIAISON HOURS* **Grad Cap & Frame Decorating**



**Wednesday | April 23, 2025 | 3-4 PM**  
**AAARCC | 915 5th St.**

**Meet CARE Advocate Tiffany to learn about maintaining  
healthy relationships while **decorating your  
graduation cap or a diy picture frame!****

Also join us in raising awareness for Denim Day & Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

*Free event open to campus community.  
Decorating and diy frame-making supplies provided. Graduation cap not provided.*

Join our CARE Advocate Tiffany on **Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 3-4pm at the  
AAARCC** (915 5th St.) to learn about maintaining healthy relationships while decorating your  
graduation cap or a DIY picture frame!

*Free event open to campus community. Decorating and DIY frame-making supplies provided.  
Graduation cap not provided.*

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**Purdue Day of Giving is April 30, 2025!**

Purdue Day of Giving is a 24-hour online-based fundraising effort taking place on April 30, 2025. On this day, Purdue alumni, friends, faculty, staff, retirees, students, parents, and fans are encouraged to give back to the university—and small donations can make a big impact in helping Purdue transform lives and change the world.

Gifts can go even further through our hourly and full-day challenges, and any gift can help the AAARCC provide meaningful pedagogical, cultural, and advocacy experiences to all students.

**Please consider marking April 30, 2025 on your calendar and giving to #PurdueAAARCC on #PurdueDayofGiving.**



**Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

Doors open at 4:30pm. Celebration event 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 April 13  
to reserve your stole and  
spot at the celebration!  
**[bit.ly/InspirAsian25](https://bit.ly/InspirAsian25)**

Please note that stoles will only be provided for  
registrants who attend the event in person.




**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



**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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 Dress code is celebratory and formal attire. Light refreshments will be served. Featuring  
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Follow @purdueasub and @purdueaarcc on social media for more information. This event is  
 made possible by the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, AAARCC, Asian Student  
 Union Board, Purdue for Life Foundation, Purdue Asian Alumni Network, and Asian American  
 and Asian Graduate Student Association.



## CELEBRATE BOILERMAKER EXCELLENCE, CONTRIBUTIONS, & LEADERSHIP GROWTH

Awards are open to all students and organizations that meet the listed award criteria. Nominees must be nominated by other Purdue affiliated student, organizations, faculty, and staff.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025, 11:59PM ET**

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION	UNDERGRAD STUDENT LEADER	GRADUATE STUDENT LEADER	OUTSTANDING GRADUATING UNDERGRAD	OUTSTANDING GRADUATING GRADUATE
				
<a href="https://bit.ly/ia25org">bit.ly/ia25org</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/ia25usl">bit.ly/ia25usl</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/ia25gsl">bit.ly/ia25gsl</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/ia25ug">bit.ly/ia25ug</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/ia25gg">bit.ly/ia25gg</a>

Award winners will be announced at **InspirAsian** event  
Saturday | **May 3, 2025** | 5–8PM  
**CoRec Gold & Black Gyms** (355 N Martin Jischke Dr)



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### **InspirAsian Awards 2025**

#### **Celebrate Boilermaker excellence, contributions, & leadership growth**

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**Nominations close Sunday, April 13, 2025, 11:59 PM ET.**

Please scan the corresponding QR codes or links below depending on which category you are nominating for: outstanding student organization, undergraduate student leader, graduate student leader, outstanding graduating undergraduate student, and outstanding graduating graduate student:

Outstanding student organization - [bit.ly/ia25org](https://bit.ly/ia25org)

Undergrad student leader - [bit.ly/ia25usl](https://bit.ly/ia25usl)

Graduate student leader - [bit.ly/ia25gsl](https://bit.ly/ia25gsl)

Outstanding graduating undergrad - [bit.ly/ia25ug](https://bit.ly/ia25ug)

Outstanding graduating graduate- [bit.ly/ia25gg](https://bit.ly/ia25gg)

Award winners will be announced at InspirAsian event on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 5-8pm, at the CoRec Gold & Black Gyms (355 N Martin Jischke Dr).

Follow @purdueasub and @purdueaaarcc on social media for more information.

### **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)
- Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) - Wednesday, April 23, 3:00-4:00 PM
- Boiler Financial Track (BFT) - Select Fridays (April 11 and April 25), 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.

