

New York Asian American and Pacific Islander Forum with Faith-Based & Community Leaders

9/21/13 - The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders convened federal officials, faith-based and community leaders in a day-long forum, co-sponsored by AAARI, to share key Administration policies on economic growth, immigration, education, and civil rights. The forum provided leaders and the broader AAPI community critical information and a better understanding of federal resources and services. The forum was led by WHIAPPI's New York commissioners Amardeep Singh and May Chen who also teaches at the Murphy Institute. Key goals of the Forum included an opportunity for faith-based and community leaders to engage meaningfully and interact with federal officials; identify INS policy and programmatic concerns, receive feedback, and share local success stories and practices that benefit the AAPI community; and along with opportunities for leaders to collaborate with the Obama administration.

AAARI Releases Report on NYC Asian Population & Asian-Serving and Led Community Organizations



10/10/13 - *Asian Pacific New Yorkers Count: Awareness to Action* is a new report by AAARI in response to a project initiated by the Fund for Public Advocacy and the Coalition for Asian Children and Families. This report seeks to provide some insights into who this community is, who is serving this community, and how well the city and private funders are currently addressing the needs of the community. It also seeks to identify where there are gaps in the

data collected, and what needs to be done to better understand the community.

Four critical points emerge from this study:

- **Growth:** NYC's APA population has grown by 110% between 1990 and 2010
- **Poverty:** Large segments of the APA community are disproportionately impacted by poverty
- **Community Potential:** APA serving community based organizations are hampered by lack of relevant disaggregated data on APAs and lack of awareness on the part of policymakers and funders about APA communities
- **Resource Opportunity:** Allocations of resources and funding are grossly under-representative in proportion to the size of the NYC APA population

View report: www.aaari.info

Presentation and Exhibits on Wang Luobin

8/23/13 - AAARI joined the Chinese Folk Music Center and the UNSRC Chinese Book Club to commemorate the 100th birthday of Wang Luobin, known as the King of Songs of Western China. More than 60 people attended to view the artwork of Li Yucheng



US-China Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Conference

8/14/13 - AAARI co-organized a ten day program for educators from six Chinese universities, which culminated in a four day summit from August 14 through 18 on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education. The program began with a visit to the MIT Sloan School of Business, the Harvard campus and Harvard Incubator, and the International Entrepreneurship Center at Babson College in Massachusetts. This was followed by visits to New York City's incubators, and finally by a visit to Washington, DC and the Microsoft Innovation and Policy Center, at which they met with the leadership of the Center, and the Association of American Universities and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities who provided the U.S. university perspective on universities' role in innovation and relevant activities and programs that have been effective. The program's other organizers were the Internet Society of China, newwinner.cn and Acceleration Group.

Kamelia Kilawan to Receive 2013 CUNY Thomas Tam Scholarship at Upcoming AAARI Gala




Kamelia Kilawan, an undergraduate student, Jeanette K. Watson Fellow, and Provost Scholar at Baruch College/CUNY, will receive a \$1,000 award for the 2013 CUNY Thomas Tam Scholarship at AAARI's 12th Annual Gala for her project, *Does Kali Devotion Empower Urban Women in Hindu Diaspora?* A student of

Journalism and Religious Studies at Baruch College, Kamelia Kilawan's project uses writing, video, and photography to compile the stories of healing and empowerment of Indo-Caribbean women in Kali temples. Kali is the Hindu goddess associated with empowerment. Indo-Caribbeans - can be cast as "double immigrants," with Indian and Caribbean roots from Trinidad, Suriname, and Guyana. In New York City, the number of Indo-Caribbeans remains unclear. Through this lens, Kamelia will visit Kali temples in Queens shedding light on a marginal religion empowering a small ethnic minority of women. As an Indo-Caribbean woman herself, she hopes that this project will amplify the voices and concerns of Indo-Caribbean women using Kali temples to adapt to a new world.

and Huang Jin depicting Wang's life and to hear from Professors Liu Shuhuan and He Zhang on Wang's music. Members of the audience sang songs written by Wang, and shared stories about the impact of his music on their lives.

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12th Annual Gala

Save the Date!

November 21, 2013

6:30PM to 10PM

Jing Fong Restaurant
20 Elizabeth Street, Manhattan

Honorees

Dr. Muhammad Yunus
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; Chair, Yunus Centre & Founder, Grameen Bank

Hon. Ron Kim
Member, NYS Assembly, District 40

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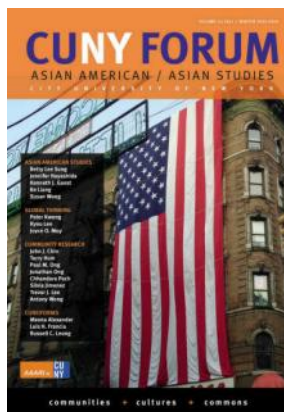
Details & RSVP/Ad Form:
www.aaari.info/2013banquet.htm

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

Upcoming Events

- 10/18/13** - Lecture Series
Birthplace with Buried Stones: Meena Alexander and Russell Leong in Conversation
- 10/25/13** - Lecture Series
Koreans in North America: Their Twenty-First Century Experiences
- 11/1/13** - Lecture Series
Kung Fu, Wisdom and Longevity: Chinese Martial Arts as a Path Towards Mindfulness and Physical Health
- 11/4/13** - Annual Conference
CUNY FORUM: Advancing Asian American Studies @ CUNY and APA Communities
- 11/8/13** - Lecture Series
Microaggressions and the LGBT Community
- 11/15/13** - Lecture Series
The Production and Consumption of Inter-Asian Love Dramas in Taiwan



AAARI Launches Inaugural Issue of CUNY FORUM

8/23/13 - CUNY FORUM is the first journal in CUNY's 166-year history focused on Asian American and Asian issues, edited by veteran editor and award-winning American Book award writer Russell C. Leong, the 2012-2013 CUNY Thomas Tam Visiting Professor at Hunter College. According to Leong, the goal of the FORUM is to bring intellectual and cultural communities together in a new commons that takes readers well beyond typecasting Asian Americans as merely another American "minority brand."

The 144 page full-color journal (Volume 1:1, Fall 2013 to Winter 2014, ISSN: 2329-1125, \$15.00) features CUNY scholars drawn from faculty at Hunter, City College, Queens, Baruch, John Jay, and the Graduate Center who tackle and examine both contemporary issues and intellectual conundrums. Four sections each examine, through essays and research reports: 1. Asian American Studies; 2. Global Thinking and East-West Philosophy; 3. Community-based Research; and 4. Literature.

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