Weekly Newsletter: September 2016
Wednesday Lunch Series
Asian & Asian American Center
Asian American Studies Program
Enjoy a catered lunch in an informal setting
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Come join us in 429 Rockefeller Hall, on September 28th 12:00:1:00 pm
to meet our speaker
Betty Chau Nguyen

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Administrative Assistant
Cornell's Southeast Asia Program

Nguyen's 12 year career in finance started with TD Canada Trust Bank in Vancouver, BC, Canada and continued in Chicago, IL with Chase Bank. She transitioned to academia, working at Northwestern University's Philosophy Department, where Nguyen brought organization, artistry, and cheer while managing the Undergraduate Program. Since moving to Ithaca, she had the opportunity to utilize her combined experience in finance and academia working for Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine's Alumni Affairs and Development. Nguyen also has a lifetime passion for Southeast Asian performing arts. Since her childhood years, she has performed at countless events in Canada and the United States. In 2009, she cofounded a non-profit organization called the Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage Society (SEACHS). She continues to serve as an advisor to the non-profit organization. She also serves as co-advisor for the Cornell Vietnamese Association.

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 are continuing 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**

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**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**

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

October 19
Viger 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 assp@cornell.edu or aaaa@cornell.edu
5:00 - 6:30 PM Tuesday September 27th, 2016
G-76 Lewis Auditorium Goldwin Smith Hall

This summer, about 30 French towns passed laws banning the 'burkini' – full-body swimwear typically worn by Muslim women – from public beaches. The rationale behind these laws ranges from upholding French laïcité to seeing burkini as symbolic of enslavement of Muslim women to concerns over national security and public order especially in the wake of recent terror attacks in France. Critics of the ban, however, have called the laws Islamophobic and misogynist, seeing it as a continuation of the French colonial 'civilizing mission' and highlighting the marginalization of the Muslim minority in France.

Join us to engage in an important conversation moderated by Prof. Satya Mohanty on security, gender and racism in the context of French secularism with three distinguished Cornell professors: Prof. Camille Robcis, Prof, Durba Ghosh, Prof. Richard Miller. Find more details on the Facebook event page [here](https://www.facebook.com/events/185945832816772/).

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Flu Shot Clinic
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. I Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room

It's a great week to get vaccinated! In addition to the "Worth a Shot" HPV immunization clinic on Saturday, Gannett Health Services will be providing free flu shots for Cornell students, employees, & retirees (bring your Cornell ID), plus student spouses/domestic partners on Cornell’s Student Health Plan (SHP).

$35 for student spouses / domestic partners who are not on SHP.
Note: Only flu shots will be available for the 2016-2017 school year. Per federal public health recommendations, FluMist is not being provided at this time.

Engaged Speaker Series presents
Land of the Free, Home of the Brave: an Immigrant Educator Speaks to American Community Engagement with Liberty and Justice for All
Friday, September 30, 2016 | 12:00pm to 1:30pm | G01 Biotech
Light lunch to be provided. Please RSVP here.

Nadinne Irene Cruz is a pioneering leader in community-based learning. Cruz has served as an advocate and practitioner of service-learning and experiential education across diverse institutions of higher education. She has served as a practitioner, leader, advocate, speaker, consultant and author on the need for pedagogies of engagement in higher education. Cruz will speak on topics relevant to community-engagement, service-learning and engaged mentoring and leadership.

The Engaged Speaker Series is a collaborative effort between the Office of Engagement Initiatives and the Public Service Center.
Chandra F. Maracle is the mother of four daughters. At any given moment she is thinking about, talking about, preparing, serving or eating food. She is the co-founder and Nutrition Coordinator of Skaronhyase’ko:wa Tyohterakentko:wa Tsi Yontaweya’tahkwa/The Everlasting Tree School, President of the Kanyen’kehà Revitalization Society, and founder of Kakhwa’on:we/Real People Eat Real Food.
exploring the links between language, land and food. She lives at Six Nations of the Grand River where she can often be found on her stand up paddleboard.

PSC Kickoff Event!
Building Student Coalition for Change

Date: October 1, 2016
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Klarman Hall Auditorium
Register for this event: https://orgsync.com/107471/events/1617681/occurrences/376094

KEYNOTE Speaker: Nadinne Cruz, Pioneer in Community Based-Learning and former Director of Stanford’s Haas Center for Public Service, Executive Director of the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs, Eugene M. Lang Visiting Professor at Swarthmore College, and Headley House distinguished Visitor-In-Residence at Carleton College. Her words uplift and inspire, while her stories impart the wisdom born of experience, mistakes, and deep work on making an impact in service-learning and community-based learning.

