

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
18th ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CONFERENCE
ASIANS & ASIAN AMERICANS: MULTIPLE STORIES

April 1 - April 19, 2013

Student Union 2nd floor gallery

Kizuna 2: The Bonds of Emotion Photography Exhibit

A multidimensional 40-piece photography exhibit of the March 11, 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami and ongoing recovery efforts, the focus is "Chicago Connections," highlighting Chicagoans' life-changing experiences with the earthquake and tsunami. Members of the Chicago Photography Collective photographed Chicagoans impacted by the disaster. Other elements. "Voice from Japan," displays photographs from people on the ground in Japan who chronicled the event and recovery since it happened in 2011. "Where Are We Now?" looks at the current state of the earthquake and tsunami zones, chronicled with photographs from the photo archive of *The Nikkei*, a leading Japanese business newspaper. Also presented is "The Red String Project," based on the Japanese legend of the Red String of Fate--the red string is symbolic of the concept of infinite, binding connectivity, creating a connection of remembrance with one soul to another--binding Chicago and Japan, bringing recovery to life.

April 4

3:30 – 4:30pm

Kizuna 2: The Bonds of Emotion Photography Exhibit Viewing and Reception

Introduction: Masami Takahashi, Associate Professor, Psychology Department, NEIU

Presenter: Yoko Noge, chair, Kizuna Exhibit,

Sponsored by The Osaka Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International,
Japan America Society of America and Consulate General of Japan at Chicago

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013

2:00pm – 4:00pm

B-159 Pedroso Center

NOWRUZ or new day is the celebration of Spring Equinox. It is the most cherished of all Iranian festivals and it is observed in one form or another by many cultures across the globe. Today Nowruz, with its uniquely Iranian characteristics, is a celebration of Spring Equinox and the Creation of Life. Seven trays filled with symbolic objects representing truth, justice, good thoughts, good deeds, virtue, prosperity, generosity and long life are displayed. Stop by, sample food, see displays of traditional Nowruz table, Iranian books and handicrafts. Sponsored and hosted by NEIU's Iranian students, faculty and staff.

Event Hosts: Prof.Saba Ayman-Nolley and Mrs. Simin Hemmati-Rasmussen

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013

9:25am – 10:50am

Golden Eagles

Marketing to Asian Americans

Introduction: Dorai Sundaram, Professor, Management & Marketing, College of Business and Management, NEIU

Presenter: Robert Kumaki, *Many Cultures One Market*, (2010) author; managing principal, Ronan Group

Event Host: Prof. Dorai Sundaram

10:50am – 12:05pm

SU-214

Turning the Lens Close to Home: Video Portraits of Albany Park

Introduction: Cyndi Moran, Assistant Professor, CMT, NEIU

Students in Prof. Cyndi Moran's Video Production Workshop (CMTM 362) will present short documentaries on topics related to this conference in Albany Park such as immigration, globalization, and individuals trying to keeping cultural ties alive, through their video explorations of Filipino stick dancing, violence prevention,

intergenerational family-run businesses, and more.

Event Host: Prof. Cyndi Moran

12:00 – 2:00pm

Arts & Crafts of Asia

Village Square

Henna painting by NEIU students, Japanese Origami by Alice Murata, Korean Paper crafts demonstration by KACS (Korean American Community Services)

Event Hosts: Hamdi Mohamed, Jing Yuan Shen, NEIU students

12:15pm – 1:30pm

Golden Eagles

The Asian American Movement: Knowing our Stories and Leading for Social Justice

Introduction: Deberah Bernstein, Instructor, Justice Studies, NEIU

Presenter: Vijay Pendakur, Director, Office of Multicultural Student Success, DePaul Univ.

This interactive workshop will consist of two main parts: a learner-centered examination of Asian American critical race theory and an action-planning session using the Action Continuum Model. Participants will be exposed to Asian American racial identity through the use of counter-narrative history and three key frameworks of Asian American Racial Formation: Perpetual Foreigner, Model Minority, and Panethnicity.

Event Host: Prof. Deberah Bernstein

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Golden Eagles

Asians and Asian Americans: Multiple Stories

NEIU students talk about their experiences as Asian and Asian American students and talk about their journeys as young adults negotiating cultural divides, adapting to western values while retaining their own -a celebration of their talents, an understanding of their struggles, debunking the model minority myth.

