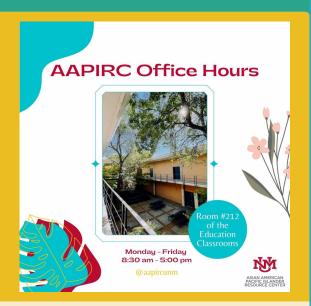
Monday, December 19, 2022



ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER RESOURCE CENTER



Happy Break! AAPIRC is open this week! Please check below for our winter hours! We want to thank everyone who attended, brought food to, and presented at our End of Semester Showcase and Gathering.

Still looking for classes? We highly recommend UNM's FIRST AMST1996 T: Intro to Asian American Studies class. This is a monumental moment for UNM and the American Studies program. Please read the flyers below for more details. There are also openings in Culturally Diverse and Minority Peoples in the Levant and Chinese Women writers; view the flyers for these courses below! For a list of suggested AAPI course see here.

AAPIRC is continuing with our **AAPI Student Org Spotlight**. This week, we will be hearing from the **Filipino Student Organization**. Read about the org and how to get involved below.

We hope you have a relaxing break and we will see you in 2023! As always, thank you for your support!

Thank you Charlotte! We will miss you!



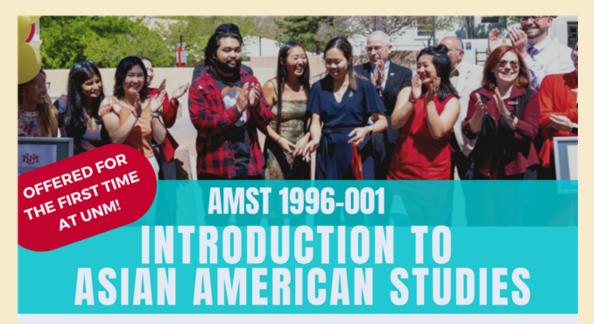


Many thanks to Charlotte for all she has done for AAPIRC! We will miss her a great deal!

Winter Hours



CRN 59819 AMST1996.001
Intro to Asian American Studies



DESCRIPTION

We will be looking at critical histories and theoretical interventions within Asian American and Pacific Islander studies. What has it meant to be Asian American in the United States? What does it mean to be Asian American today?

We will explore 'Asian American' as an umbrella category, a network of solidarity, and an imperfect racialization. We will look at the impacts of US imperialism across the diverse positionalities of Asian America, as well as the theoretical interventions put forth by scholars, artists, activists, and community members.

Asian American Studies is a broad and interdisciplinary field. Our course will be similarly expansive, drawing on works by East Asian, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, South Asian, Central Asian, West Asian, Middle Eastern, and Arab American scholars, artists, activists, and community members.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Shebati Sengupta is a PhD student in American Studies. Her research focuses on Critical Ethnic Studies, with a particular interest in queer Asian diasporas, Asian American futurisms, and nation-state contestations. She is interested in storytelling and poetry as craft, as theory, and as methodology.

COURSE INFO

Instructor: Shebati Sengupta

MWF 12:00-12:50pm

CRN: 59819

Have you been looking for a class to learn about the history of Asian Americans? The time has come!

After months of hard work, we are SO happy to announce that UNM will now be offering an Intro to Asian American Studies class. Learn about the expansiveness of Asian American studies from East Asian, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, South Asian, Central Asian, and West Asian (Middle Eastern/Arab American) works.

Register TODAY! You can also **schedule an advisement appointment with Farah Nousheen** as to how this course can support your degree plan! You can also view

details for other AAPI classes being offered below.

End of Semester Celebration Recap













Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our End of Semester Showcase and Gathering! Thank you to Charlotte for facilitating! Presentations by all of the student organizations and AAPIRC programs were so inspirational, informational, and touching. We loved the food that Japanese Culture and Language Club brought (inari いなり, tanabata jelly 七夕ゼリ, and onigiri おにぎり). Thank you to Chinese Culture and Language Club for the calligraphy station and delicious dumplings. The Iranian Student presented an emotional video and brought amazing food. Thank you to Lujayn's mom for making the signature

Palestinian dish maqloubeh (مقلوبة). Thank you to AASA, FSO, and AAPIRC for preparing presentations which are linked to view below.