## **Student Organization Event Partnership**

**ASIAN & ASIAN AMERICAN GARDENING CLUB  
SPRING 2025 EVENT**

**CHEF  
JEET KAUR  
SAWANT**

*From Purdue campus to a MasterChef kitchen and corporate work, learn and cook with Chef Jeet, inspired by her Boilermaker values and experiences.*

**CHEF  
TALK**

**Thursday, April 10  
4:00-5:30pm  
AAARCC (915 5th St)  
Talk is free and open to all**

**COOKING  
WORKSHOP**

**Friday, April 11  
5:00-8:00pm  
AAARCC (915 5th St)  
Cooking workshop RSVP:  
[bit.ly/cookwithchefjeet](https://bit.ly/cookwithchefjeet)**



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**Asian & Asian American Gardening Club present a Spring 2025 event with Chef Jeet Kaur Sawant!**

From Purdue campus to a MasterChef kitchen and corporate work, learn and cook with Chef Jeet, inspired by her Boilermaker values and experiences.

- **Chef Talk:** Thursday, April 10 from 4:00-5:30pm at AAARCC (915 5th St)
  - Talk is free and open to all
- **Cooking Workshop:** Friday, April 11 from 5:00-8:00pm at AAARCC (915 5th St)
  - Cooking workshop RSVP: [bit.ly/cookwithchefjeet](https://bit.ly/cookwithchefjeet)

Presented by the Asian & Asian American Gardening Club and SOGA, in partnership with the AAARCC.

**Week in Review**



Thank you, Naomi Kwang, for closing the AAARCC Lunch and Learn Spring 2025 series with your talk "The Power of Coming Together." Naomi is a Boilermaker alumna of the College of Engineering and Daniels School of Business. She practices law and is a Partner (Corporate, M&A) at Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Naomi taught us an important phrase to recite in our Boilermaker community, "You are not my competition," sharing about how each of us can cultivate a supportive environment and advocate for one another in the workplace. Naomi also explained the values of excellence, humility, integrity, and relationships as part of the keys to success.

Thank you to the Daniels School of Business for co-sponsoring this Lunch and Learn event.

We will see you all back in Fall 2025 Lunch and Learn! Thank you for creating a meaningful pedagogical space in this program that has been around for eight years.

### **Campus and Community Opportunities**

# JOIN THE TEAM.

## BOILER KIDS CAMP COUNSELOR



**Camp starts June 2nd & runs until July 25th  
7 weeks of camp total**



**Interviews begin March 3rd**



**Camp takes place in COREC & TREC**



**IMPLEMENT DAILY ACTIVITIES**

**RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY &  
WELL-BEING OF CAMPERS**

**ASSIST STAFF MEMBERS**



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Recreation & Wellness

### **Join the team as Boiler Kids camp counselor!**

- Camp starts June 2nd and runs until July 25th
- 7 weeks of camp total
- Interviews begin March 3rd
- Camp takes place in COREC and TREC

### **What You'll Do:**

- Implement daily activities
- Be responsible for safety and well-being of campers
- Assist staff members

*Scan the QR code to access the job posting.*

Be A  **UR MULTICULTURAL  
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# PEER EDUCATOR

Who Makes  
**A DIFFERENCE!**



Join UR Multicultural Connections (URMC) to

- Build vibrant multicultural communities
- Connect University Residences students
- Create & lead engaging campus programs
- Collaborate with a diverse team of leaders



*Scan to  
Learn More*



🔥 **EXCITING NEWS: URMC is recruiting new Peer Educators!** We're excited to share that we're currently seeking **passionate and dedicated URMC Peer Educators** for the 2025-2026 academic year! 🌈 This is a great opportunity for students who want to make a difference and help connect domestic and international students at Purdue. If you're interested in this opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our campus community, please read below for more information.

#### What Makes a Great Peer Educator?

As a Peer Educator, you'll embody our core values while:

- Planning and executing engaging multicultural events
- Mentoring first-year students
- Contributing creative ideas for programs
- Participating in leadership development meetings
- Creating welcoming spaces for all students
- Helping bridge connections between domestic and international students

#### Ready to make your mark?

Apply for a **URMC Peer Educator** by April 16th: <https://forms.office.com/r/8m2a8ZMMie>  
 At the second section of the application, there are 4 essay questions asking about your interest in URMC/UR Global and the skills and experiences you have that may contribute to the organization.

#### Want to learn more?

**University Residences Multicultural Connections (URMC)**

[purdueurmc@purdue.edu](mailto:purdueurmc@purdue.edu)

Instagram (@purdueurmc)

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

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