Panelists:
Laura Branca and Kirby Edmunds, of the Dorothy Cotton Institute and Training for Change Associates, will share information on our local community and the Collective Impactive Initiative.

Breakout Sessions:
Local community leaders and activists will share their work around Education Equity, Food Insecurity and Food Justice, Incarceration and Re-Entry, Sustainability and Community, and Health Care Disparities

This event is brought to you by the Public Service Center
Supported by Engaged Student Leadership Initiative and Alice Cook House
You are invited to join members of the Multicultural Greek Letter Council (MGLC) at their annual Yard Show!

During the Yard Show, MGLC groups will be stepping, strolling, and saluting for the Cornell Community. MGLC is comprised of culturally based fraternities and sororities that are Latino/a based, Asian interest, and historically African American. Come join us for a great show, music and fun!

Co-hosted by many APIA groups at Cornell, APIA-U is an interactive training workshop taught by staff from a national organization called OCA that focuses 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! ** BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED FREE!!

The purpose of this workshop is two-fold:
1. To equip APIA (Asian / Pacific Islander American) students at Cornell to better understand and appreciate their APIA history and identity and how to engage with the campus given this APIA background
2. To create a networking opportunity for APIA students of various Asian-interest groups at Cornell to develop long-lasting relationships of encouragement and support

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
Facebook Event here!

Co-hosted by
Asian American InterVarsity (AAIV)
alpha Kappa Delta Phi (aKDPhi)
Cornell Asian Pacific Islander Student Union (CAPSU)
Chinese Bible Study (CBS)
Cornell Filipino Association (CFA)
Chinese Students Association (CSA)
Cornell Thai Association (CTA)
Cornell Taiwanese American Society (CTAS)
Cornell Vietnamese Association (CVA)
Japan-United States Association (JUSA)
Korean Graduate Student Association (KGSA)
South Asian Council (SAC)
The Womyn's Center is bringing you our first program of the year: The 2nd Annual Empowerment Clubfest

**OCTOBER 1 | 2:30PM-5:00PM**
**TATKON CENTER ROOM 3330**

The purpose of this event is to showcase the several organizations that promote and advocate for the success of females and minorities on and off campus and bring awareness to gender and diversity issues. This will be a great event to attend if you want to get involved. Also, there is going to be a photobooth held by The SchoolGirl Project as well as FREE candy!

**Check out the Facebook event, RSVP, and invite your friends:** [https://www.facebook.com/events/1142421459151484/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1142421459151484/)

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**Where:** Tatkon Center BAL3330

**When:** Saturday October 1 2:30-5:00 PM
Angkor Awakens: A Portrait of Cambodia
Monday, October 3 at 7 PM - 10 PM
Cornell Cinema (104 Williard Straight Hall)

The celebrated team that brought you They Call It Myanmar: Lifting The Curtain presents their newest project: Angkor Awakens - A Portrait of Cambodia.

Cornell University Physics Lecturer, Author, and Filmmaker Robert H. Lieberman's latest documentary, produced by Ithaca-based PhotoSynthesis Productions focuses on modern-day Cambodia.

Documenting the process and collective efforts of the Khmer people as they work to recover their culture and history in the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge regime. Angkor Awakens is an eye-opening snapshot of a nation in transition. Built around intimate interviews, stunning footage of the country itself, and a desire to learn, this is a film for anyone wanting to know more about this young country as it seeks to leave behind its brutal past.

(Producer: Deborah C. Hoard ’78 MPS, Director: Robert H. Lieberman, Editor: David Kossack)

The Producer, Director, and Editor will all be on hand to give a talkback after the showing. Don't miss this opportunity!
The WRC is proud to announce that, after a lot of hard work from students and staff, the Big Red Shuttle will launch October 14!

The Big Red Shuttle will provide free transportation to Cornellians every Friday and Saturday night between 12 and 3 a.m., along a half-hour loop that cuts through campus and college town.
The Big Red Manager Program is a part-time position providing late night coverage for university organization events held on campus and for the new Big Red Shuttle. This position entails significant responsibilities for assuring the shuttle service, and campus events are run according to Cornell University and building policies, university event health and safety standards, and the event Management Guidelines as set forth by CU EH&S.

Big Red Managers are responsible for oversight of specific shuttle runs, and late night events generally scheduled on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights that run past 11:00pm. The Big Red Shuttle runs on Friday and Saturday nights from midnight to 3 am. The various campus events requiring coverage will take place at various times and locations (mainly in Willard Straight Hall).

