



# 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: **212-869-0182**, or e-mail: [info@aaari.info](mailto:info@aaari.info).

## Spotlight Focus - of the month



**Mingmei Yip**, received her Ph.D in musicology at the university of Paris (Sorbonne) and had held faculty positions at two universities in Hong Kong.

Mingmei is an experienced teacher of calligraphy and Chinese arts. She had her first of many exhibits at the age of fourteen.

Mingmei's one-person show of GuanYin (the Chinese Goddess of Compassion) and calligraphy was held at the New York Open Center Gallery in SoHo in 2002. This exhibit was the subject of a full hour special program on CHN cable in New Jersey.

### Eight-Session Workshop: Mastering the Art of Chinese Calligraphy

**Date:** Mar 29–May 17, 2007,  
**Time:** 7PM to 8:30PM

**Fee:** \$225 (Non-Member)  
\$150 (Member)

- Supplies included w/ fee -

For details: [www.aaari.info/2007calligraphy.htm](http://www.aaari.info/2007calligraphy.htm)

## 2007 CUNY Conference on Caribbean Asians: The Journey Continues



**Date:** Friday, April 20, 2007

**Time:** 9:30AM to 4:30PM

**Place:** 25 West 43rd Street, 18th Floor,  
between 5th & 6th Avenues, Manhattan

**Admission:** \$10 (Non-Member)  
\$5 (Member & Students with ID)

The aim of this conference is to profile and document the migration of Asians from Asia through the Caribbean to New York City, and the challenges and opportunities they encounter. The Caribbean Asians Conference is proud to participate in Immigrant History Week presented by the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA). Issues to be discussed at the conference include:

- The Caribbean Asian Diaspora
- Challenges and Opportunities
- The NYC/American Diaspora
- Arts, Culture and Religion
- History, Demographics and Evolution

For details and to register, visit [www.aaari.info/2007caribbean.htm](http://www.aaari.info/2007caribbean.htm)

### AAARI Language Corner

Learn a new Asian language in just ten sessions, at an affordable price!

**Place:** 25 W. 43rd Street,  
btwn 5th & 6th Ave, Manhattan

**Japanese Level 1:** Mondays,  
Mar 26 - May 1, 2007 (6-7:30PM)

**Mandarin Level 1A:** Wednesdays,  
Mar 26 - May 30, 2007 (6-8PM)

For details: [www.aaari.info](http://www.aaari.info)

### Natural Hazards Revisited: Film Screenings

March 30, 2007 (Earth Day Special)

**An Inconvenient Truth**, offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it.

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**Still Life**, interweaves the story of a miner who travels thousands of miles to a town near the Yangtze River to look for his ex-wife and a nurse fetching her husband who has been working at the river without sending a single word home.

For details: [www.aaari.info/lectures.htm](http://www.aaari.info/lectures.htm)

### New CUNY Faculty Publication "School In South Asia"

By Amita Gupta

Amita Gupta is an Assistant Professor of Education at the City College of New York. She has earned her Doctorate in Education from Columbia University's Teachers' College. Dr. Gupta's [Going to School in South Asia](#), is a book where readers will find discussions of curriculum and teaching methods most helpful, as well as a special "day in the life" feature, which gives a personal look at what it's like for students attending school in that country today.



AAARI's Lunar New Year Reception on February 23, 2007, was a great success, with over 40 CUNY faculty and staff in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the great food and entertainment, including a traditional Chinese Lion Dance to welcome the New Year of the Golden Pig.

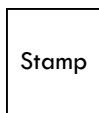
To view pictures and streaming video, visit [www.aaari.info/07-02-23reception.htm](http://www.aaari.info/07-02-23reception.htm)



## Asian American / Asian Research Institute

The City University of New York

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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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### Upcoming Events

March 8 - June 14, 2007

**Asian Community Block**

March 02, 2007 - April 27, 2007

**Lecture Series: Natural Hazards Revisited**

April 04 - 08, 2007

**Crosstown Connections: Asian American Urbanism and Interracial Encounters**

AAARI Co-Sponsored Event

April 20, 2007

**CUNY Conference on Caribbean Asians: The Journey Continues**

May 06, 2007

**APA Heritage Festival @ Union Sq. Park**  
Come and visit AAARI's booth!

May 24, 2007

**CUNY Asian American Film Festival**

September 14, 2007

**CUNY Conference on Buddhism: War & Peace**



### Asian Community Block

On March 8, 2007 Gouverneur Hospital Mobile Crisis Team became the first of many social agencies and cultural organizations lined up to give a presentation at our new community forum.

For details and to view streaming video, visit  
[www.aaari.info/community.htm](http://www.aaari.info/community.htm)

### AAARI Tech Services

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