OMNI ASIAN PACIFIC AWARENESS MONTH
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May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America’s history and are instrumental in its future success.

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Images on Flickr

A new set containing photos and documents from the National Archives that relate to Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on the Flickr photo sharing site.

View the images

Picturing Hawai‘i

Picturing Hawai‘i is a unique educational resource that localizes National Endowment for the Humanities' Picturing America initiative. It is an educational package that brings history alive through representations of American Art from the Honolulu Academy of Art.

Explore the site

Veterans History Project

Asian Pacific Americans made lasting contributions to America’s wartime efforts. Collected stories highlight service from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq.

Read More about Asian-Pacific American Veterans »

For Teachers

Put the power of primary sources to work in the classroom. Browse ready-to-use lesson plans, student activities, collection guides and research aids.

Educational Resources »

Event Highlights

• Throughout the Month of May

Two Artists, Two Series, One Modern Society

Few artists better captured the energy and turmoil present in nineteenth-century Japanese society than did Katsushika Hokusai and Kano Kazunobu, both residents of the great metropolis of Edo (now Tokyo).

(Smithsonian Institution, Freer and Sackler Galleries)

• Throughout the Month of May

Colorful Realm: Japanese Bird-and-Flower Paintings by Itō Jakuchū (1716–1800)

this exhibition features one of Japan’s most renowned cultural treasures, the 30-scroll set of bird-and-flower paintings by Itō Jakuchū.

(National Gallery of Art)

• May 26 & 27

Celebrate Hawai‘i Festival: Healing and Aloha

Hawaiian artists, performers, and practitioners of traditional Hawaiian healing and culture.

(Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian)

• View More Events at the Library of Congress »
Asian American Awareness Month

- a celebration of culture and consciousness -

What is Asian American Awareness Month!
UIC's Asian American Awareness Month is usually held in April. It consists of a month-long
series of events, talks, workshops, and movie screenings relating to issues of concern to Asian Americans. The aim of the month is both to increase campus awareness of Asian American concerns, and to celebrate the diversity of the cultures and traditions of Asian Americans on campus.

**Asian American Awareness Month 2013 Calendar**

A downloadable *poster* is available along with print copies at AARCC in Taft Hall 101.
Monday, April 1st

**Transnational Desires or Memory, Autobiography, Photography and Pornography**

Vi?t Lê’s talk will explore issues of gender and desire in contemporary Southeast Asia, including his boy bang/gang band series and recent retro sci fi project--Love Bang!--a sexperimental art music video. Organized by the Asian American Studies Program. Contact Laura Fugikawa at fugikawa@uic.edu.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Richard J. Daley Library, Conference Room 1-470

Wednesday, April 3rd

**Asian American Awareness Month Kickoff with Monotone, Julian on the Radio, and DJ Noyze**

Monotone is a hip-hop artist from Chicagoland whose work is at once expression, therapy and resistance. Julian on the Radio will emcee with DJ Noyze providing music between student performances. Organized by the AAAMonth Planning Committee. Contact aarcc@uic.edu or 312-413-9569.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lecture Center Quad (Rain: UIC Student Center East, Room 302)

Monday, April 8th

**ASAM Expo**

Join us for film, theatre, poetry, and academic research posters and presentations at an academic fair celebrating Asian American undergraduate research projects in the arts and sciences. Organized by the Asian American Studies Program. Contact Anna Guevarra at guvarra@uic.edu.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
UIC Student Center East, Room 302

Tuesday, April 9th

**Mr. & Ms. Asian Sensation 2013**

The pageant will be comprised of a talent, formal wear, casual wear, and question/answer round to celebrate the diversity of cultures and raise awareness of student issues. Organized by alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority & Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity.

Contact jdcruz1291@gmail.com or kmreformado@gmail.com.

