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Newsletter
January 23, 2025

Upcoming Programming

SPRING 2025 AAARCC LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

DIGITAL COLOR: INTERSECTION OF ART AND SCIENCE IN COLOR DESIGNS AND EXPRESSIONS



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 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

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for art, design, and technology applications through
interactive examples and Dr. Bendito's exhibition works*



Dr. Petronio A. Bendito

*Associate Professor, Visual and Performing Arts
The Patti & Rusty Rueff School of Design, Art, and Performance*

Dr. Bendito teaches for the Visual Communication Design program at Purdue University. He collaborates extensively on interdisciplinary projects with professionals from various fields, including music, choreography, theater, light design, mathematics, neuroscience, and computer science.



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Patti and Rusty Rueff School of
Design, Art, and Performance



The AAARCC's weekly Lunch and Learn series on Thursday, January 30 from noon to 1pm (at 915 5th Street) will feature "Digital Color: Intersection of Art and Science in Color Designs and Expressions" with Dr. Petronio Bendito, Associate Professor for Rueff School of Design, Art, and Performance.

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This event is part of AAARCC's Spring 2025 Lunch & Learn series which features guest speakers on research, teaching, and engagement 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



LUNAR NEW YEAR 2025 CELEBRATION



SATURDAY | FEB 8, 2025 | 11AM-2PM

COREC BLACK & GOLD GYMS (355 N MARTIN JISCHKE DR)

FREE EVENT OPEN TO PUBLIC
FREE PARKING AVAILABLE AT COREC PARKING LOT

FEATURING
ACTIVITY TABLES & PERFORMANCES
FROM CAMPUS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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The AAARCC hosts an annual **Lunar New Year Celebration** featuring over 1,300 attendees, 9 performances, and 30 tabling campus partners and organizations. The AAARCC's

2025 Lunar New Year Celebration will take place on Saturday February 8th, 2025 from 11am-2pm at CoRec Black & Gold Gyms (355 N. Martin Jischke Dr). This event is free and open to the public, and free parking is available at the Co-Rec parking lot.

Thank you to all our co-sponsors this year: Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, University Residences, College of Health and Human Sciences, School of Languages and Cultures, College of Agriculture and the Office of Multicultural Programs, Purdue Student Union Board, Residence Hall Association, and the Student Fee Advisory Board.



LUNAR NEW YEAR 2025 CELEBRATION

EVENT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday | Feb 8, 2025 | 11am-2pm

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

Free Event Open to Public

free parking available at CoRec parking lot

Activity Tables & Performances

from campus partners & student organizations

VOLUNTEER DETAILS

Please sign-up by Friday, January 31, 2025
at bit.ly/LNYvol

Sign up to assist with set up, check-in,
tabling activities, tear down, & more!

Email questions to aaarcc@purdue.edu



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We wouldn't be able to host a successful Lunar New Year Celebration without the help of volunteers from the community!

Please visit the following link for more information about volunteering for the Lunar New Year Celebration and to sign up: bit.ly/LNYvol

There are multiple timeslots and stations to help with. You may sign up for multiple timeslots and change your commitment at any time. Please sign up to volunteer by Friday, January 31, 2025.

Recurring Liaison Hours



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Counseling and
Psychological Services

SPRING 2025 CAPS LIAISON HOURS

WEDNESDAYS | 12 - 1 PM | AAARCC (915 5TH ST)

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Stop by for an informal chat to check-in on how your semester is going and learn how CAPS can support your student success!



TONGYU ZHOU

Staff Therapist | M.S.Ed., MPhil.Ed.
she/her/hers

Hello! My name is Tongyu and I'm a staff therapist at CAPS. I'm excited to offer Liaison Hours at AAARCC, providing support in both **English and Mandarin**. Whether you need advice, have questions about mental health resources, or just want to talk, I'm here to help. Feel free to stop by – I'm here to support you!



YUJIN SONG

Doctoral-level Psychology Intern | M.Ed.
she/her/hers

Hello! My name is Yujin and I'm pursuing a PhD in Counseling Psychology at Purdue. As a CAPS Liaison for the AAARCC, I'm here to listen and provide support in both **English and Mandarin**. Whether you need advice about navigating mental health as a student or just want to talk, I'm here to help!

