

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



**Read all about it!!!**

**Check your email! Newsletter #7 is out!**

If you didn't get it, don't miss out -

Join the APIDA Center contact list: <https://bit.ly/SDSUAPIDA>



### Location:

2nd floor of Aztec Student Union  
Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:  
Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm  
Friday 10am-4:30pm

**Connect with us!**



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## Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan



### Puzzle with the APIDA Center!

We love puzzles! Over the past several weeks, we have collectively worked on two 1000-piece puzzles. There are many more puzzles in our future! Follow our puzzle adventures (and other antics) on our [Instagram](#).

There are so many benefits to doing puzzles. Working on puzzles helps to reduce stress and increase mindfulness. It's super good for our brains; it improves memory, cognition, visual-spatial reasoning, problem-solving, creativity, and much more. It's also a great community-building, collaborative activity - not to mention the fact that it is so, so, so satisfying to place the last piece! **Chris Harold** said, "Doing puzzles is a really good pastime for hanging out and chilling with friends. My favorite part is finishing the puzzle and feeling a sense of accomplishment in having done something together."

If you have any fun puzzles (with all pieces intact), please consider donating it to the APIDA Center. We are eager to keep puzzling! Who knows - Maybe a world jigsaw puzzle competition is in our future! :) (I'm kinda serious....)

# APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



## APIDA Center hosts another super "Saturday School: Tagalog Edition"!

"Ingat!" Take care! On October 9th, we hosted our second Saturday School session. We learned how to say basic travel and direction words. Instructor/Guro Paolo Ramos had us play a game in which the class led a blindfolded person to a picture of a rice cooker by shouting direction words in Tagalog. Then, we made parols, which are Filipino ornamental lanterns displayed during Christmas. The most common parols are shaped as stars.

There are two more Saturdays left!!!! These classes will take place on Saturdays from 1-3pm at the APIDA Center. Check out our [flyer](#)! RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/FAHMSatSchool2021>



## APIDA Center does Taka Art!

On October 11, 13, and 15, the APIDA Center hosted a Taka art project. On Monday, we wrapped the mold with the first layer of paper. On Wednesday, we cut out the mold and re-wrapped. On Friday, we painted! Needless to say, we had messy hands and lots of fun. **Tyra Arandia** said, "It was very inspiring to learn about my culture in a very creative and comforting way. It was very relaxing."

Taka is a Filipino art form. (Think papier-mache.) It is made using a carved wooden sculpture as a mold. This mold is called a takaan. Common molds are animals (especially horses, chickens), dolls, and Christmas shapes. Taka started in the town of Paete, Laguna in the Philippines. Paete derives its name from paet, a Tagalog word for chisel which is a tool used in woodcarving.

(Fun Fact: Papier-mache originated in imperial China after the Chinese learned how to make paper. Chinese people used it to make warrior helmets, mirror cases, snuff boxes, or ceremonial masks.)



## APIDA Center learns about hometown hero, Telesforo Trinidad!

On Thursday, October 14, the APIDA Center hosted a cultural education program and panel about Telesforo Trinidad. Trinidad was a fireman in the U.S. Navy. In 1915, Trinidad was on board the *U.S.S. San Diego*. There were two explosions on the ship and Trinidad rescued fellow crewmen from the fires. For his bravery, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, becoming the first and only enlisted sailor of Filipino descent to have received such an honor.

We had the pleasure of speaking with Trinidad's grandson, [Rene Trinidad](#), and [Cecilia I. Gaerlan](#), who is a board member of the [USS Telesforo Trinidad Campaign](#) (USSTTC). This campaign's mission is to name the first U.S. Navy ship after a Filipino sailor. How can you help? Write to Congress members and ask them to write to the Secretary of the Navy to support the USSTCC's petition. You could also directly write to the Secretary of the Navy.

# APIDA Flex Alerts

- In honor of Filipinx American History Month, Associated Students SDSU ([@as\\_sdsu](#)) is highlighting SDSU Filipinx student leaders. For example, they have featured [Eugene Rueles](#), AB Samahan Chair, and [Cassie Ira](#), CHHS Representative.
- Dr. [Jennifer Imazeki](#), Director of the [Center for Inclusive Excellence](#), was featured in [Episode 383](#) of the Teaching in Higher Ed podcast. She talked about implicit bias in teaching. She said, "It is not about changing the bias or stopping the bias. It is about getting in between your internal reaction and your external reaction."
- [Jesca Prudencio](#), Associate Professor in the School of Theatre, Television, and Film, was featured on [The Filipino American Woman Project](#), a podcast of stories and life lessons told by American women of Filipino descent. This podcast is hosted by SDSU Alum [Jen Amos](#) and Nani Dominguez. Listen to the podcast [here](#)!

