Weekly Newsletter: September 2016

Join us at our first SPAM AND EGGS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST this semester!

Friday, February 16th (from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM)

420 ROCKEFELLER HALL

Swing by the 4th floor of Rockefeller Hall not only for some prime study space, but also for some free breakfast. Take a study break and while you’re at it, learn about the social and political history behind spam.
A3C BOOK CLUB INTEREST FORM

At the Asian & Asian American Center, we have begun to curate a library of books from various Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Desi American authors. As we continue to purchase and bring more books to the center for students to use and borrow, A3C would like to start a book club! This club(s) will focus on literature and narratives of Asian American, Pacific Islander, and/or Desi American authors and will meet based on student schedules and availability to discuss the book we have assigned to read.

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in hearing more information.

Cannot see the embedded Google Form? Please click the button below!

Interest Form

A3C RENOVATION IDEAS NEEDED!

As you may know, the A3C has moved to a new space on the 2nd floor, and we need your help to design our new space! We want the center to reflect the many cultures within our Asian Pacific Islander Desi American community. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks!

Please fill out the form by clicking the button below!

Google Form

A3C YOUTH INITIATIVE

At A3C, we have started a Youth Vote Initiative to engage students in the electoral process. If you are 18 and an American citizen, we strongly encourage you to register to vote! Don't know how and what issues
are important to you? Please reach out to us as we develop a campus voter engagement plan leading up to the November Elections. The A3C is partnering with Asian Pacific Islander American Vote (APIA Vote) to engage Cornell students. More information to come soon!

Interested? Please contact our A3C Intern, Scott Ho, at sh896@cornell.edu!

More information here as well.

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**ECAASU BID TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Join the East Coast Asian American Student Union (ECAASU) 2018 Conference bid committee! This committee will bid for the ECAASU 2018 Conference to be brought to Cornell's campus for 2018.

**What's the ECAASU conference??** It's a conference held at a different university each year. This past year's (2016) conference was held at Rutgers, which some A3C interns and CAPSU members attended. The 2017 conference location will be announced soon!

The university hosting the ECAASU conference plans all the logistics of the conference: the workshops, the socials, the ceremonies, the entertainment, the funding, etc. Then, over a thousand of students from the East Coast attend the ECAASU Conference at the university— it's truly an incredible way to unite students from all over, learn from each other and workshop leaders, and foster not only an intercollegiate API community but also student power.

Cornell has hosted ECAASU 2 times already, in 1998 and 2008. Cornell traditionally holds ECAASU every 10 years, so 2018 would mark the 3rd time that Cornell has hosted ECAASU. No other school has had such a tremendous tradition of hosting the conference every 10 years.

Are there skills you think you can bring to the committee? The following task groups have been created: Finance, Social Media, Public Relations, Outreach, and Web Design/Development. Please contact jk987@cornell.edu, ed427@cornell.edu or mmz27@cornell.edu for further inquiries!
Come join us for our monthly Wednesday Lunch Series, featuring Cornell faculty and staff guest speakers. Enjoy a catered lunch in an informal setting, where you can learn more about the speaker’s work or research, how they ended up doing what they are doing, current issues in higher education...or even their thoughts on living in Ithaca. Free and open to all.

**September 28**
Bety Chau Nguyen, Administrative Assistant
Southeast Asia Program (SEAP)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm in 429 Rockefeller Hall

**October 19**
Vigor Lam, Assistant Director
Asian & Asian American Center
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm in 429 Rockefeller Hall

**October 26**
Jennifer Majka, House Assistant Dean & Ph.D. Student
Alice Cook House, Education & Social Justice
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm in 429 Rockefeller Hall

**November 9**
Allen Carlson, Associate Professor
Department of Government
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm in 429 Rockefeller Hall

We strive to make our events accessible to everyone in the Cornell community. For accommodation requests and information, please contact asp@cornell.edu or aac@cornell.edu.
Freedom Interrupted: Race, Gender, Nation and Policing: A Cornell Campus Community Conversation
Wednesday, September 14 at 3:00pm
Klarman Hall, Rhodes-Rawlings Auditorium

Join faculty from Africana Studies & Research Center, American Indian and Indigenous Studies, American Studies, Asian American Studies, Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Latina/o Studies, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Program, and Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability in a conversation aimed at broadening and deepening our collective understanding about police interactions in and with our various communities.

A reception will follow this event at 5:00pm in the A.D. White House.

