



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.

We invite AAARI members and CUNY personnel to submit articles, news items, and artwork for our forthcoming issues.

Spotlight Focus - of the month

Thomas Tam received his B.A. in Physics from City College of New York (1968), M.A. in film-making from Montclair State University (1978), M.P.H. from Columbia University School of Public Health (1980); and Ph.D. in SocioMedical Sciences from Columbia University (1983). Dr. Tam is Chairman of the Asian American Higher Education Council (AAHEC), former Executive Director of AAARI, as well as the President of Oishi Movies, Inc.

Early in his career, Dr. Tam initiated a ten-day health fair which screened two thousand five hundred residents, leading to the establishment of the Chinatown Health Clinic, now known as the Charles B. Wang Health Center.

In 1989, he was appointed to the CUNY Board of Trustees of as the first Chinese American member. Dr. Tam worked with a group of faculty members to establish the Asian American Higher Education Council (AAHEC). Under Tam's leadership, AAHEC successfully organized numerous conferences and the creation of AAARI.

Dr. Tam also has an abiding interest in movie making, and has produced many short movies, and feature length film, *Sunrise on Mulberry Street*.



2008 CUNY Thomas Tam Scholarship

Application Deadline: Friday, April 30, 2008

AAARI is proud to announce the debut of the Thomas Tam Scholarship, funded by an endowment established by The City University of New York (CUNY), in recognition of Dr. Tam's contributions to the University. The Scholarship will award the amount of \$1,000 annually to a qualified undergraduate student, Asian or non-Asian, enrolled at any of the twenty-three colleges within CUNY.

The purpose of the Thomas Tam Scholarship is to help support and recognize a CUNY undergraduate student who has demonstrated creativity in the communication of the concerns of the Asian American community in such areas as Health, Education and Culture. The display of this communication can be in the form of written reports, film, video, new media techniques, and the development of performances or materials in the Arts and Sciences.

URL: www.aaari.info/tomtamscholar.htm



書法 Mastering the Art of Chinese Calligraphy

Dates

Tues, Feb 12 to Apr 1, 2008

Time

6:30PM to 8PM

Fee

\$250 (Non-Member)
\$150 (Member/Student)
Supplies Included

The Chinese esteem calligraphy above all other arts. While the characters have an aura of mystery, anyone can learn how to form them. In this eight-session course, you will learn the few simple rules for writing in Chinese. Each session will begin with a brief explanatory talk illustrated with examples of the great calligraphy of the past. Most of each class will be devoted to actually doing calligraphy.

Chinese believe that calligraphy exercises both body and mind. As a form of meditation it is thought to promote concentration, relaxation, and longevity. By the end of the course, you will be creating elegant characters using traditional materials.

URL: www.aaari.info/2007calligraphy.htm



12/16/07 - Members of AAARI's Executive Board and administrative staff, showed their appreciation to Michelle Yu (NY1) and Blossom Kan, our gracious emcees at the 6th Annual Banquet, and CUNY student assistants, who helped to make the evening a success, by taking them out for dim sum in Chinatown.





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About Us

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

January 4 to 25, 2008

Twilight Cinema Series

Movie Lineup

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| Jan 4 | The Namesake (USA) |
| Jan 11 | PTU (Hong Kong) |
| Jan 18 | The Host (South Korea) |
| Jan 25 | Rashomon (Japan) |

February 1, 2008

Friday Lecture Series

Globe Trekker: Chinatown

Lunar New Year Screening

Speaker: Wellington Z. Chen (Chinatown Partnership LDC)

February 8, 2008

Friday Lecture Series

CUNY Asian Faculty & Staff

Lunar New Year Reception

February 15, 2008

Friday Lecture Series

Journey to the Himalayas in Tibet: Mt. Kailash, Manasarover and Lhasa

Speaker: Nehru E. Cherukupalli (Brooklyn College, CUNY)



Date: Friday, May 16, 2008

Time: 8:30AM to 4PM

Place: CUNY Graduate Center

Asian American women's experiences and concerns illustrate the heterogeneous and complex histories and interests of this important segment of the U.S. population. This year's AAARI conference will investigate the landscape of Asian American women's historical and contemporary experiences, examining and evaluating past accomplishments while maintaining a critical and pragmatic eye to future goals.

AAARI is currently accepting presentation proposals on Community Advocacy; Leadership Development; Career and Family; Public Administration and Government; Science and Engineering; Health; Media and Performing Arts; Literature; New Demographics; and Educational Policy.

Proposal deadline: Friday, January 18, 2008

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