

Friday, June 28
Summer 2024



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Upcoming AAPIRC Events



WELCOME BACK ASIAN BBQ

AAPIRC welcomes back UNM
community!

Wednesday August 21st, 2024

5-7 pm

Performances, Speakers, Music, Games

**at Mesa Vista Hall 1060,
Courtyard**



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Seeking Performances for Welcome Back!

We are seeking performances for AAPIRC's Welcome Back Asian BBQ on Wednesday August 21st, 2024, 5-7pm. We are looking for individual and group dancers, comedians, spoken word artists, musicians, and performance artists. We are excited that this will be a Welcome Back and an opening of the new AAPIRC located in Mesa Vista Hall 1060.

Email us aapirc@unm.edu to let you know if you would like to part of the program.

Congratulations Spring 2024 Graduates!





Rakin Faruk Presented Courage Award at AAPIRC's Convocation for Outstanding Community Organizing and Activism





Rakin Faruk received a courage award during AAPIRC's convocation for her contributions to UNM and Albuquerque's community. Faruk has made important contributions as a member of UNM's community--she was the president of the UNM College Democrats club, she volunteers with two research labs at UNM, and she has a long history of being involved in local politics. Faruk has also been organizing with other local activists to raise awareness of the genocide in Palestine, and UNM's role in perpetuating it. Faruk, along with other activists, have been calling on UNM to disclose its investments in Israeli companies that are contributing to the violence taking place, and to divest from those companies. Faruk has played a valuable part in facilitating this activism, and AAPIRC chose to award her the first Courage Award for her work.

Thanks to Gabriel Hudson for Photography!



Intro to Asian American Studies

**Back for another semester the famous
Intro to Asian American Studies course!**

Highly recommended course for students of all levels.

"This is a great class! Dr. Eguchi is a very engaging lecturer. Readings, discussions, guest speakers and students are all informative, entertaining and fun!"

- Fall 2023 Student



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COMM 1996-001 INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

This course introduces students to historical formations and contemporary experiences of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States and beyond. Deploying a transdisciplinary approach, we look at and develop an in-depth understanding of Asian American Studies as a complex and dynamic field of critical histories and theoretical interventions. Course features local and national guest speakers.

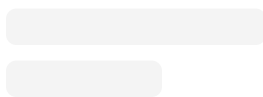
Who is Asian American? Who is excluded from the category? How and why have historical formations of Asian American been shifting over time?

COURSE INFO

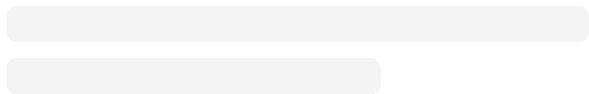
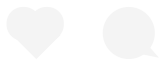
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Mon/Wed 12:30-1:45pm | Location: CJ 119

ABOUT DR. SHINSUKE EGUCHI (THEY/ THEM, HE/HIS)

Dr. Eguchi's research and teaching interests are in Critical Cultural Studies; International and Intercultural Communication; Interpersonal Communication; Gender, Sexuality, and Queer Studies; Race and Ethnic Studies; Asian/American Studies; Performance Studies.



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AAPIRC Convocation Recap











The 3rd Annual AAPIRC Graduation Convocation was a wonderful celebration of our Spring 2024 graduates! The ceremony began with an introduction from Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi, a professor of communications that teaches Introduction to Asian American Studies, and Farah Nousheen, Student Success Specialist at AAPIRC. There was then a video of the University President addressing the graduates, and tributes to Adélar “Dely” Alcántara and Muhammad Afzaal Hussain. There were then several awards given out to students and staff. The convocation then commenced, and was closed out by a keynote speech from Dr. Szu-Han Ho. There were closing remarks from Dr. Shinsuke Eguchi and Farah Nousheen. After the convocation, the graduates were treated to a meal

catered by J.J.Z. and music from DJ Malik, as well as a photo booth set up by ABQ Amusement.

AAPIRC's Visibility Blog: Be Seen. Be Heard.

We invite contributions! Email aapirc@unm.edu for more information.

Below are the two latest entries - these were updated with bios and links. We will have new entries next week. Submit your final papers and presentations.

About the Blog: [The Visibility Blog](#) features writings, reviews, artwork, news, and other contributions by and/or about API/AAPI students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members at UNM and beyond. The aim of this blog is to provide visibility to our often invisibilized experiences. It also provides an opportunity for our community to publish their work, be seen, and be heard.

Don't forget to type a quote or description for your image.



The Best Therapy for a Grieving Immigrant

By Paniz AghaPour Maleki | March 21, 2024

As an immigrant, I often find myself in a nostalgic depression. I left at a young age and I am only left with glimpses of the past, the joys, the people, and myself. I yearn to experience these glimpses beyond my fuzzy, fading memory. The collection of songs in the *Mr. Violet* album by the Pallett Band allows me to relive those times I spent in Iran and to experience a part of myself that was only present in its absence, that grew as a metaphorical pit, that was deteriorating the self. The songs from the band are a remedy for the homesick Iranian, who feel as though they left something behind, an experience, a person, or themselves. I would describe their music as a mixture of the East and the West. The three songs in the album that perfectly exemplify these traits are “From Eastern Lands”, “Waltz No.1”, and “Half of Us”.

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Yoga

*for Peace of
Mind and Body*



"Yoga provided a space where I could nurture my physical and spiritual being."

"It's a safe space for people to come together and help us up lift each other when we can't do so ourselves."

Tuesdays 4-5 PM

June 4th- July 30th

Mesa Vista Hall, Room 3046

Yoga mats are provided!

For questions:

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Community Events & Announcements



Be a Lobo Friends Mentor!

MAKE GLOBAL FRIENDS

BE A CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC AMBASSADOR TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

GAIN INSIGHTS ON DIFFERENT VALUES AND CULTURES

For questions or additional information, email geo@unm.edu



SCAN ME



Hello UNM Students,
GEO is currently recruiting for our **Lobo Friend Mentor Program for the Fall 2024** semester. Lobo friends is a peer mentoring program where we match current UNM

students with our incoming international student population.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer, provide mentorship to other students, learn about other cultures, make new friends, and take part in exclusive Lobo Friend activities and events. Our goal is to provide a sense of community to all Lobos. We would love to have you join our GEO family as a mentor this upcoming fall! If you are interested, please use this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/FB1o3SaLzeMc4rcg8>

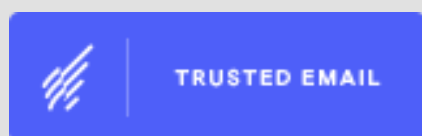
Send us your newsletter submissions and suggestions to aapirc@unm.edu by Wednesdays noon.

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UNM Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center Mesa Vista Hall 3034 & 3035 (Temporary Location for 2023-2024)

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