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Stop by for an informal chat to check-in on how your semester is going and learn how Purdue's Counseling and Psychological Services can support your student success!

Visit the AAARCC (915 5th St.) on Wednesdays from noon to 1pm to chat with our CAPS Liaisons Tongyu and Yujin. No prior appointment is necessary.

Liaisons' Introductions:

Hello! My name is Tongyu and I'm a staff therapist at CAPS. I'm excited to offer Liaison Hours at AAARCC, providing support in both English and Mandarin. Whether you need advice, have questions about mental health resources, or just want to talk, I'm here to help. Feel free to stop by – I'm here to support you!

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SPRING 2025 CCO/PPA LIAISON HOURS

WEDNESDAYS | 1 - 2 PM | AAARCC (915 5TH ST)

DROP-IN, NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

CAREER SERVICES ADVISING



Shihling Chui-Dwyer

she/her/hers

Career Services Consultant
International Student Specialist

Review your resume or
cover letter, prepare for
interviews, and chat
about job opportunities.

January 22

February 12

February 26

April 2

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING



Cristy Gosney, MFA

she/her/hers

Senior Pre-Professional Advisor

Chat about programs in
healthcare and law.

Ask about recommended
exams and courses.

Review your personal
statement or applications.

January 22

February 26

Visit the AAARCC (915 5th St.) on select Wednesdays each month from 1-2pm to chat with our CCO and PPA Liaisons. No prior appointment is necessary.

Stop by during CCO Liaison hours with Shihling Chui-Dwyer (Career Services Consultant, International Student Specialist) to review your resume or cover letter, prepare for interviews, and chat about job opportunities on the following dates: January 22, February 12, February 26, and April 2.

Stop by during PPA Liaison hours with Cristy Gosney, MFA (Senior Pre-Professional Advisor) to chat about programs in healthcare and law, ask about recommended exams and courses, and review your personal statement or applications on the following dates: January 22 and February 26.



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Response & Education

SPRING 2025 CARE LIAISON HOURS

WEDNESDAYS | 3 - 4 PM | AAARCC (915 5TH ST)

ALL AAARCC EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Chat about healthy relationships with CARE Advocates while learning a new craft each month:

January 22: Beginner Crochet Stitches

February 26: DIY Bead Fidget Toys

March 26: Mug Decorating

April 16: Grad Cap & Picture Frame Decorating



MEET YOUR ADVOCATE



Tiffany Botsford-Samuels

Assistant Director
Center for Advocacy, Response, & Education (CARE)

I have worked at Purdue since 2022. I am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the state of Indiana and I practiced mental health therapy before coming to Purdue. I completed my bachelor's in psychology from Indiana University-Kokomo and my master's in Clinical and Community Mental Health from Western Illinois University. I am a proud daughter, sister, wife, and cat-mom. I love reading, crafting, and making people laugh.

Join the AAARCC and the Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) on select Wednesdays each month from 3-4pm at 915 5th Street. We will chat about healthy relationships with CARE Advocates while learning a new craft each month:

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SPRING 2025 BFT LIAISON HOURS

FRIDAYS | 3 - 4 PM | AAARCC (915 5TH ST)

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY



**Stop by for free financial counseling and
learn about financial literacy, budgeting assistance,
and other Boiler Financial Track services**

Boiler Financial Track (BFT) is a component of Purdue's Steps to Leaps initiative, a set of five convenient, self-assessment pillars to help students build lifelong habits that lead to more resiliency, self-confidence, financial literacy and the growth mindset

Starting January 31, 2025, stop by for free financial counseling and learn about financial literacy, budgeting assistance, and other Boiler Financial Track services on Fridays, 3 - 4 PM at AAARCC (915 5th St).

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More information about our BFT liaisons will be announced soon.



SPRING 2025 OWL LIAISON HOURS

TUESDAYS | 1 - 3 PM | AAARCC (915 5TH ST)

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

**Stop by for support to begin a project, review a draft,
or improve your organization and writing skills**



STARTING FEBRUARY 4
Student Consultants to be announced

This Spring 2025 semester, the AAARCC and Purdue On-Campus Writing Lab (OWL) partner in weekly liaison hours. Stop by the AAARCC (915 5th St.) Conference Room on Tuesdays from 1-3pm for support to begin a project, review a draft, or improve your organization and writing skills with student consultants from Purdue OWL. No prior appointment is necessary.

