



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



Year of the Rat

1912 . 1924 . 1936 . 1948 .
1960 . 1972 . 1984 . 1996 .
2008

Rat

Back to the beginning of the Chinese astrology cycle, it is the year of the Rat. Those born under that sign believe that they are ahead of everyone else. They strive to be physically and mentally active, which lead them to having a busy life. Rats are great problem solvers having an eye for detail. They also have a natural talent for the arts.

Characteristics

Smart, Magnetic, Well-liked, Affable, Quick-witted, Protective, Calculating

Rats Make Excellent:

Writers, Broadcasters, Actors, Advisors, Counselors, Directors, Lawyers, Musicians, Historians

Rats are compatible with Dragons, Monkeys and Oxen.



URL: www.aaari.info/2008calligraphy.htm

Date: Tuesdays, February 19 to April 8, 2008
Time: 6:30PM to 8PM
Fee: \$250 (Non-Member) \$150 (Member/Student)
Supplies Are Included

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.

Asian Language Corner

Fee: \$200 (Non-Member) | \$100* (Member/Student)
* \$120 for Cantonese

**Learn a new language
In just ten lessons!**

Cantonese: Level 1	6PM to 7:30PM	Mondays, Feb 11 to April 14, 2008
Japanese: Level 1	6PM to 7:30PM	Mondays, Feb 11 to April 14, 2008
Mandarin: Level 1	6PM to 7:30PM	Wednesdays, Feb 13 to April 16, 2008
Korean: Level 1	6:30PM to 8PM	Thursdays, Feb 21 to April 24, 2008

URL: www.aaari.info



Friday Lecture Series: Lunar New Year Screening

Program: Globe Trekker: Chinatown
Guest speaker: Wellington Z. Chen (Chinatown Partnership LDC)
Date: Friday, February 1, 2008
Time: 6PM to 8PM
Free Admission (Limited Seating, Pre-Registration Required)

Lavinia Tan, Justine Shapiro and Megan McCormick travel worldwide to explore the magic and mystery of Chinatowns across the globe.

URL: www.aaari.info/08-02-01Chinatown.htm

Twilight Cinema Series: Valentine's Day Special

Film: Turn Left, Turn Right (Hong Kong, 2003)
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2008
Time: 5:30PM to 8PM
Free Admission (Limited Seating, Pre-Registration Required)

"Life is full of surprises: even two parallel lines may meet one day..."
John and Eva lead lives of wistful solitude. One day, they bumped into each other. Yet, fate plays a cruel joke on them...

URL: www.aaari.info/2008twilight.htm



Date: February 2 to 4, 2008
Place: Columbus Park, Mulberry Street, (btwn Bayard & Worth Streets)

The event will feature local and regional florists and plans to feature artist demonstrations in calligraphy, knotting and paper folding, among other traditional arts.

URL: www.mocanyc.org/visit/events/lunar_new_year



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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

February 15, 2008
 Friday Lecture Series
Journey to the Himalayas in Tibet: Mt. Kailash, Manasarover and Lhasa
 Speaker: Nehru E. Cherukupalli (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

February 22, 2008
 Friday Lecture Series
Bilingual Language Development Among Asian American Children - Research Findings and Implications for Educators and Parents
 Speaker: Gisela Jia (Lehman College, CUNY)

February 29, 2008
 Friday Lecture Series (Documentary)
Rural Health Care for Women and Girls in South India
 Speaker: Annette Danto (Brooklyn College, CUNY)

March 7, 2008
 Friday Lecture Series
How Speech Recognition Dictation Technology Affects Non-Native English Speakers
 Speaker: Elizabeth Meddeb (York College, CUNY)



Date: Friday, February 8, 2008 **Time:** 6PM to 8PM

Place: 25 West 43rd Street, 19th Floor, between 5th & 6th Avenues, Manhattan

RSVP Deadline: Friday, February 1, 2008

Open to all CUNY Asian faculty and staff, as well as non-Asian faculty and staff involved in Asian-related subjects. CUNY students are also welcome to join in the festivities. Attendees will have the prime opportunity to create new relationships and network with colleagues like themselves, from different fields across the twenty-three CUNY colleges.

Interim Vice Chancellor Gloriana Waters from the CUNY Office of Faculty and Staff Relations, and Trustee Wellington Chen from the CUNY Board of Trustees will be on hand to give greetings at the reception.

URL: www.aaari.info/08-02-08reception.htm

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