



AAARI Spotlight

February 2010



Disaster Relief in Haiti

On Jan. 12, 2010, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. Join recovery efforts mobilizing around the world to assist earthquake victims.

URL: <http://is.gd/6juQX>

Spotlight Focus - of the month



Margret Chin, a CUNY Alumnae, was elected to the New York City Council for District 1 in Lower Manhattan on Nov. 3, 2009. She is the first Asian American and Chinese American elected to represent New York City's Chinatown in the City Council, and the first Asian American woman elected to the City Council.

Ms. Chin immigrated to the U.S. from Hong Kong in 1963 when she was nine years old and grew up in Chinatown. She graduated from the City College of New York (CCNY) with a degree in Education.

For more than 30 years Ms. Chin has dedicated herself to public service to help immigrants, low income and working families. She worked for 14 years at LaGuardia Community College's Division of Adult and Continuing Education, and the past 11 years at Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE) as the Deputy Executive Director.



2010 CUNY Asian Faculty & Staff *Lunar New Year Reception*

Date: Friday, February 19, 2010
Time: 6-8 PM

Place: 25 W. 43rd St., 18th Fl
between 5th & 6th Ave., Manhattan

AAARI is hosting a Lunar New Year reception and cordially invites our members, CUNY Asian faculty and staff, and all those at the University who are involved in Asian or Asian American scholarship or activities, to join us in celebrating the Lunar New Year of the Tiger. The reception is a valuable opportunity to meet colleagues from across the twenty-three CUNY institutions, and to acquaint yourself with AAARI's mission, activities, and of course our board and staff.

URL: www.aaari.info/10-02-19reception.htm



Faculty Seminar Series in Asian American Studies *Foreigners in Us — Why Love to Hate?*

Date: Monday, March 1, 2010
Time: 6-8 PM

Place: 25 W. 43rd St., Room 1000
between 5th & 6th Ave., Manhattan

This public dialogue on xenophobia/philia in the (Asian) American context, energized by some of the critical and creative voices from inside and outside the Ivory Tower, celebrates the beginning of a stimulating series of faculty seminars in Asian American Studies at AAARI. At this launch event, panelists will explore various embodiments of the "foreigner" question, the theme of the year 2010, focusing on its aesthetic, moral, and political harms, implications and future: how deep is its everydayness and randomness?

Series Organizer: Kyoo Lee (John Jay College & CUNY Graduate Center)

URL: www.aaari.info/10-03-01Faculty.htm



11/12/09 – Over 450 people attended AAARI's 8th Annual Banquet. The Ong Family Foundation presented AAARI with a check for \$40,000 to conduct a green business training program in Chinatown. Our honorees included Dr. Kiran Bedi, internationally known social activist, who received our award for Leadership. Dr. Bedi is the first woman officer of the Indian Police Service.

URL: www.aaari.info/2009banquet.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) is a university-wide scholarly research and resource center that focuses on policies and issues that affect Asians and Asian Americans.

CUNY enrolls over 40,000 Asian undergraduate and graduate students, and employs over 4,000 faculty and staff of Asian descent. AAARI serves as a bridge between CUNY and the Asian American community.

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Upcoming Events

March 5, 2010

Lecture Series

Bollywood Weddings (Book Talk)

Kavita Ramdya

March 12, 2010

Lecture Series

Patterns of Inter marriages & Cross-Generational Inter marriages

Pyong Gap Min (Queens College, CUNY)

March 19, 2010

Lecture Series

American Chinatown (Book Talk)

Bonnie Tsui

March 23, 2010

Special Event

Korean Immigration to the US. 1902-1905: A New Look at American & Japanese Policy Toward Late Choson Dynasty

Wayne Patterson (Berkeley University of California)



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2010 CUNY Thomas Tam Scholarship

Application Deadline

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Awards annually \$1,000 to an individual qualified undergraduate student currently enrolled at any of the twenty-one colleges within CUNY, Asian or non-Asian, who has demonstrated creativity in the communication of the concerns of the Asian American community in areas such as Health, Education and Culture.

URL: www.aaari.info/tomtamscholar.htm

Dr. Thomas Tam Street Renaming Ceremony



10/30/09 - In a special ceremony organized by the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center and AAARI, the corner of Canal St. and Cortlandt Alley in Lower Manhattan was renamed Hon. Thomas Tam Way, in recognition of Dr. Thomas Tam's commitment to public health in the Asian American community. Dr. Tam was a co-founder of the Center. Attendees included NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein, and NYC Councilmembers Alan Gerson and John Liu.

URL: www.aaari.info/09-10-30Tam.htm

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