We appreciate **CEP** for the Domino's **pizzas and always helping us set up!** We loved hearing from our Language Appreciation Circles. Members of the **Vietnamese Circle** beautifully introduced themselves in Vietnamese. **Vincent**, the facilitator of the Tagalog circle gave a wonderful speech. **Ashish**, a volunteer for the **Hindi/Urdu circle**, talked about the circle and the Retro Bollywood Night they held. It was also great to hear **employees Mohammed**, **Lujayn**, **and Heba** speak about **the Arab experience at UNM** and **the** *Orientalism* reading group.

This is AAPIRC's first full semester open with full programming. We were not sure how the End of Semester event would turn out. It was all that we hoped for and more! We will continue this tradition every Fall semester. We hope you can make it out to support AAPIRC, AAPI student groups, and students.

The Asian American Student Association made a **presentation of photos** from the Fall 2022 semester. View it here!

The Filipino Student Organization created a **hilarious video** for the showcase. **Watch it here!** You can read more about this org below!

AAPIRC created a **slideshow of photos** from this semester's programming. View the powerpoint here then click Present!

CRN 58284 INTS 499.001/ANTH 340.004 Levantine Minorities



Cultural Diversity and Minority Peoples of the Levant in the 21st Century

58284 INTS 499.001 | 59239 ANTH 340.004 Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:45pm Instructor: Les Field | lesfield@unm.edu

We will read about and discuss cultural diversity and minorities of Iraq, Palestine/Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria, countries where identities vary considerably in political, economic, and cultural ways.

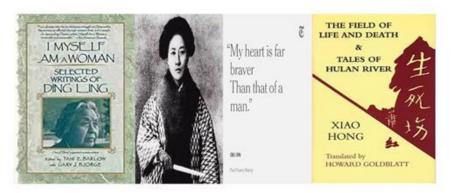
This class will engage with the issue of identity, challenging our pre-existing ideas that stem from life in the United States and reflect our own particular concerns with and interpretations of difference.

Discussions will focus upon: Druze, Alawites, Shi'a, Yezidis, Mandaeans, Maronite Catholics and Greek Orthodox, Assyrian and Chaldean Christians, Kurds, Palestinians, Bedouins, and others.

Course offered in partnership with International Studies Institute and Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center.

CRN 55293 CHIN/COMP/ENGL 343.001 Chinese Women Writers

CHIN/COMP/ENGL 343.001 CHINESE WOMEN WRITERS



Instructor: Dr. Ying Xu (yingxu@unm.edu) Day/Time: MW, 1700-1815, Spring 2023 Credits: 3 Credits, Main Campus

Course Description: This course will consist of two parts, with part one surveying Chinese women writers and the representations of women and virtue in traditional Chinese literature and part two examining the changing roles and consciousness of women in modern and contemporary China through the lens of feminism and the "New Woman." The course will start with a perusal of Chinese mythology and classics in terms of women's place in the creation of the universe and in the Chinese systems of structure and society. By examining various modes of representation, including poetry, essay, art, fiction, and drama, by women writers both in traditional and modern Chinese literature, the course aims at exploring new perspectives on issues such as gender studies, feminine, women's liberation, and family and work.

We will explore the following questions in the course. What do Chinese women wish to liberate themselves from? In what ways does the problem of gender complicate the ideological advent of modernity in China? And how do the paradigms of traditional Chinese culture and the contemporary situation of globalization impact Chinese women and their writings today? Throughout the course, we examine how several generations of intellectuals reconciled themselves to – and resisted – the expectations of women under Confucianism, communism and capitalism in the late nineteenth, twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Authors examined include Can Yan, Li Qingzhao, Qiu Jin, Ding Ling, Xiao Hong, Zhang Ailing, and Wang Anyi and more. Knowledge of Chinese is not required.

CRNs: CHIN 343.001 (CRN 55293); COMP 343.001 (CRN 55296): ENGL 343.001 (CRN 56771)

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AAPI Men's Circles

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Coming Spring 2023 Semester AAPIRC

Come Join the Asian American & Pacific Islander Men's Circles for a safe place for AAPI men to share their experiences in community.



The AAPI Men's Circles are a safe space for AAPI masculine identifying people to talk about any ongoing events in their lives. We want these circles to help create safe spaces for AAPI men to rely on each other for support and understanding.