This event is the kickoff event for the campus-wide yearlong series “Freedom Interrupted: Race, Gender, Nation and Policing” organized by Africana Studies & Research Center, American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program, American Studies Program, Asian American Studies Program, Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Latina/o Studies Program, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Program, and Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability

#FreedomInterruptedCU

2nd Annual Safety Festival
Wednesday, September 14
4:30-7:30 Court-Kay-Bauer Quad

Try out a fire extinguisher, meet a K-9 Unit, learn how to stay healthy in the heat and cold of Ithaca, and reflect on what makes you feel safe. And Much More – including free food, a raffle with Cornell swag and performances by some of Cornell’s best musical groups. Look for WRC representatives to learn about the forthcoming Big Red Shuttle program and "Worth a Shot" HPV immunization campaign.
The centers at 626 Thurston will be participating in this festival and will have tabling directly north west of Balch Court.

Sponsored by Community Center Programs (CCP), CU Environmental Health and Safety, Cornell University Police Department, The Fitness Centers, The Office of the Dean of Students and Residential and New Student Programs.

After 50+ years of policy and implementation, America is still divided as to how to proceed.

What IS Affirmative Action in 2016?

This is an interactive conversation, led by Renee T. Alexander, PhD

Lunch will be served.
Operation DEEP’s first info session will be this **Thursday (9/15) at Rockefeller 183 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm**. Come to learn more about what we do and meet some of the current members.

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**WRC Welcome Mocktail Hour**  
Women’s Resource Center (WRC)  
Thursday, September 15, 6-7:30 p.m  
Flora Rose House Common Room  
(Please arrive by 6:15 if you want a meal ticket.)

On Thursday, our dining and discussion series, "Feminism: Food for Thought," will feature delicious non-alcoholic drink options concocted by WRC mixologists. This week's theme: What Is the Women's Resource Center For? Representatives of the WRC staff and Executive Board will be on hand to answer questions about our space, purpose, and plans for the 2016-2017 school year. All are welcome!
Mid-Autumn Festival SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, September 23rd evening
More information to come soon.
We are happy to announce CAPSU’s First Year Initiative Leadership Program was a great success the past two years and will continue to operate this upcoming year as well. FYI’s mission is to create future leaders of Cornell by instilling passion and drive, encouraging skills development, and sparking intellectual growth in new students through the lens of the Asian and Asian American experience. We are reaching out to you because we would like to invite first-year and transfer students to become FYI mentees. The application to become a mentee is here.

For additional information on our program, please click here.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Jamie Suk (js2798@cornell.edu), Kathy Huang (kh633@cornell.edu), and Irene Jeon (ij35@cornell.edu).
APIA-U is an interactive training workshop taught by staff from OCA focused on self-awareness, team-building, and direct action organizing. If you are interested in learning about or identify with the Asian or Pacific Islander American identity, you are encouraged to attend this event! Because it's co-hosted by so many organizations, it's a great opportunity to network and meet students form other Asian-interest groups as well. So definitely be there, and register ASAP so we can get you enough free food!!

Who: YOU! Anyone interested or identifying as APIA

When/Where: Saturday 10/1, 10am-3pm + optional discussion afterwards @ RPCC Multipurpose Room

Register before Monday 9/26 @ tinyurl.com/APIAworkshopCU or http://www.ocanational.org/?page=APIAUstudentreg

** BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED FREE!!

A3C HAS A NEW LOGO!
Designed by our Assistant Director, Vigor Lam, the concentric circular shapes embody our mission to create an environment of **advocacy**, **education**, **identity**, with **community** in the middle. The open house icon.

**LOGO DESIGN**

**advocacy.**
Serve as an advocate for students. Advise on issues that affect the community and offer guidance on specific issues as they arrive.

**education.**
Provide resources and conduct educational workshops and trainings for the campus.

**identity.**
Foster space for students to explore their multiple and intersecting identities.

**community.**
Connect and collaborate with students, staff, and faculty to build a campus that serves as a second home for Asian and Asian American students.

WE'VE MOVED!
The A3C has moved from the ground floor to the second and third floor of 626 Thurston! The center is now located on west side of the second floor, with Vigor's office on that side and Sophie's office on the third floor. We are still in the midst of curating our library and spaces, but please stop by to see the space!

**SATELLITE OFFICE**

In partnership with Asian American Studies Program (AASP), A3C will have a satellite office in 421 Rockefeller Hall this academic year! Please see below for our office hours (subject to change) for Fall 2016:

- **Tuesdays:** appointment only
- **Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm** (Vigor)
- **Thursday:** appointment only
- **Fridays 10:00am-12:00pm** (Sophie)

**Want to add your own events?**

Please let us know the Monday before the newsletter is published that following Wednesday! Submit your announcements here to vigor.lam@cornell.edu.