**We want to celebrate you!**

**Do you or someone you know from the SDSU APIDA community have a flex to share?**

**Email us at [apida@sdsu.edu](mailto:apida@sdsu.edu).**

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

**APIDA** DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY  
**APIDA Center Support Spaces**  
 Location: APIDA Center Conference Room  
 Fall 2021 beginning September 20

MON	TUE	WED	THUR
1pm - 2pm <b>Mindful Monday</b> Get organized and plan your week!	1pm - 2pm <b>Taboo Tuesday</b> Let's talk about tough topics!	1pm - 2pm <b>Wind Down Wednesday</b> Practice self-care!	1pm - 2pm <b>Family Talk Thursday</b> Let's talk about family struggles!
		2pm - 4pm <b>APIDA Homeroom</b> Let's study together! Get academic support!	2pm - 4pm <b>APIDA Homeroom</b> Let's study together! Get academic support!

**NOTE:** Participating means you are agreeing to create a safe space that is confidential, non-judgmental, respectful, and consensual.

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Mondays through Thursdays from 1-2pm

- **Mindful Monday** - Get yourself ready for the week!
- **Taboo Tuesday** - Let's discuss health, dating, and more!
- **Wind Down Wednesday** - Self-care is for everyone!
- **Family Talk Thursday** - Let's navigate family struggles together!

**APIDA Homeroom** on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 2-4pm - Be productive, share study tips, and receive coaching on your current projects and assignments. We can also connect you with the resources you need for academic success!

## Saturday School Tagalog Edition

**Location:** APIDA Center Conference Room  
 Saturdays in October, 1-3pm  
 Oct. 16 & Oct. 23

Come learn with us on Saturdays in October from 1-3pm at the APIDA Center for Filipinx American History Month! Each session will be accompanied by a relevant history lesson and a craft or activity. Open to all members of the SDSU community.

RSVP recommended here: <https://bit.ly/FAHMSatSchool2021>

## The Chinese American Experience & Beyond Lecture Series

**Zoom:** [Zoom Registration](#)  
 Saturday October 16th at 10am

In support of the [SDSU Chinese Cultural Center](#) and the [San Diego Chinese Historical Museum](#), Dr. Loh-Hagan will share her research and knowledge about the paper son/daughter experience at Angel Island. She will also discuss the challenges of teaching about the paper son experience and the connections to today's political landscape.

## Sewing Squad Sew-cials!

**Location:** APIDA Center  
 October 18th, November 1st, November 15th, November 29th, and December 13th at 4pm

Join the SDSU APIDA Center for our Sewing Squad Sew-cials! Supplies are provided. Make face masks and more with us.

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**FILIPINX AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH - OCTOBER 2021**

**Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture:** **Tues, Oct 19 from 1-2pm**  
**Speaker: RJ Taggug**



RJ Taggug is a PhD Candidate at UC Davis and currently serves as the Director of Research at the Bulosan Center for Filipinx Studies. His work focuses on the intersection between global migration and health, primarily looking at deconstructing the role of colonialism in the Filipinx/a/o community. In this session, Taggug will discuss the use of a community-based participatory approach to mixed-methods research praxis in the Filipinx/a/o community. He will also reflect on his experience as a queer, undocumented Filipino committed to pursuing an anti-racist research praxis in the academic realm.

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**Zoom Link:** <https://sdsu.zoom.us/my/vlohagan>

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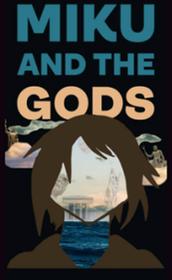
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**ARTS ALIVE** SDSU  
**Discovery Series**  
 PANEL DISCUSSION

**MIKU AND THE GODS**



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**PANELISTS:**  
 Julia Izumi Playwright  
 Dr. Anh Hua Department of Women's Studies  
 Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan SDSU APIDA Center  
 Peter James Cirino School of Theatre, Television, and Film

Inspired by the SDSU production of *Miku, and the Gods*, this panel explores the themes of friendship, death, and power as they relate to Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) representation.

