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.

We thank the UNM community for all the support in these past few weeks with the passing of Muhammad Afzaal Hussain and connected killings. We hope that everyone is doing well. If you need any support, you can schedule an appointment with AAPIRC’s director Farah Nousheen, with counselors at SHAC, or with LoboRESPECT. In the meantime, friends of Afzaal are working on chartering a new student group "Muhammad Afzaal Legacy Coalition". We will keep you posed on related events and programs.
Happy last week of summer break, everyone! We are so excited to have students back on campus and in AAPIRC! When you come in, make sure to sign our "wall" and use our map to express your cultural identity. We've been loving the new pins popping up in Vietnam, Poland, and everywhere in between!

The last two weeks of August have a lot in store for UNM students. Keep reading to learn about an exciting event at UNM and more about our Welcome Back. If you haven’t yet, please fill out our Events & Programs Interest Form to help us create the best line-up we can for the 2022–23 year. We are super excited for the upcoming Asian Marketplace and Expo; find more info below! As always, thank you for your support!

Yoga Reminder - Today, 2pm

We want to remind you about our yoga session today, August 17th at 2pm! Everyone is welcome to these sessions; no mat or experience necessary. We hope to see you there :)
"Words. It has the power to move and inspire; the power to reframe thought; the power to change lives. But when we step on that stage, those have never been our goals. We don't "aim" to make someone feel something. Our job—our only job—is to tell a story wrapped in music and let everything fall as they may. Sometimes these stories are full of joy and exuberance. Sometimes they're full of heartbreak and sadness. Sometimes they're pretty. Sometimes they're ugly. But no matter what, it will always be beautiful"

-- Asia Samson
AAPIRC is very excited to help SAC welcome The Asia Project to UNM! Read more about The Asia Project below:

"Since 2009, The Asia Project has toured over 2000 colleges with an acoustic music poetry act that has amazed audiences all over the country. On the microphone is Asia Samson: writer, poet and part-time ninja. He has been seen on HBO Def Poetry Jam and has shared the stage with such artists as Janelle Monae, Jill Scott, DMX, Mos Def, Dead Prez and KRS-One. Accompanying him on the guitar is his brother-in-law Jollan who uses music to create an atmosphere that brings poetry to emotional levels you
would never expect. They have been featured on HBO Def Poetry, Button Poetry, TEDx, NPR’s Tiny Desk Contest, SoFar Sounds, Story Conference, and Entrepreneur’s Organization. They have worked with companies such as the US Military, Nokia, Disney, To Write Love On Her Arms and AEvolve. They have broken college-booking records for the most booked poetry act in the college market garnering them the awards of APCA College Performer of the Year and thrice APCA Spoken Word Artist of the Year. Check out his performance https://youtu.be/RhyfRkwVtsg” (TheAsiaProject.com)

AAPI students, be on the lookout for an exclusive opportunity to meet Asia before the show!
What can you expect at this (first ever AAPI) Welcome Back?

- **Self Serve Boba Tea Bar**: Complete with milk teas (including taro, jasmine, and thai), fruit teas, jellies, and brown sugar boba
- **Other snacks**: Japanese style snack cakes and fresh samosas
- **Games**: Learn and play mahjong and Othello
- **History**: Hear about the histories of boba tea, castella cakes, samosas, and mahjong

Boba tea and snacks are available on a first come, first serve basis.
Our Summer Mahjong Night was a HUGE success! It was so amazing to see the center packed with students, alumni, and community members. Thank you to everyone who came and played. Special thanks to those who brought their own sets and taught the newcomers. We can’t wait to have more events like this one; stay tuned for our next game night!

Event & Program Interest Form

Hello everyone! We have several great events planned for this semester! We would REALLY appreciate it if you could fill out the Microsoft Form below to gauge interest in these events. Your feedback will help us plan future events tailored to the community's wants and needs.

-----> AAPIRC Event & Program Interest Form <-----

ABC Expo and Marketplace
There’s something for everyone at the Asian Business Collaborative’s first Marketplace and Expo! Vendors at the API Marketplace include food trucks, henna artists, graphic designers, physical therapy, and AAPIRC! Several performances will be held during this marketplace, featuring The Mango Cakes, BK Taiko, and multiple lion dance companies. For those 21 and older, unique Asian inspired cocktails, whiskies, and sakes will also be available. Local Asian filmmakers will be screening their films at the New Mexico Asian Film Festival. Buy your tickets now at asianexponm.com. We can’t wait to see you there!

UNM Opportunities

Apply to be an editor for Limina!  
Apply to be an ambassador for American Indian Student Services!  
Apply to be an Emerging Lobo Leader!

Have you volunteered with AAPIRC?
Are you a student, staff/faculty member, or community member that has volunteered with AAPIRC? This can look like moving furniture, setting up for events, taking pictures/videos, etc. **Please fill out this short form** so we can include your volunteer hours as a donation to AAPIRC.

We appreciate you so much!

If you are looking for somewhere to complete community service hours or just want to help out around AAPIRC, reach out to us!

### Community Volunteer Opportunities

The Asian Business Collaborative is looking for volunteers for their Expo & Market! Volunteers are needed for August 18–20th, 2022. Follow the link to view their Volunteer Sign-Ups!

The Japanese American Citizen League is hosting their annual Aki Matsuri (fall festival) on September 25th, 2022! If you are interested in volunteering for this event, **please email aapirc@unm.edu ASAP** with the times you are available!

Sign up to be a volunteer or student ambassador for the Chinese American Film Festival on October 15th, 2022! Access the sign up form [here](#).

### Start a Student Organization Today!

Are you looking for a student organization at UNM that celebrates your culture and heritage, but can't find one? Start it today! The Student Activities' Center is holding workshops on chartering new and already existing student organizations in-person and on Zoom. **Access the workshop schedule [here](#)!** Note that the deadline to charter is September 16th, 2022 so we encourage you to start the process as soon as possible.

What does chartering mean? Chartering leads to official recognition of the student organization by UNM. **Start the process today; we can't wait to see and support your organizations!**
Orientalism Reading Group

Orientalism by Edward Said
Reading Group

Wednesdays starting Sep 7th, 2022
4pm-5:30pm
AAPIRC, Education Classrooms #212

Edward Said’s 1978 book Orientalism is one of the founding texts of postcolonialism, a theoretical tradition which critiques the colonial ideology and its afterlives. This reading group will plan on reading one chapter of the text per week for the duration of Fall semester and meet weekly on Wednesdays to discuss.

Please scan the QR code above if you are interested in the program!
Group to be led by Mohammed Rawwas

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