Message from the AAARCC

Happy New Year and Welcome (Back) to Spring semester 2020, Friends of the AAARCC! This year marks Purdue Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center's 5th year Anniversary. All of us at the AAARCC look forward to better serving and walking alongside our Purdue communities this semester through our events, initiatives, and opportunities. Please contact us at aaarcc@purdue.edu if you would like to be involved in any way. We send you best wishes as we start this semester, and hope it will be a fulfilling, healthy, and rewarding semester for all of us.

- Faculty members, Graduate Assistants, Teaching Assistants who hold office hours are encouraged to consider reserving the conference room on the second level of the AAARCC. To check the availability of the space, please contact the center via email at: aaarcc@purdue.edu.

- If you would like your event advertised, please submit it to aaarcc@purdue.edu by Wednesday to be featured on our next week’s edition.

Introducing the AAARCC's new Graduate Assistant

DENNY PUTRA

Denny is an international graduate student from Indonesia and currently studying for his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Purdue College of Education. Prior to entering the Counseling Psychology program, he served as a lecturer at Krida Wacana Christian University in Jakarta, Indonesia and worked primarily with college students in an academic setting. Denny also has experiences working in culture-based community capacity building and cultural education for the youths through his involvement in Sacred Bridge Foundation (a culture-based non profit organization) in Indonesia. Denny’s research interests include college student experiences, and cultural, strengths-based, and psychosocial factors that affect college student academic and career development, particularly for first generation
college students. His other favorite things to do are cooking, driving across the US, engaging in culinary adventures, traveling, and spending time with family.

### AAARCC Events

**All-Day Documentary Screening at the AAARCC**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

Leading up to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, come visit the AAARCC on Thursday and learn about the Civil Rights Movement through documentaries. In these movies, we will learn about the struggles for social justice and the powerful use of creative expressions (music, arts, speeches, daily activism). We will also learn from the example of great leaders who exhibited tremendous leadership qualities of service. We will be playing the films throughout the day!

- 10 - 12 PM *Soundtrack for a Revolution*
- 12 - 2 PM *American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs*
- 2 - 4 PM *The People Speak*
- 4 - 6 PM *Let Freedom Sing*

We thank the Office of Civic Engagement and Leadership Development for providing us with three of these movies.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**  
**Date: Monday, January 20, 2020**  
**Time: 8 - 2 PM**  
**Location: Ace Food Pantry 200 N. Russell St. West Lafayette, IN 47906**

Join the AAARCC in volunteering at the Ace Food Pantry as part of the Dr. MLK, Jr. Day of Service! For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#).
Lunch & Learn

The AAARCC will have a Special Wednesday Lunch and Learn on January 22 from 12 - 1 PM, featuring the Purdue Presentation Center.

The AAARCC's Lunch & Learn Series will continue on Thursday, January 23 from 12 - 1 PM at the AAARCC.
Lunar New Year Series of Events
Date: January 27 to January 31, 2020
Location: AAARCC

Monday, January 27 from 1 - 4 PM: Almond Cookies and Calligraphy

Tuesday, January 28 All Day: Red Envelopes of Candy, Oranges, and Card Games
Wednesday, January 29 from 1 - 4 PM: Making Dumplings (1st Come, 1st Serve)

Thursday, January 30 from 1 - 4 PM: Tang Yuan & Fortune Cookies (1st Come, 1st Serve)

Friday, January 31 All Day: Mahjong & Movies

2020 Lunar New Year Celebration

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020
Time: 11 AM - 2 PM
Location: Co-Rec Feature Gym

Join the Purdue community and learn how the New Year is celebrated across cultures! Featuring organizations' activity booths, Chinese Performing Arts Troupe, Lion Dance, Taekwondo, Okinawa Yuyukai, along with tasty food, and more as we celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Event Parking and Entrance Information:
Free parking at the A/B/C spots on the CoRec lot. Please do not park in the "Reserved" spots. Please enter from main entrance on Martin Jischke Dr.

CAPS Representatives at the AAARCC
Bios of CAPS Representatives at the AARCC:

Penny Peng, Ph.D., LMFT
Hello! I am a staff therapist at Purdue. My background is a licensed marriage and family therapist. Before coming here, I worked at another university. My passion is working with minority students and engaging in conversations related to cultural diversity. I am an activist for social justice. My ethnic background is Chinese. I moved here last September and love working here.

Casiana Warfield, MS
Hello all! I am looking forward to supporting you and being a part of your community this semester! I am currently a predoctoral psychology intern at Counseling and Psychological Services as I finish my doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Eastern Michigan University. I have been working in college mental health for the last three [years] focusing on multiculturalism and acceptance coping, and love the academic environment. I am biracial, Asian and White, and grew up in Indianapolis cherishing my Filipino heritage and negotiating my multiracial identity within many primarily Euro-American institutions. My goals for this semester are to learn more about your needs and identify how CAPS can support you as students and people.

