



# 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](mailto:info@aaari.info)

## Spotlight Focus

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### Yusheng Peng

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Yusheng Peng is an Associate Professor of Sociology at CUNY Graduate Center and in the Business Program at Brooklyn College. He graduated from UCLA with a PhD in sociology. He is interested in the institutional and organizational analysis of Chinese economy and society. He has recently published "Chinese townships and villages as industrial corporations" (2001), "Kinship networks and entrepreneurs in China's transitional economy" (2004), both in American Journal of Sociology.

### Friday Evening Lecture

Nov 17, 2006, 6PM to 8PM

*Kinship Networks and Rural Entrepreneurs in China's Transitional Economy*

## CUNY Establishes Scholarship in Honor of Dr. Thomas Tam



Missed the banquet, or just want to relive the magic?

Check out the pictures and streaming videos online @ [www.aaari.info](http://www.aaari.info)

During the award ceremony at AAARI's 5th Annual Banquet on October 26, 2006 in Flushing, Queens, Senior Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson, and Trustee Wellington Z. Chen, announced the establishment of a \$25,000 scholarship in honor of Dr. Thomas Tam, Executive Director of AAARI, for his many contributions and accomplishments towards the advancement of Asians within CUNY.

Thanks to all those who supported our Annual Banquet, AAARI raised \$30,000.

## Thank You Lunch Party



To show our thanks to Ms. Vivian Lee (WNBC-TV), our gracious emcee, and student volunteers who donated their precious time to make AAARI's 5th Annual Banquet a success, AAARI board members and staff threw a party on November 11, 2006 in Chinatown. Presented with a plaque of appreciation, Ms. Lee was more than overjoyed and said that, "This is the first plaque I have ever received."

## Kingsborough Community College Asian Society Open House Tea Ceremony



View the streaming videos online @ [aaari.info](http://aaari.info)

## DesiLit Seeking Submissions

Looking to express yourself through literature or visual art?

For details, visit [www.aaari.info/news1.htm](http://www.aaari.info/news1.htm)

## New AAARI Workshop Let's Talk Japanese: Level 1

Dates: Tuesdays, Dec 5, 2006 - Feb 6, 2007 (Ten Sessions)

Time: 6:30PM- 8:00 PM

Fee: \$100 (Non-Member) | \$50 (Member/Student)

This course will focus on teaching Japanese through the use of Romaji (the Romanization of Japanese words/characters) while students learn practical everyday words and sentences used in basic Japanese conversation. Students will also be introduced to the syllabic scripts-Hiragana and Katakana. In addition, general topics of interest in modern day Japan including cuisine, culture, and historical aspects will also be discussed.



To register, visit [www.aaari.info/japanese.htm](http://www.aaari.info/japanese.htm)



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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.

#### AAARI Board

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### Upcoming Events

November 28, 2006 - January 30, 2007 (Ten Sessions)

#### Learning Cantonese Chinese: Level 1

Fee: \$125 (Non-Member) | \$75 (Member / Student)

December 2006

#### Friday Evening Lecture Series

**12/01** - Global Imbalance and China Revisited: Yen and Yuan; Another Plaza Accord

**12/08** - Qin Music and Calligraphy

**12/15** - Art Therapy: A Way to Improve Our Health

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

January 5 - 26, 2007 (Four Sessions)

#### Twilight Cinema Series

Fee: Free

February 23, 2007

#### New CUNY Asian Faculty & Staff

#### Lunar New Year Reception

April 2007

#### Conference on Indo-Caribbeans

### Qin Music and Calligraphy



**Date:** Friday, December 8, 2006    **Time:** 6PM - 8PM

**Presenters:** Mingmei Yip & Geoffrey Redmond

The qin, the Ancient Chinese seven stringed zither is one of the four refined arts traditionally pursued for self-cultivation. (The other three are painting, calligraphy, and chess.) The presentation will include both performance on the qin with vocal accompaniment and demonstrations of calligraphy.

### Past Events Snapshot Review



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