Event Hosts: Joanna Zuno, Aziza ElSharief, NEIU students

3:30 – 4:30pm

2nd Floor SU Art Gallery

Kizuna 2 Photography Exhibit Presentation & Reception

Introduction: Masami Takahashi, Associate Professor, Psychology Department, NEIU

Presenter: Yoko Noge, chair, Kizuna Exhibit, The Osaka Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International, Japan America Society of America and Consulate General of Japan at Chicago

Event Host: Prof. Masami Takahashi

4:15 – 5:30pm

Golden Eagles

Asian Americans in Popular Culture: From Yellow Peril to Exceptional Subject

Introduction: Amina Chaudhri, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, NEIU

Presenter: Camilla Fojas, Vincent de Paul Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies and Global Asian Studies, DePaul University

This presentation explores the recent history of Asian American representation in Hollywood film and media culture within the context of the history of Asian Americans in mass media. Asian Americans are barely visible across the landscape of popular culture, appearing infrequently as technology help, doctors, detectives, in short, in roles that support stereotypes of Asians as exceptional and competent. The storylines and characters offer a limited view of the diversity of Asians in the U.S. for mainstream audiences. However, there are alternative modes and means of representation available in digital culture—youtube, blogs, and independent productions—that may be used to contest the dominant images of Asian Americans. These stories are shifting the coordinates of representation for Asians in the U.S.

Event Host: Prof. Amina Chaudhri

4:15pm – 5:30pm

SU-214

Outstanding Asian Women Leaders: A Historical/Contemporary Research Project
by students of Prof. Marie Elene-Roberge (MNGT 378)

Introduction: Yasmin Ranney, Director, Asian and Global Resource Center, The Angelina
Pedroso Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, NEIU

Event Champion: Marie-Elene Roberge, Assistant Professor, Management and Marketing,
COBM, NEIU (Presented by Students of MNGT 378, Managing Diversity in Organizations,
College of Business & Management, NEIU)

NEIU students will identify and present Asian women leaders, elaborating on their life, experiences, influences
and contributions to society.

Event Host: Prof. Hamid Akbari

ASIAN WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SERIES - SPRING 2013

This series of presentations highlights issues relevant to Asian and Asian American women in various fields and
promotes efforts to overcome stereotypes. Their specific contributions to the community expands our
understanding of women's roles that balance work, family and Asian values both globally and locally.

MARCH 7, 2013

The Asian Women's Leadership Series, Session 1

12:15-1:30pm

Golden Eagles

Presenter: SADAF SYED, photojournalist, *iCOVER*, 12:15 and 1:30pm

Event Hosts: Joanna Snawder, WRC and Yasmin Ranney, AGRC

MARCH 26, 2013

The Asian Women's Leadership Series, Session 2

3:00-4:30pm

Fine Arts Recital Hall

AN ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

Presenter: JODEE BLANCO, author, *Please stop laughing at me;*

Please stop laughing at us

Event Champions: Ebaa Wahdan, Psychology Club Members

Co-sponsors: Anthropolos, Anime Club, Assyrian/Chaldean Club, Delta Lambda Phi, GLBTQ
Club, Feminist Collective, Honors Society, SAMME (Students for Multicultural Multilingual
Education), Psychology Club

Event Hosts: Ebaa Wahdan, Katy Chery, NEIU students

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013

10:50am – 12:05pm

Alumni Hall

"Vincent Who?" a keynote presentation by Curtis Chin, Writer/Producer

In 1982, at the height of anti-Japanese sentiments, Vincent Chin was murdered in Detroit by two white
autoworkers who said, "it's because of you mother** that we're out of work." When the judge fined the killers a
mere \$3,000 and three years probation, Asian Americans around the country galvanized for the first time to form
a real community and movement. This documentary features interviews with key players at the time, as well as
a whole new generation of activists. "Vincent Who?" asks how far Asian Americans have come since then and
how far we have yet to go. www.vincentwhomovie.com

Event Host: Yasmin Ranney

12:15pm – 1:30pm

"We Do Too" - A Dialog with Curtis Chin and NEIU Students Alumni Hall

Curtis, an LGBTQA activist, chaired the Gay Asian Pacific Islander men of New York and is a
member of API Equality in Los Angeles. He and his partner are one of the 18,000 couples

officially married in California before Prop 8. He has been featured on CNN, MSNBC in Newsweek and other leading media.

Event Host: Anthony Papini

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

The Asian Women's Leadership Series, Session 3

3:00 – 4:00pm

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Hijab and Feminisms

Introduction: Ryan Poll, Associate Professor, English Department, NEIU

Presenter: Sumaiya Maniya, NEIU student, English Department, NEIU

Event Host: Prof. Ryan Poll

Wearing the hijab for many women in the US and across the globe is more than religious tradition. For some, it is a choice; a mode of self-expression, self-dedication, self-empowerment, affirming cultural roots, and liberation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013,

Alumni Hall

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

3rd Annual Asian American Awards Gala, *Sharing Traditions, Celebrating Excellence*

A Tribute to honor the contributions of Asians and Asian Americans

Event Co-chairs: Prof. Saba Ayman-Nolley and Rohit Joshi

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

4:15pm – 5:30pm

Tba

The Asian Women's Leadership Series, Session 4

Presenter: JANE HYUN, author, *Breaking the Bamboo Ceiling*

Event Host: Prof. Durene Wheeler

7:05pm – 8:30pm

Auditorium

The Asian Women's Leadership Series, Session 4

Presenter: JANE HYUN, author, *Breaking the Bamboo Ceiling*

Co-sponsored by KAWAC (Korean American Women's Association of Chicago)

Event Host: Kyu Young Park

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