5:30 p.m. Doors Open, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Program
UIC Forum, Main Hall C
Wednesday, April 10th

From Chicago to Top Chef and Back: Beverly Kim

Beverly Kim, a Chicagoland native, was a quarter-finalist on Bravo’s Top Chef. She will share her experiences from the show and as an Asian American woman in the world of gourmet cuisine. Organized by the AAAMonth Planning Committee. Contact aarcc@uic.edu or 312-413-9569.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m
UIC Student Center East, Illinois Room

Friday, April 12

Mami | A Cosplay Café
Indulge in the charm of the Victorian era with Mami, this year’s adaptation of a Japanese cosplay café. Experience service by costumed characters dressed as maids and butlers, and learn about Japanese culture (arts, language, and music) while enjoying food and drink at this free event. Organized by the Japanese Audio Visual Cultural Association. Contact Eric Washington at ContactJAVCA@gmail.com.

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
UIC Student Center East, Cardinal Room

Monday, April 15

The Sun Doesn't Rise Only in Japan
Japanese media is always an experience on this side of the ocean, but is the reverse true in Japan? This panel will feature students who have experienced Japan, and explore insights on the differences, and also the similarities between Japan and the United States. Organized by the Japanese Audio Visual Cultural Association. Contact Eric Washington at ContactJAVCA@gmail.com.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
UIC Student Center East, Room 613
Wednesday, April 17th

Helping Everyone Realize Our Everyday Struggles
H.E.R.O.E.S. is a talent/variety show to help others realize the struggles that Asian Americans face. Theta Lambda Beta is also raising awareness of lupus, an autoimmune disease that affects 1.5 million Americans. Contact Julius Castro at thlbyoshi@gmail.com.

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
UIC Student Center East, Illinois Room
Friday, April 19th and Saturday April 20th

The Art of Expressing the Human Body
Students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to free classes and a showcase performance from world-renowned master instructors: Cass Magda, Ubirajara Almeida, Sebastião Felix, and Lasana Kazembe. Classes will include Filipino Kali, Indonesian-Malaysian Silat, Jeet Kune Do, Afro-Brazilian Capoeira, African drumming, African/Brazilian/Latino(a) dance and spoken word. Organized by the Combative Arts Academy. Visit http://jrcombativearts.com/ for a detailed schedule. Contact Jared Ramsburg at jared.ramsburg@yahoo.com.

Friday, April 19th

Are You Doctor Yet?
This is an American Idol-based show where singers perform in front of three judges. The show breaks stereotypes of Asians being the solely skilled in academics by showcasing their musical and artistic talents. Organized by Kappa Pi Beta Fraternity, Inc. Contact Norman Chen atkpib.bowser@gmail.com.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Lecture Center B2, Latino Cultural Center
Saturday, April 19th

Sayawan
Filipinos in Alliance is having their annual end of the year formal which will conclude with the crowning of the Sayawan King and Queen. Contact Chynna Calip at chynna353@gmail.com.

7:00 p.m. - Midnight
Doubletree by Hilton Chicago O’Hare - Rosemont
Tickets $42 to $45
Masquerade Theme - Black Tie
Saturday, April 20th

Flag Football Tournament
Filipinos in Alliance is hosting a flag football tournament for all Asian-interest student organizations at UIC. Unlike the high stakes Ricebowl, it will be a fun and friendly competition. Interested organizations please contact Chynna Calip at chynna353@gmail.com.

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
UIC Harrison Field
$3/Player for Team Registration, Free for Spectators
Wednesday, April 24th

My Sassy Korea
The purpose of MSK is to inform people of different cultural aspects of Korea. Booths will
showcase music, technology, language, sports, games and food. Organized by the Korean American Students Association. Contact Ann Yang at ayang22@uic.edu.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
UIC Student Center East, Room 605
Wednesday, April 24th

In Memory of Jack: Asian American Greeks, Stigmas and Stereotypes
Jack Phoummarath was a student at the University of Texas at Austin who died of alcohol poisoning at a required fraternity event. This discussion commemorates his life while being self-reflective about our UIC Asian American Greek community. Organized by Kappa Pi Beta Fraternity Inc. Contact Norman Chen at kpib.bowser@gmail.com.

