



# AAARI Spotlight

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AAARI Spotlight, is a monthly publication for AAARI members, CUNY personnel, and those who are interested in Asian American, East Asian, South Asian, and Trade and Technology studies.

AAARI members and CUNY personnel are invited to submit articles, news items, and artwork for our forthcoming issues. If you have a submission or question, please contact us by phone at **212-869-0182**, or email at **info@aaari.info**

## Spotlight Focus

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### Amita Gupta

Assistant Professor, City College of New York, CUNY

Amita Gupta is currently Assistant Professor of Education in the School of Education at The City College of New York. Professor Gupta has extensive cross-cultural experience in classroom teaching, school administration and teacher development in both India and the U.S. She continues to offer professional development workshops for teachers and school administrators in India and the U.S.

**Friday Evening Lecture**  
Sept 15, 2005, 6PM to 8PM

*Early Childhood Education, Postcolonial Theory, and Teaching Practices in India*



## AAARI 5

Annual Banquet 2006



**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2006

**Time:** 6PM to 9PM

AAARI will be holding its 5th Anniversary Celebration at Gala Manor in Flushing, Queens, the heart of New York City's largest Asian American community. We are proud to have Chancellor Matthew Goldstein as our honorary banquet chairperson. Please come and join us to celebrate our past and present achievements and support our future endeavors. Your unwavering support will enable AAARI to continue to "Build the Bridge Between CUNY and the Asian American Community."

This event will feature Ms. Vivian Lee, from WNBC News Channel 4, who will serve as our mistress of ceremonies. Throughout the evening, a delicious ten-course banquet dinner will be served and accompanied by song and dance performances, in addition to a silent auction and raffle drawing. The success of this fundraising dinner depends upon your support. Your contributions through ordering a ticket, purchasing a table or placing an advertisement in our banquet journal will enable AAARI to continue to serve friends and members of the Asian/Asian American community.



### Banquet Honorees

*Jay Hershenson*; Vice Chancellor for University Relations, CUNY  
*David Ng*; Executive Editor, New York Daily News  
*Hiroko Karan*; Executive Director, Research & Special Initiatives, Medgar Evers College, CUNY

### The Road to Being a Bohdi-Sattva



**Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2006

**Time:** 6PM to 8PM

**Place:** Elabash Recital Hall,  
CUNY Graduate Center  
365 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan

**Featuring** Rev. Yun Jin, Yin Shun Foundation, Chairperson, & Rev. Bodhi Bikkuh, Abbot of Bodhi Monastery, New Jersey

### Learning Cantonese Chinese

*Sept 22 - Dec 8, 2006 (Fridays)*  
**Cantonese: Level 1** (Ten Sessions)

*Sept 19 - Nov 21, 2006 (Tuesdays)*  
**Cantonese: Level 2** (Ten Sessions)

Fee: \$50 (Member / Student) | \$10 (Per Session)

*Do you like to watch Cantonese speaking movies or listen to music but don't understand what they're saying?*

This fun beginners Cantonese course is designed to build a very strong foundation of Cantonese vocabulary for anyone interested in modern colloquial Cantonese by teaching students very commonly used as well as practical words, sentence structure and basic sentences. Students will learn through listening, speaking, practicing and studying words and phrases. All lessons are taught in English and course materials are presented in English phonetics for Cantonese words.



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## About Us



The Asian American / Asian Research Institute (AAARI) was established under the aegis of Queens College on November 19, 2001, by The City University of New York Board of Trustees, in a resolution introduced by Chancellor Matthew Goldstein.

AAARI is a university-wide scholarly research and resource center that focuses on policies and issues that affect Asians and Asian Americans.

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Associate Members Marie Ting

## Upcoming Events

Sept 8 & 15, 2006

### Friday Evening Lecture Series

Nehru E. Cherukupalli (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

Amita Gupta (City College of New York, CUNY)

Fee: \$3 | Free (Member / Student)

Sept 14, 2006

### The Road to Being a Bohdi-Sattva

Fee: Free

Place: Elabash Recital Hall, CUNY Graduate Center

Sept 19 – Nov 21, 2006 (Tuesdays)

### Learning Cantonese Chinese: Level 2 (Ten Sessions)

Fee: \$50 (Member / Student) | \$10 (Per Session)

Sept 22 – Dec 8, 2006 (Fridays)

### Learning Cantonese Chinese: Level 1 (Ten Sessions)

Fee: \$50 (Member / Student) | \$10 (Per Session)

Oct 26, 2006

### Annual Banquet: 5th Anniversary Celebration

Individual Ticket: \$80 (Member / Senior)

Place: Gala Manor Banquet Hall, Flushing, Queens



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 Lifetime \$200

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