



AAARI Spotlight



October 2008

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The last nine months have been eventful. We have witnessed earthquakes, floods, the 7th commemoration of 9/11, hurricanes and the collapse of financial giants. Seven years after 9/11, Asian American communities like Chinatown continue to suffer from the economic impact of 9/11. The Sikh and South Asian communities continue to be targets of senseless hate crimes as they are wrongfully painted as terrorists. But there have been welcome and historic events as well, from the race for the Democratic nomination to the bi-partisan call to serve the nation in civics and other aspects of life after 9/11.

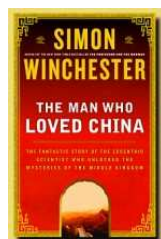
While I did not originally intend to strike such a serious note in my message, many of us at AAARI felt that we would be remiss, if we did not too issue our own call to our Asian American, faculty, staff, students and communities to voice their concerns and to sway the national and local debates on issues that impact our lives as Americans, and citizens of the world we live in. So, we challenge you to take up the causes that matter to you, to support the candidates that reflect your views, to make sure that your views and that of your communities are reflected in and considered by the decision-makers whom you elect to office to represent you.

You can start by joining us and encouraging your students and colleagues to join us on October 2, 2008 for "Election 2008: The Asian American Vote." Asian Americans have made significant contributions to this nation, state and city and continue to do so. Let's make sure that our voices are heard.

Regards,

Joyce Moy
Executive Director

2008 K.Y. Chynn Book Award for Chinese Studies Recipient



In *The Man Who Loved China*, Simon Winchester brings to life the extraordinary story of Joseph Needham, the brilliant Cambridge scientist who unlocked the most closely held secrets of China, long the world's most technologically advanced country. Both epic and intimate, *The Man Who Loved China* tells the sweeping story of China through Needham's remarkable life. Here is an unforgettable tale of what makes men, nations, and, indeed, mankind itself great.

Mr. Winchester will be awarded at AAARI's Annual Banquet on October 30, 2008.

Book Talk: An Evening with Simon Winchester

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Time: 6PM to 8PM
Place: 25 West 43rd Street, Room 1000
btwn 5th & 6th Ave, Manhattan

www.aaari.info/08-10-07Winchester.htm



AAARI 7th Annual Banquet

Thursday, October 30, 2008 6PM to 10PM

Golden Bridge Restaurant, 50 Bowery St, Manhattan

Individual Ticket

Non-Member: \$150 | Member/Senior: \$80 | Student: \$35

Banquet Honorees

Community Leader & Anti-Hate Advocate
Christine C. Quinn (New York City Council Speaker)

CUNY Asian American Distinguished Alumni
Aziz Ahmad (CEO, UTC Associates)

KY Chynn Book Award for Chinese Studies
Simon Winchester (Author, *The Man Who Loved China*)

CUNY Thomas Tam Scholarship
Olivia Lin (Undergraduate, Hunter College/CUNY)

www.aaari.info/2008banquet.htm

Asian American / Asian Research Institute

The City University of New York
25 West 43rd Street, Room 1000
New York, NY 10036



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

September 26, 2008

Friday Evening Lecture Series

Missing Voices: Unexplored Synergies in the Dissident Poetry of China's Fourth Generation
Speaker: Keming Liu (Medgar Evers College)

October 3, 2008

Friday Evening Lecture Series

Experiences: A Collection of Oral Histories of 1st to 4th Generation Asian Pacific Americans (Book Talk)
Speaker: Joann Lee (William Paterson University)

October 10, 2008

Friday Evening Lecture Series

The Fortune Cookie Chronicles (Book Talk)
Author: Jennifer 8 Lee (New York Times)

October 17, 2008

Friday Evening Lecture Series

The Last Emperor of Flushing's Final Manifesto: An Imperial Memoir in Queens English
Speaker: Alvin Eng

Election 2008: The Asian American Vote



Date: Thursday, October 2, 2008

Time: 3PM to 5PM

Place: Hunter College, CUNY
695 Park Avenue, Manhattan
Lang Recital Hall, Hunter North 424

Presenter: Glenn D. Magpantay, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

This presentation will survey Asian American political opinions, discuss the Voting Rights Act's requirement for language assistance, and explore ways that local activists can defend against anti-Asian voter disenfranchisement.

Co-Sponsor: Hunter College Asian American Studies Program
A.S.I.A. (Asian Students In Action)

www.aaari.info/08-10-01AASP.htm

Asian Language Corner

Learn a new language in 20 sessions at an affordable price!

\$400 (Non-Member) | \$250 (Member/Student)

Hindi Level 1: Thursdays, Oct. 2, 2008 to Mar. 12, 2009
Japanese Level 1: Mondays, Oct. 6, 2008 to Feb. 23, 2009



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