

Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Research Consortium To Launch in Fall 2011



In December 2010, AAARI along with three other institutions initiated the formation of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Research Consortium (AAPIPRC), to produce knowledge that advances the field of Policy and Asian American Studies in the United States. AAPIPRC was inspired by a convening of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The founding members of the AAPIPRC include City University of New York's Asian American / Asian Research Institute; University of Massachusetts' Institute for Asian American Studies; University of California's Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Multi-Campus Research Program; and University of California, Los Angeles' Asian American Studies Center.

Members of the AAPIPRC met in March 2011 at AAARI, and in May 2011 at the Association for Asian American Studies Conference, to discuss membership criteria, governance, fundraising, and topics for research. The Consortium will host a launch event in Fall 2011. Stay tuned!



AAARI Makes a Successful Splash "Into East River(s)"

6/2/11 - Curated by Russell Leong, AAARI's CUNY Thomas Tam Visiting Professor for Spring 2011 at Hunter College, and Yibing Huang, Professor of Modern Chinese Literature at Connecticut College, *Into East River(s): Chinese / American Artists and Asian American Poets* provided a forum for dialogue between Chinese and Asian American artists, both visual and literary, to discuss their commonalities in terms of struggles for recognition, acceptance, and existence. Over 100 guests attended the discussion on the works of Chinese artist Zhang Dali, and Chinese American photographer Corky Lee.

Following a light buffet, guests were treated to the poetry in remembrance of those who risked everything to come to the United States for a better life. Poets included Meena Alexander, Distinguished Professor at the CUNY Graduate Center; and Jennifer Hayashida, Director of the Asian American Studies Program at Hunter College/CUNY.

Missed Into East River(s)? Watch the video online at www.aaari.info/11-06-02Rivers.htm



Joyce Moy Appointed Chair of CUNY-wide Steering Committee on Diversity

Joyce Moy, Executive Director of AAARI, was appointed Chair of the CUNY-wide Steering Committee to Study Diversity at the City University of New York in Spring 2011. The study will examine the effectiveness of CUNY's diversity activities over the past ten years. The goal is to development a framework for improving the representation and experience of underrepresented groups and to strengthen the climate for diversity and inclusion across CUNY.



CUNY Conference on Pipeline Politics

5/6/11 - Nearly 100 guests attended AAARI's annual conference at the New York Times Building to discuss how to engage New York City's now 13% Asian American population, predominately recent immigrants, in civics and politics. Speakers included NYC Councilmember Margaret Chin on her successful 2009 campaign; Dr. S.B. Woo (80-20 Initiative) on the importance of the Asian American bloc vote; and Dr. John Mollenkopf (CUNY Graduate Center) on Asian American voting patterns. Video available online.

URL: www.aaari.info/2011civic.htm

Flushing Leadership Collaborative Studies the Needs of Asian Seniors

Asian Americans for Equality, together with AAARI and other community-based organizations, have recently concluded a study into the needs of Asian seniors residing in Flushing, Queens. During April 2011, the partners collected over 120 telephone and face-to-face interview surveys. Findings from the study will be available in Summer 2011.

Congress Asked to Apologize for Chinese Exclusion Laws

5/26/11 - Lawmakers including Representative Judy Chu, introduced a resolution for Congress to apologize for the Chinese Exclusion Law enacted in 1882 and 1904, the only law ever to specifically prohibit a particular race from entering the country.

Planning the Future of Downtown Flushing

5/23/11 - Queens College students, partnering with the Minkwon Center, presented the ongoing plans for Flushing's waterfront development and their survey of the community's awareness and desires for the area. Video available online.

URL: www.aaari.info/11-05-23Hum.htm

Lupus Awareness Seminar

5/3/11 - AAARI hosted a seminar together with the Hospital for Special Surgery's LANtern, to address the impact of Lupus on the Asian community and treatments available. Video available online.

URL: www.aaari.info/11-05-03Lupus.htm

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Jing Fong Restaurant
20 Elizabeth Street,
New York, NY 10013

General: \$150
AAARI Member/Senior: \$80
Student: \$50

URL: www.aaari.info/2011banquet.htm

“Building the bridge between CUNY,
and the Asian American community.”

Booklaunch
After bin Laden: US-Pakistan Relations

June 29, 2011
5:30PM to 8PM

Rubin Museum of Art
150 West 17th Street, Manhattan



Following the discovery of bin Laden in Pakistan, should the U.S. declare Pakistan a rogue state and cut off all aid, or maintain ties with Pakistan in order to complete the mission in Afghanistan?

While Pakistan has always talked about democracy it has nonetheless drifted toward extremism, even harboring terrorist networks as assets against both Afghanistan and India. These issues are the basis of the essays in a new book *Pakistan: From the Rhetoric of Democracy to the Rise of Militancy*, and the subject of this discussion by four contributors, including the editor **Ravi Kalia** (City College/CUNY & AAARI Board Member).

This event is co-sponsored by Rubin Museum of Art.

URL: www.aaari.info/11-06-29Pakistan.htm

2011 CUNY Asian American Film Festival

5/20/11 - AAARI congratulates all of the students who received awards and had their films screened at our 8th Annual CUNY Asian American Film Festival at the CUNY Graduate Center's Martin Segal Theatre. Over 50 guests attended the Film Festival. Winners will have their films screened again at the 34th Asian American International Film Festival, organized by Asian Cinevision, taking place August 10 - 20, 2011.

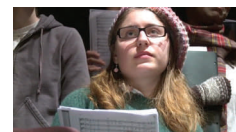
Best Fiction - Home
Semi Kim (Brooklyn College)

Runner-up Fiction - Club Fizz
Yosuke Hosoi (City College)

Best Documentary - Teaching Outside the Box
Katharine Filardi (Brooklyn College)

Runner-up Documentary - My Piano Life
Jiayi Wang (Brooklyn College)

Missed the Film Festival? Watch the winning films online at www.aaari.info/2011aaff.htm



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