



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 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 leaders within communities.

Welcome to AAPIRC's second newsletter! As we enter warmer weather, your student organizations have a lot of fun events planned out. Looking to make new friends, eat delicious food, and learn about other cultures? Make sure to check out the upcoming events. If you or someone you know would like to receive these newsletters in the future, make sure you're on our listserv at [aapirc.unm.edu](mailto:aapirc@unm.edu). Thank you for your support!

**Welcome our new Associate Director,
Farah Nousheen!**



I am honored and excited to lead AAPIRC! I was born in Hyderabad, India, and have lived in Chicago and Seattle prior to New Mexico. In Seattle, I founded the South Asian progressive arts organization Tasveer. I am first generation college grad, and 1.5 generation immigrant. I started my academic journey as a non-traditional student at a community college and transferred to University of Washington. I received my BA in Comparative History of Ideas with minors in Diversity and Education. I moved to Albuquerque to pursue UNM's graduate program in American Studies. I worked as a Graduate Assistant for programs at UNM including Cinematic Arts and CAPS. Since 2014, I've been the Senior Academic Advisor for the various interdisciplinary studies and social justice programs. I am dedicated to the success of all UNM students; I place educational equity and wellbeing as my top priorities. I am also an active member and organizer in communities of color, including API communities, in Albuquerque.

Outside of work, I practice and instruct in yoga and meditation, especially for populations needing healing from different levels of trauma and stress. I regularly instruct three classes - Yoga for People of Color, Resting Circle for API Women/NB/Trans, and Queer & Trans Community Yoga. I also instruct yoga at various UNM events, like the annual TRIO conference.

Upcoming Events



FSO Childhood Field Day

Friday, April 8th

5pm-8pm

Johnson Field

Join the Filipino Student Organization to play some of their favorite childhood games! Please bring chairs and blankets for sitting on the field and make sure to wear athletic clothing!



Health Professions Symposium

Saturday, April 9th

11:45am-1:15pm

SUB Ballroom

Visit AAPIRC's table at HPS to learn about the model minority myth, Asians in the medical field, and take a blood type personality quiz!



GEO 2022 International Festival

Wednesday, April 14th

10am-2pm

Cornell Mall (east of SUB)

Come enjoy performances, foods, games, and crafts from across the globe! Make sure to visit AAPIRC's table at the event as well!



Lobo Friends Bollywood Night

Friday, April 22nd

5pm-7pm

AAPIRC

Hollywood + Bombay=
BOLLYWOOD!

Join LoboFriends and Hindu YUVA at AAPIRC for a Bollywood themed night! We will be watching the movie, 3



AAPIRC Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, April 28th

2pm-4pm

SUB Mall North

(White Fountain)

We are very excited to invite you to our official ribbon cutting ceremony. Stop by to hear from students and staff about the importance of



AASA End of Year Banquet

Friday, April 29th

5:30pm-9pm

Electric Playhouse

The Asian American Student Association is hosting this at Electric Playhouse for their members! Electric Playhouse is an interactive entertainment

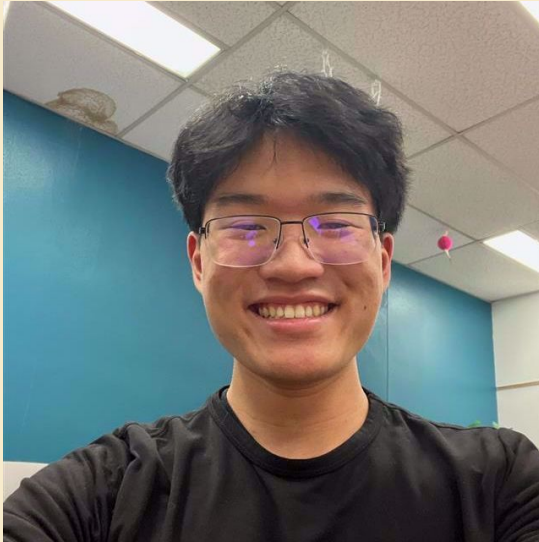
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AAPIRC on campus and to celebrate our center.

building with games, art experiences, and food. Be sure to RSVP by April 21st at the form linked above.

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

AAPI Lobo Spotlights



AAPI Lobo Student:

Robert Duong

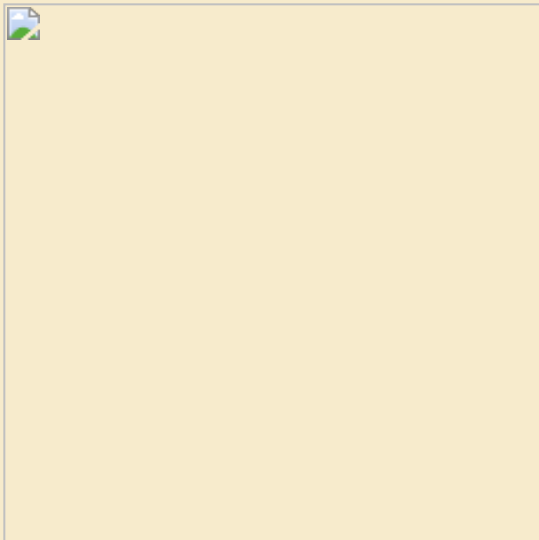
AAPI Heritage: Vietnamese

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Graduation Year: 2024

UNM Organizations: I am a part of the Filipino Student Organization, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Key Club.

Fun Fact: I love to make intricate origami. Stop by AAPIRC to check out some of my creations!



AAPI Lobo Staff:

Gail Masutani

AAPI Heritage: Japanese, Hawaiian, Chinese

UNM Department: Global Education Office

Title: Global Programs Specialist

I've been at UNM for 6.5 years.

Fun Fact: I was born and raised in Hawaii. I was the first female station manager at Aloha Airlines!

AAPI Lobo Faculty:

Pisarn "Bee" Chamcharatsi

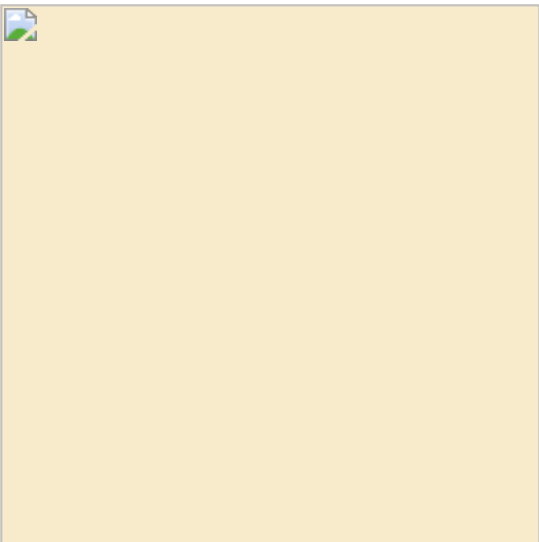
AAPI Heritage: Thai

UNM Department - Department of Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies and Department of English (Joint appointment)

Classes you teach - Dissertation Seminar, First-year Writing, Research Writing, Writing for Publications, Seminar in Education, Second Language Literacy, Theories of Second Language Writing.

I have been at UNM since 2012.

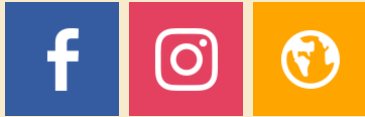
Fun Fact: I enjoy learning things and have always been a lifelong learner. I enjoy baking and cooking different cuisines. I have been learning violin as an adult beginner. It has been a wonderful journey.



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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