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Message from AAARI Executive Director

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It's an exciting time at AAARI. We are pleased to announce the 2 scholars who have been selected to fill the Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professorship. Dr. Paul Ong, and Dr. Russell Leong, both of UCLA, will be joining AAARI in the Fall of 2010, and Spring of 2011 respectively. In addition to working with AAARI on its research agenda, Dr. Ong will be teaching at the Graduate Center, and Dr. Leong at Hunter College. This will strengthen our mission of supporting, facilitating and developing research on Asian American and Asian issues.

AAARI will also be embarking on a concerted effort to provide professional development opportunities to faculty and staff on issues of retention, tenure and promotion. We will also begin the process of examining the issue of Asian Americans in executive and leadership positions at CUNY, and the creation of a pipeline of new and future leaders.

In this issue of AAARI Spotlight, we are pleased to highlight the accomplishments of CUNY's Asian American Faculty, and our Board Chair Dr. Hiroko Karan. Join us in celebrating, supporting and promoting our community.

Regards,

AAARI Celebrates the Lunar New Year with CUNY Faculty & Staff



2/19/10 - Over 80 guests attended AAARI's CUNY Asian Faculty & Staff: Lunar New Year Reception, including the Hon. Wellington Chen and the Hon. Rita DiMartino from the CUNY Board of Trustees; and Dr. Sylvia Miranda from the CUNY Office of Recruitment & Diversity.

Dr. Karan Elected 2010 Chair-Elect of the NY Section of The American Chemical Society



Dr. Hiroko I. Karan, Professor of Chemistry, Department of Physical, Environmental and Computer Sciences at Medgar Evers College/CUNY and the Chair of the Board of Directors of AAARI, is the Chair-elect of the New York Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

The American Chemical Society is one of the largest professional organizations in the nation and the New York Section of the ACS is one of the largest local sections of the ACS. It serves over 4100 members who reside in New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Rockland Counties and North Jersey. Her term begins in 2011.

Academy Nominates Peter Kwong's Film for Best Documentary Oscar



Peter Kwong, Professor of Urban Affairs and Planning at Hunter College, will be at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, where he hopes to find himself on stage after the announcement of the winner of the Academy Award for Best Documentary (Short Subject). Among the category's five nominees is a film he co-produced: "China's Unnatural Disaster: The Tears of Sichuan Province", which

looks at the devastating aftermath of the 2008 earthquake that killed at least 70,000 people, including thousands of children crushed by school buildings.

To view video of past AAARI talk on "China's Unnatural Disaster", visit www.aaari.info/09-05-15Kwong.htm

Hunter Professor Named Brooklyn Poet Laureate



Tina Chang, Adjunct Professor of English at Hunter College, has been chosen over 21 other applicants to become Brooklyn's next poet laureate. Chang is the author of the collection *Half-Lit Houses* and co-editor of *Language for a New Century: Contemporary Poetry from the Middle East, Asia and Beyond*.

Pyong Gap Min Named Distinguished Professor



Queens College sociologist, Pyong Gap Min, has been appointed Distinguished Professor of Sociology by the City University of New York. The author of five books, Prof. Min's work is now considered the standard reference on the Asian-American and Korean-American experience. A CUNY Distinguished Professorship is an honor reserved for teachers with records of exceptional performance by national and international standards in their profession.

Prof. Min will present a talk on "Patterns of Inter marriages and Cross-Generational Inter marriages", on March 12, 2010, at AAARI.

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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

February 26, 2010

Lecture Series

Census 2010 Hard-To-Count Interactive Map & New York City's Asian Population
Steven Romalewski (Center for Urban Research, CUNY Graduate Center) & Howard Shih (Asian American Federation of NY)

March 5, 2010

Lecture Series

Bollywood Weddings (Book Talk)
Kavita Ramdya

March 12, 2010

Lecture Series

Patterns of Intermarriages & Cross-Generational Intermarriages
Pyong Gap Min (Queens College/CUNY)

March 19, 2010

Lecture Series

American Chinatown (Book Talk)
Bonnie Tsui

Korean Immigration to the United States, 1903-1905

Date: March 23, 2010 Time: 6PM to 8PM

Between 1903 and 1905, the first wave of Korean immigrants arrived in Hawaii, forming the beginning of the Korean Diaspora in the U.S. Although they numbered only about 7,500, their movement had profound implications for American and Japanese policy toward Korea at the end of the Choson dynasty. This talk is based upon the research that resulted in Dr. Patterson's book, *The Korean Frontier in America: Immigration to Hawaii, 1896-1910*.

Speaker: **Dr. Wayne Patterson**

History Professor, St. Norbet College
(Visiting Professor & Visiting Scholar, UC Berkeley)

URL: www.aaari.info/10-03-23Patterson.htm



CUNY Conference on
**Asian American
Economic Development**

March 29, 2010
9AM to 4PM

CUNY Graduate Center

URL: www.aaari.info/2010economic.htm



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