**REGISTER HERE**

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## MIKU AND THE GODS - Play & Panel Discussion

**Zoom:** [Zoom Registration](#)  
 October 26, 4:30-6pm

Attend this FREE panel discussion about APIDA representation. Dr. Loh-Hagan is one of the panelists. In addition, go see "[Miku and the Gods](#)" at the Don Powell Stage (here at SDSU) from Oct 29th-Nov 5th.

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**Filipinx American History Month - October 2021**  
**SATURDAY SCHOOL - TAGALOG EDITION**

Learn about the Filipino language and culture with us!  
 Three sessions left! Attend one or all of the sessions!

<b>October 9</b> Basic Travel Language Role of Religion in Filipino Homes Let's Make Parols!	<b>October 16</b> Basic Love Language History of a Filipino Dance Let's Dance!
<b>October 23</b> Basic Expletives History of a Filipino Game Let's Play!	<b>About Our Instructor</b> Paolo is a Swiss Filipino-American who grew up in-between all 3 countries. He is an SDSU alum who works in education in San Diego. He is fluent in Tagalog, English and German.

**Time:** October 9, 16, and 23 from 1-3 PM  
**RSVP Link:** <https://bit.ly/FAHMSatSchool2021>  
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THE SDSU CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER & SDCHM ARE HONORED TO PRESENT

**THE CHINESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE & BEYOND**  
 LECTURE SERIES

**OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 10:00am**  
**ANGEL ISLAND**  
 by Virginia Loh-Hagan  
 Moderated by Bob Stein  
 Commentary by Russell Low

**MINI-LECTURE SERIES: CHINESE AMERICANS AT SDSU**

**REGISTER HERE:**  
<https://bit.ly/lohhagan/teaching/engines/Chinese%20at%20SDSU>

Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan is the Director of the APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) Center at San Diego State University (SDSU). She served her doctorate in Education with an emphasis in Literacy from SDSU in May 2008; her dissertation was a qualitative study on the cultural sustainability of Asian American children's literacies. Bob Stein (M.A., Thomas Jefferson University; Jefferson Medical College) is an experienced museum docent who graduated from the SDMA Docent Training Program in 2016. He retired from a career as a geologist and staff member of Palomar College, where he served in many different leadership roles. He joined the SDCHM as a member of its Board of Directors in 2020, and now serves as our Interim Director.

Russell Low is a California-born 4th generation Chinese American physician who is a great grandson ofuang Lai Wei, a Transcontinental Railroad worker and San Diego, a rescued child slave. Russell's passion for research, family history, and storytelling came together in a recently published novel entitled "Three Cities."

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**FILIPINX AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH - OCTOBER 2021**

**THEME: KNOW OUR HISTORY, KNOW OURSELVES!**

- October 1: SM campaign about Filipinx American History Month (IG)
- October 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 1-3pm: Saturday School - Tagalog Edition (APIDA Center)
- October 4 from 2-3pm: Student Mural 1587: A Convo with the Student Artists (Love Library)
- October 7 from 3-4pm: The Past, Present, and Future of Fil-Am Studies at SDSU (zoom)
- October 8: SM campaign about the Young Filipino People's Far West Convention (IG)
- Oct 11, 13, and 15th at 5pm: Filipino Taka Art (APIDA Center)
- October 14 from 2-3pm: SD Fil-Am Hometown Hero: Teleforo Trinidad (zoom)
- October 15: SM campaign about Fil-Am college student orgs (IG)
- October 19 from 1-2pm: Dr. Rey Monzon Data Lecture - RJ, Taggug (zoom)
- October 21 from 5-6pm: Pedro Flores and the Yo-Yo (plus D.I.Y. Yo-Yo Craft) (APIDA Center)
- October 22: SM campaign about pensionados (IG)
- October 26 from 2-3pm: Pinoy Pop or P-pop (zoom)
- October 27 from 6:30-9pm: LARC Film Screening of "Fan Girl" (zoom)
- October 27 from 3-4pm: Discussion of FAHM Readings (APIDA Center)
- October 28 (with One SDSU and APSA): Night Market (Aztec Student Union)
- October 29: SM campaign about Film-Am Youth Activists (IG)
- October 29 at 4pm - San Diego Asian Film Festival's Fil-Am Movie Night (Ultra Star Theater)

Be sure to check out All Samahan on IG @bsamahan. They will be posting fun facts every day and "Cooking with COCOS" on Saturday. In addition, they will be sharing cultural reports at their GBMs on Fridays from 12-2pm at Park Blvd.