These liaison hours will start on February 4, 2025, and more information about our student consultants will be announced soon.

Week in Review

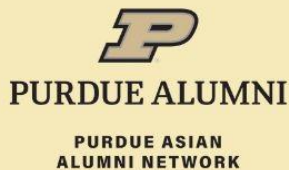


The AAARCC started the first week of classes with different tabling events and presentations. Pictured here is Graduate Assistant Herman presenting about the AAARCC's resources and upcoming events to AGR 201 students. Thank you to Dr. Pamala Morris and team for inviting us to speak with your class.

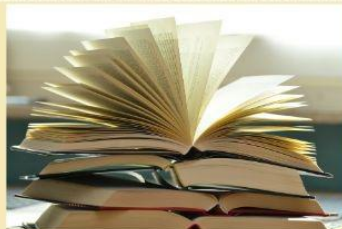
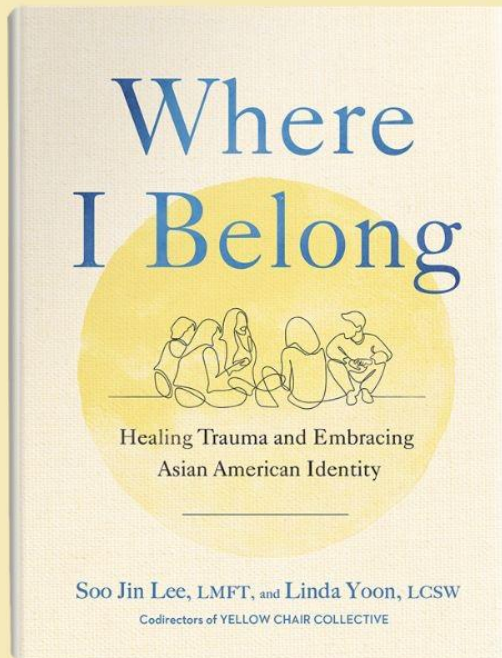
If you are interested in learning more about the AAARCC's programs, invite us to speak at your meetings or bring your group for a tour of our building (915 5th St.)

Picture by Jae Yon Kim

Campus and Community Opportunities



Book Club Reading Plan



Kickoff by Co-Authors



Soo Jin Lee

Linda Yoon

January 14th, 2025
Authors' Kickoff
Chapter 1

January 28th, 2025
Chapters 2 & 3

February 11th, 2025
Chapters 4 - 6

February 25th, 2025
Chapters 7 - 8

March 11th, 2025
Chapters 9 - 11

Every Other Tuesday starting on 1/14/2025
8 pm to 9 pm US ET (via Zoom)

Sponsored by the Purdue for Life Foundation

The Purdue Asian Alumni Network invites you to join their Virtual Book Club, reading *Where I Belong*

Soo Jin Lee and Linda Yoon, co-authors of *Where I Belong*, explore how intergenerational trauma shapes Asian American identity and relationships. Their book offers therapeutic tools and journaling prompts to help readers embrace resilience and cultural heritage.

Soo Jin, a licensed therapist and executive director of Yellow Chair Collective, focuses on culturally sensitive care and has been featured on NPR and PBS. Linda, founder of Yellow Chair Collective, advocates for BIPOC mental health and has been recognized by NPR and LA Times. Together, they provide a vital resource for healing and empowerment.

We will host five reading sessions, scheduled from 8-9 p.m. ET, commencing on January 14, 2025 and continuing on January 28, February 11, and February 25, and concluding on March 11.

This event is open to the public, and we'd love for you to join us. Here is the registration link:

<https://lnkd.in/ey8HfsFX>



The AAARCC would like to thank alumna Sophia Toh (MBA, 2002) for her support to students, faculty, and staff's professional development through her gifts to AAARCC's library. If you would like to read books on the topic of leadership, professional growth, and other award-winning books, the AAARCC library is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 am to 5 pm at 915 5th Street.

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