4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m.
Taft Hall, Room 117
Thursday, April 25th

The Small, Dark Room
This monologue play was created by students from UIC’s Asian American Studies ASAM 490 course and the theatre company Erasing the Distance. It tells the true stories of six Americans of Asian and Middle Eastern descent that find hope while facing depression, issues of suicide, disability and abuse. Contact Priyang Baxi at aaphso@gmail.com.

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
James J. Stukel Towers, Event Center
Friday, April 26th

ImaginAsian: Once Upon a Time
ImaginAsian is Asian American Students in Alliance’s fashion/variety show, showcasing Asian American student talent through scenes and performances. Contact Kim Navoa at AASIA.VPExternal@gmail.com.

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
UIC Student Center East, Illinois Room
Saturday, April 27th

Uproot: Believe Benefit
Filipinos in Alliance’s variety show features YouTube headliner, Jenny Suk and Mitchell Grey Band, as well as our members. Proceeds go to Believe International, which is dedicated to disadvantaged children in the Philippines. Contact Chynna Calip at chynna353@gmail.com.

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
UIC Student Center East, Illinois Room
$11 Admission Fee

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All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center at aarcc@uic.edu or (312) 413-9569.
If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in an event, please call (312) 413-9569 at least one week prior to the event.

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Doubletree by Hilton
5460 North River Road, Rosemont, IL, 60018
James J. Stukel Towers
718 West Rochford Street
Lecture Centers
802 South Halsted Street
Richard J. Daley Library
801 South Morgan Street
Taft Hall
826 South Halsted Street
UIC Harrison Field
Northwest Corner of Harrison Street and Halsted Street
UIC Forum
725 West Roosevelt Road
UIC Student Center East
750 South Halsted Street

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alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority
Asian American InterVarsity
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Filipinos in Alliance
Indian Student Association
Japanese Audio Visual Cultural Association
Kappa Pi Beta
Muslim Student Association

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Join the Asian American Awareness Month Committee!
We need YOU to help us put together the best performers, speakers, workshops, and events for UIC. Joining the AAA Month Committee is a great way to:
• meet other Asian American students, staff, and faculty
• develop leadership and organizational skills
• learn about Asian American issues
• have the opportunity to meet prominent speakers and performers in person
• have FUN!
Bring your ideas, and remember: NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! For more information, contact Jeffrey Alton (jalton@uic.edu) or 312-413-9653.

History of Asian American Awareness Month
The first Asian American Awareness Week at UIC was organized by the Coalition for Asian American Studies in March 2000. They also held a protest and rally to lobby for an Asian American Studies program, a cultural center, and an academic support network.

In March 2001, the Coalition for Asian American Studies expanded the event into Asian American Awareness Month.

For Asian American Awareness Month in 2003, members of the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Asian Americans joined the planning committee. Events spanned the months of March and April.

For AAAM in 2003 and 2004, the Chancellor's Committee was the host organization for the planning committee. In 2005, that role was passed to the Asian American Resource & Cultural Center.

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Asian Heritage Month

Download or order the Asian Heritage Month poster. Visit our virtual exhibit to learn more about notable Canadians of Asian heritage.

May is Asian Heritage Month. This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage to the growth and prosperity of Canada. Read a statement from the Minister on Asian Heritage Month 2012.

Canada’s cultural diversity strengthens the country socially, politically and economically in innumerable ways. Asian Heritage Month is an ideal occasion for all to celebrate the beauty and wisdom of various Asian cultures.

Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated in the United States since 1979. Over the past decade, many Asians in Canada have begun to celebrate their heritage during the month of May. In December 2001, the Senate adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.

Canadians are invited to take part in the events that honour the legacy of Canadians of Asian heritage. It is a time to participate in festivities across the country that celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage, who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today.

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