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Featured Faculty Member

Dr. Brian Leung:
Brian Leung is the author of Take Me Home (HarperCollins) which was a recipient of a Willa Award for Historical Fiction, World Famous Love Acts (Sarabande Books) the recipient of both the Mary McCarthy Award in Short Fiction and the Asian American Literary Award for fiction, and the well-received novel, Lost Men (Random House). In 2012 Lambda Literary Foundation presented him with its Mid-Career Novelist Award. His most recent novel is Ivy vs. Dogg: With a Cast of Thousands! Brian’s fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry have appeared in numerous anthologies as well as Story, Numero Cinq, The Ocean State Review, Crazyhorse, Grain, Gulf Coast, Kinesis, The Barcelona Review, Mid-American Review, Salt Hill, Gulf Stream, River City, Runes, The Bellingham Review, Hyphen, Velocity, The Connecticut Review, Blithe House Quarterly, Indiana Review, Crab Orchard Review, Crow, and in the short story anthologies, The Habit of Art, Law and Disorder, and Altered States. He is also...
the co-author of the non-fiction humor title, *Not Another Feel Good Singles Book*. For six years Professor Leung worked with the U.S. Department of State Institute on Contemporary U.S. Literature where, in his final year, he served as Principal Investigator and Director. He is a recipient of the University of Louisville's President’s Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity, and a College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award at that same institution. Currently, he serves as Director of Creative Writing at Purdue University. His novel, *What a Mother Won’t Do* is forthcoming from C&R Press.

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**Diversity & Inclusion - Cultural Center Events**

**University Of New Hampshire PowerPlay Training Labs**

UNH PowerPlay Training Labs University of New Hampshire’s PowerPlay Interactive Development program provides attendees with an innovative opportunity to cultivate bias awareness and intervention strategies through interactive theatre. Facilitated by bias researcher Dr. Stephanie Goodwin, each “training lab” features several customized scenes during which actors portray everyday moments of bias and invite participants to explore possible responses from the comfort of their seats.

**Undergraduate Students**
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2020  
Time: 6 - 9 PM  
Location: Purdue Memorial Union, South Ballroom  
Click [here](#) to register for this session.

**Graduate and Professional Students**
Date: Friday, January 22, 2020  
Time: 2:30 - 5 PM  
Location: Stewart Center, Room 206  
Click [here](#) to register for this session.

**Faculty and Staff**
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2020  
Time: 1:30 - 4:30 PM  
Location: South Ballroom
Click [here](#) to register for this session.

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**Date: Friday, January 22, 2020**  
**Time: 8:30 - 11:30 PM**  
**Location: Stewart Center, Room 206**  
Click [here](#) to register for this session.

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**MLK Celebration Speakers - 83rd U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and former Senator Jeff Flake**  
**Date: Thursday, January 22, 2020**  
**Time: 7 - 9 PM**  
**Location: Loeb Playhouse**

Free, general admission tickets will be required and will be available Jan. 13 at the Purdue box offices. Moderated by University Senate Chair Prof. Cheryl Cooky, former Attorney General, Loretta Lynch and former Senator (R-AZ) Jeff Flake will discuss the legacy of Dr. King and introduce the theme of Democracy, Civility, and Freedom of Expression.

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**Campus Events**

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The Diversity Ambassador is an unpaid credit based role and the candidates must: have a Liberal Arts major and be available to participate on weekends and be interested in learning more and educating others about diversity and inclusion and not be at their max credit load during the semester they participate. More information is on the web [https://cla.purdue.edu/diversity](https://cla.purdue.edu/diversity). Questions may be directed to cladiversity@purdue.edu.

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**CLA: Lunar New Year Celebration**  
**Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020**  
**Time: 11:30 - 1 PM**  
**Location: South Ballroom, PMU**
The College of Liberal Arts invites all to enjoy free Chinese refreshments, music, a dance troupe, calligraphy and a lion dance demonstration as we celebrate: The Year of the Rat!

**Gilman Scholarship Callout**  
**January 22, 2020**  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** Honors College and Residences South (HCRS) 1076  

Apply for a Gilman Scholarship for up to $8,000 to study or intern abroad Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Academic Year 2020-21, Winter 2021, or Spring 2021

**2020 Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)**  

Conduct intensive research with a faculty mentor, develop an oral and poster presentation, attend GRE workshops, and make new friends and connections!
Program Dates: June 1st - July 24th
A generous stipend, university housing, and round-trip travel is included.
Application portal will be open until 3/1/2020
For more information, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/PurdueSROP

The Honors College is now accepting applications for admissions from current students. Our mission is to create and foster well-rounded, well-educated global leaders. If you have at least four semesters remaining at Purdue (beginning fall 2020), we invite you to attend one of our upcoming informational sessions to learn more. These meetings are optional; attendance is not required.

Joining the Honors College is an opportunity to further your academic, personal, and professional development. Honors College coursework, and co-curricular experiences rest on our four pillars: interdisciplinary academics, leadership development, undergraduate research, and community and global engagement. Together, these pillars create a durable foundation for our students to ignite their imaginations and forge their futures. Apply to the Honors College to enhance your undergraduate experience. We are receiving applications from continuing students now through February 1, 2020. For more information, please visit our website.