



## ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER RESOURCE CENTER

The Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center (AAPIRC) was established during the 2021–2022 academic year as a result of a student-led initiative to create a department that supports AAPI students at UNM.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center is to build a sense of belonging for students of Asian/Pacific Islander/Desi American/Arab American Heritage during their studies at the University of New Mexico. AAPIRC also seeks to provide culturally relevant programs that cultivate Asian/Pacific Islander/Desi American/Arab American leaders within communities.

THANK YOU for the amazing turn out at our ribbon cutting! We plan to keep this momentum going as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month kicks off. You can visit [the Anthropology website](#) to learn more about AAPI Heritage month. We hope to see you at our first AAPI Heritage month event on Friday, May 6th, 2–4pm, Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi's book signing! As always, thank you for the support!

## **Ribbon Cutting Complete!**

What were over 270 Lobos and community members (including President Stokes, Provost Holloway, and Secretary of New Mexico Higher Education Stephanie Rodriguez, and State Representative Kay Bounkeua) doing last Thursday? Attending AAPIRC's ribbon cutting and open house! We want to thank everyone who supported us in planning and executing this event and all who joined us yesterday, we would not be here without you. Look through this newsletter for

pictures of the event and our story on Channel 7 KOAT and in the Daily Lobo! We hope you enjoyed the speeches, food, student testimonials, and feeling of community we all shared.



The official ribbon cutting! Associate Director, Farah Nousheen, posing with President Stokes



From left to right: Kiyoko Simmons, Provost The AAPIRC team! From left to Holloway, Secretary of NM Higher Education right: Emma, Farah, Jose, Charlotte Rodriguez, President Stokes, Student Kiyoko, Irene, Bethany Regent Randy K



The amazing crowd that came out to hear Attendees chatting in AAPIRC from our speakers!





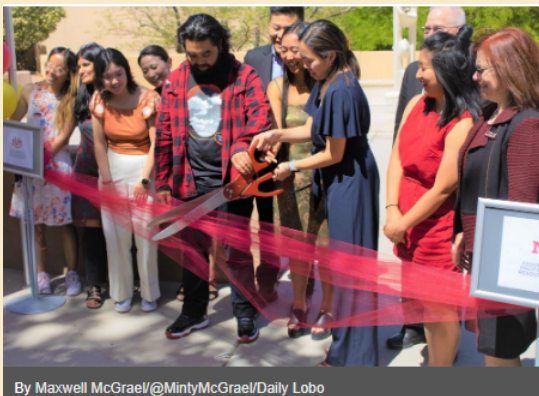
The long line outside our door! Students and community members enjoying our delicious food from Coda Bakery and Tikka Hut

## KOAT News Coverage



AAPIRC's ribbon cutting was covered by reporter, Breana Albizu from KOAT Action 7 News. Our Student Ambassador, Emma Hotz, and Associate Director, Farah Nousheen, were interviewed shortly before the ceremony began. You can watch the full segment now by clicking the video to the left!

## Daily Lobo Article



Our "landmark occasion for UNM's Asian American and Pacific Islander students" has been featured in the Daily Lobo! Students Alina Le and Doj Pimentel were interviewed on their experiences in AAPIRC. Read the full article by clicking on the photo to the left!

## Don't Miss Our Next Event!

**May 6th, 2pm-4pm**

**AAPI  
Heritage  
Month  
Event**

**DR. EGUCHI BOOK DISCUSSION**

**ONE  
ALBUQUERQUE**  
equity & inclusion



**Asians Loving Asians**  
Sticky Rice Homoeroticism  
and Queer Politics

On **Friday, May 6th from 2-4pm**, AAPIRC welcomes Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi (they/them) to discuss their new book: *Asians Loving Asians: Sticky Rice Homoeroticism and Queer Politics*. Books will be available for purchase and raffle. Afghan tea and snacks will be provided courtesy of the One Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion! UNM Libraries will also be offering a pop-up AAPI library. Thank you to the UNM Bookstore, UNM LGBTQ+ Resource Center, and UNM Department of Communication and Journalism for their support in this event! We would appreciate if you could RSVP at this [Microsoft Form](#) by May 4th, but you are welcome regardless!

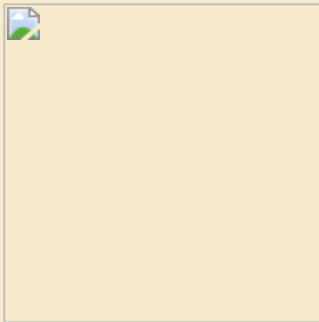
## **Job Opportunities at the New Mexico Asian Family Center!**

New Mexico Asian Family Center (NMAFC) is a community-based nonprofit organizations in Albuquerque that serves Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native Hawaiian (APINH) immigrants, refugees, and their families. Its mission is to provide culturally sensitive programs and



services, creating a Pan-Asian community that advocates for and support itself. Currently, we have on-call paid opportunities for APINH community members (especially those with bi/multilingual capacities) to do text banking, phone banking, and voter registration @\$15/hour to \$17/hour under the Civic Engagement program; and to provide language advocate in basic interpretation (verbal) and/or translation (written) @\$32/hour under the Language Access program. These positions require training (some training hours will be paid). If you are interested, please contact Huong Nguyen, Community Engagement Director at [huong@nmafc.org](mailto:huong@nmafc.org) for more info.

## Upcoming Events



### Finals Week at AAPIRC

**Monday-Friday  
May 2nd-6th & 9th-14th  
AAPIRC**

Unwind at AAPIRC in preparation for finals week! Our center is full of ramen, tea, and other AAPI snacks. You can test out our new couches or participate in qi gong, yoga, or meditation sessions with our Associate Director, Farah Nousheen. Finally... puppies are coming to AAPIRC! High Desert Therapy Dogs will be visiting on May 12th, 12-2pm to help us all relieve some stress. We hope to see you at



### AAPIRC Graduation

**Wednesday, May 11th  
10am  
AAPIRC**

Are you a Fall 2021, Spring 2022, or Summer 2022 graduate? Join us for this AAPI Heritage Month Event: AAPIRC's first official graduation! Invite your friends and family to celebrate your achievements, watch you receive a specially designed AAPIRC stole, and hear from our keynote speaker, Alana J. Bock. Read more about Alana [here](#). Graduates, please RSVP by



### AAPI Night at Isotopes

**Friday, May 27th  
7:05pm Game Time  
Isotopes Park**

Isotopes Park is hosting an AAPI Night in celebration of our heritage month! Dancers from Ka la Kapu Polynesian Dance School will be performing during the game. You will also be able to watch videos of Isotopes players and their mascot, Orbit, learning to hula at the school. Use code **Aloha** at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1E005C34A1FB19C1> to receive discounted tickets!



AAPIRC during these next few weeks!

May 9th at this [Microsoft Form](#) to secure your spot and stole.

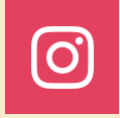
Would you like your organization's events promoted in our next newsletter? Please submit the necessary details to [aapirc@unm.edu](mailto:aapirc@unm.edu)!



## LOCATION

We are in room #212 of the Education Classroom (Building #67). Visit us M-F from 8:30am-5:00pm! Check out the "Directions" highlight on our Instagram for more detailed directions to AAPIRC.

We are now accepting reservations for AAPIRC's Lounge! Fill out our [reservation form](#) for your organization's next event.



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