You will be part of a student team and each shift will work in pairs. Important skills for the position are: being able to assess a situation and determine what actions need to be taken to address the issue or problem; ability to handle conflict in a positive and professional manner; ability to be appropriately assertive; and ability to positively engage with a wide range of people that comprise Cornell's very diverse community. The position is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

If you are interested, please contact Denice Cassaro dac11@cornell.edu or David Bell db66@cornell.edu.

RICE Magazine is a Cornell publication which focuses exclusively on Asian life, culture and politics. If you're interested in Asia or want to know more about the continent, RICE is currently recruiting for writers.
and editors for its Fall 2016 publication. Content writers are encouraged to share any articles/poems/essays/songs/art/photography or stories they might have about Asia and send it to us to be considered for publication. You do not have to be Asian to write or edit for us—any one is welcome to join RICE's team!

If you're interested in becoming either an editor or a writer for RICE, please send an e-mail to our editor in chief Christopher James at cj253@cornell.edu

Thank you, and we look forward to receiving your applications!

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**In the Present Moment:**

![Defining Asian America/Canada](image)

**Follow this link to Survey:**
https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2G05TOy7oHRJtYh

*Survey open to everyone, not just Asian Americans/Canadians*

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My name is Michael Stewart and I am living in New York. I am passionate about the power of storytelling and how it moves us to connect and empathize with people from all walks of life. In this case, I am interested in a particular experience that is close to my heart.

I have created a survey to explore Asian American/Canadian in the present day. I am currently exploring this space in connection to my work towards creating designs that are inspired by Asian America/Canada. The term "Asian American/Canadian" has political roots in a time were persons categorized as Orientals were determined to create a movement that empowered them. In the present day, I feel the term has
taken on a new meaning serving a new purpose in our ever changing environment. Taking the answers from this survey, I hope to get a better sense of this new purpose.

Follow this link to the Survey:
Take the survey

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:
https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE?Q_DL=eDohzziiaSjWZmd_26obT0y70HrYh_MLP_5on2HnuEiCeUWvH&Q_CHL=email

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TWO WAYS TO WIN BIG WHILE DOING GOOD

The Campus Sustainability Office proudly presents our annual sustainable behavior competition for every Cornellie...

**Cornell University's ENERGY SMACKDOWN**

Every Drop Counts

energysmackdown.cornell.edu

Competitions run from Monday 9/19 – Monday 10/31

Team Registration is now open: Visit the "Sustainable Cornell" Facebook Page to register

**TEAMS COMPEITION**

- Challenges posted every Monday
- Winners announced following Tuesday
- Register online by Friday, September 23 at 11:59pm
- To participate, put together your team of 2-4 people now and choose your team name!
- Each participant must register.
- Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to create teams together.

**INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**

- Challenges posted every Wednesday
- Winners announced every Friday
- To participate, please "Like" the Sustainable Cornell Facebook page and check the site for new challenges every Wednesday.
- https://www.facebook.com/SustainCornell/

Prizes Include:
- Cornell Professional: Portfolio and Pen
- Cornell Kitchen: Apron and Oven Mitt
- Cornell Beach: Beach Towel and Tote
- Cornell Travel: Sweatshirt Blanket and Travel Pillow
- Cornell Pets: Dog Hoodie and Toy
- Cornell Winter: Scarf, Hat, and Travel Mug
- Cornell Spirit: Stuffed Bear, Pennant, Pom Poms, Foam Finger
- Cornell Water: 2 reusable Cornell Water Bottles

WHY PARTICIPATE? Energy Smackdown: Every Drop Counts is a six-week sustainable behavior change competition from the Campus Sustainability Office that will challenge you to reduce your water and energy usage in order to help address the ongoing drought conditions and continued low water supply for Cornell's campus. Competitions and campus-wide events are aimed to engage all students, staff, and faculty to participate in the competition with the goal of creating an enduring culture of energy and water conservation on campus.

The idea is for you to participate in the Team Competition, Individual Competition, or Both! For the team competition, you get to choose which new sustainable behavior to adopt each week for the duration of the competition, in order to increase your capacity to conserve water and energy. For the individual competition, you get to participate in reflective and interactive activities that will motivate the Cornell community to engage in conservation efforts alongside you.
Students, Staff, and Faculty may participate in both competitions every week!

Register for the Team Competition HERE

**Registration required for the Team Competition:** To participate, put together your team of 2-4 people now and choose your team name! Each participant must register. Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to create teams together. Challenges posted every Monday (starting upon registration).

Participate in the Individual Competition HERE

**No registration required for the Individual Competition:** Simply 'Like' the Sustainable Cornell Facebook group and respond to challenges posted every Wednesday (starting 9/21).

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**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
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.