These circles are currently expected to be held during the Spring 2023 semester at AAPIRC. Please stay tuned for further details on time and place.

If you are interested in learning more or getting involved in this circle, please fill out the interest form below:

https://forms.office.com/r/fjbWM19PTs

SWANA Cultural Night: Thank You













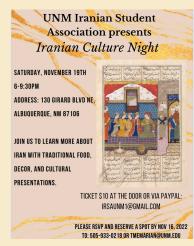
This past semester has been a very important one for **West Asian**, **Arab American**, **Middle Eastern and North African** students at UNM. For the first time in UNM history, we now have a resource center! In light of this, we here at AAPIRC would like to reflect on the past semester.

We are so grateful for working with **Professor Les Field** on the Spring 2023 course: **Cultural Diversity and Minority Peoples of the Levant**. Several of us from AAPIRC were also in Dr. Field's "**Settler Colonialism in Palestine**" course.

We again want to highlight the **Alf Layla Wa Layla**, Arabian Cultural Night on November 12, 2022! We would like to thank **UNM Residence Life & Student Housing** for hosting and sponsoring the evening at Hokona Hall. We especially thank **Dana Awad** for approaching us with her amazing vision of an Arabian cultural night filled with henna, dabke, and food!

We thank Residential Life staff coordinators, **Jason Kauffin and Daniel Murray**. The volunteer team made the night a wildly successful event! We want to thank **Emma, David, Brian, Will, Ximena, Jackie, Joey, and Thomas**! We look forward to having another event in the future as successful as this one! Thank you all again!

Iranian Student Association







This year was one of the most important in Iran's history. The **Iranian Student Association** worked extraordinarly hard to bring attention to one of the biggest human rights **revolutions** of the year. They have held several educational and social justice oriented events including talks, protests, and cultural nights to put Iran on forefront of UNM.

The cultural night, demonstrations for women's rights, and talk on women's rights in the Middle East put on by the IRSA were hugely important. Their presentation for the End of the Semester night was additionally moving. We have provided the link for the video they shared with AAPIRC's community below. **We highly encourage everyone** to take a few minutes and watch it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywob_2dNqVo

Thank you again for IRSA's contribution to the AAPI community and hard work. If you are interested in any future events or projects by the IRSA, here is their contact information:

Email: irsa@unm.edu Instagram: @irsa_unm

AAPI Student Org Spotlight Filipino Student Organization





We are excited to continue our AAPI Student Org Spotlights with the Filipino Student Organization (FSO). Hear about the org's history and upcoming events from president Micah Cornelio

- When was FSO established? FSO was established in 2015.
- What is the mission of FSO? The mission of FSO is to promote Filipino culture to Filipino-American students and all those interested in learning the culture through various activities including fundraisers, potlucks, sporting events, and cultural events on campus and in the community.
- How can students get involved? Students can join by filling out our <u>interest</u> form! As well as pay our membership fees

 How can students contact FSO? Please contact us at any of our social media with our link tree or email us at fsounm@unm.edu

Continuing Yoga in Spring 2023



YOGA @AAPIRC WEDNESDAYS 3:30 – 4:30 PM

We have had two successful semesters of Yoga! Join us for Spring 2023.

Yoga is a mind and body practice that will help you to focus and relax. Join us weekly for yoga at AAPIRC to discover new moves and new muscles in your body.



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Thank you for the wonderful turnout at this semester's yoga sessions. Join us Spring semester on Wednesdays at 3:30-4:30pm for more yoga after the break.

We want to thank our awesome facilatator, **Farah**, for heading this and personalizing our classes each week. We would also like to thank our guest teachers, **Mari and Ashish**, for gracing the space and sharing their knowledge. We hope to have you back again. See you next semster!

Dr. Gómez on Nuclear Nuevo México



Last week, **Dr. Myrriah Gómez from the Honors College presented on her new book**, *Nuclear Nuevo México*. AAPIRC employees attended this amazing event. Dr. Gómez will be teaching her **Atomic Bomb Cultures class** in the spring semester. Students of this class will **learn about the connections between the effects of the atomic bomb in New Mexico and Japan**. They will also be participating in **AAPIRC's 1000 Paper Cranes project**. This project is continuing into February 2023, come by and fold some cranes with us!

Off Campus Opportunities

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