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## Filipinx American History Month - October 2021

**Theme: Know Our History, Know Ourselves!**

Join us for an entire month of online and in-person events celebrating Filipinx American History Month! Take a look at all of our events [here!](#)

**Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars**  
 x SDSU APIDA Center  
**Virtual Fall Symposium**

**THEME: LEARNING FROM THE LAND**  
**Mon, Nov 15, 2021 from 10am-2pm PST**  
**Zoom Registration:** <https://bit.ly/PBDAPIDAFallSymposium>

**Agenda**

- Welcome: from Phi Beta Delta
- 10am - Farming As Activism: Mai Nguyen, Farmer Activist
- 11am - Native Knowledge Now: Mark Alapaiki Luke, Professor at Honolulu Community College
- 12pm - Fire is Medicine: Margo Robbins, Executive Director of Cultural Fire Management Council
- 1pm - Book Club Discussion of BRAIDING SWEETGRASS by Robin Wall Kimmerer






Mai Nguyen 10am Speaker  
 Mark Alapaiki Luke 11am Speaker  
 Margo Robbins 12pm Speaker  
 Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan Moderator

CONTACT: Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan, Director of the SDSU APIDA Center and President-Elect of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars at [vlohagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vlohagan@sdsu.edu)

## Phi Beta Delta x APIDA Center Virtual Fall Symposium

**Zoom:** [Zoom Registration](#)  
 November 15, from 10-2pm

Please join us as we kick off International Education Week. Phi Beta Delta (in partnership with the SDSU APIDA Center) is hosting a FREE Virtual Fall Symposium. The theme is "Learning From the Land." All are welcome!

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# Sewing Squad Sew-cials!

Every other Monday starting October 18th @ 4pm in the APIDA Center\*

October 18th  
 November 1st, 15th, 29th  
 December 13th

Supplies are provided!  
 Make face masks and more with us!

**Meet new friends! Learn new skills! Have fun!**

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# Opportunities

- The [Bayanihan Filipino American Faculty and Staff Association](#) is hosting an event in collaboration with the San Diego Chapter of the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS); the very organization that created FAHM. This online event takes place on Friday, October 15 at 7pm with a presentation from renowned Fil-Am activist and writer, Gayle Romasanta. She will be presenting on her long time activism and writing regarding the Fil-Am community; including significant work celebrating the legacy of Fil-Am labor movement leader, Larry Itliong. She will be discussing her current work in developing an upcoming musical based on his life and work. RSVP [here](#).
- The [SDSU Women's Resource Center](#) (WRC) is seeking an Assistant Director. The application has been extended to Monday, October 18. The WRC Assistant Director will work with the Director, Faculty Scholar, Coordinator, and student staff to lead the WRC. For more information and details, click [here](#).
- The [Center for Student Organizations & Activities](#) has opened the application for the 2021 Homecoming Court. The application is open until October 18. To apply, click [here](#).
- Transfer Week is coming up! [SDSU](#) wants to highlight students and advocates of the transfer community. To participate, fill out the form [here](#).
- Upcoming [Aztec Student Union](#) events this October:
  - Pumpkin Patch Palooza on October 19 from 6-8pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
  - Football viewing party (SDSU vs Air Force Academy) on October 23 at Aztec Lanes. Doors open at 3:30pm. Free bowling.
  - Monday Night Movie screening of "Step Brothers" on October 25 at 6:30pm at Student Union Theatre.
- College of Sciences Student Council is hosting a Town Hall on October 20th from 1-2pm at Park Boulevard, which is located on the first floor of the Student Union. The topic for this town hall is diversity, equity, and inclusion within the College of Sciences. For more info, email [sdsuscience@gmail.com](mailto:sdsuscience@gmail.com).
- SDSU Librarian [Linda Salem](#) will be presenting on "Takeo Takei, Aruki Taro and Japanese Children's Literature Illustration" on October 20 at 4pm at the [San Diego Central Library](#). Registration link [here](#).
- In honor of UndocuWeek of Empowerment, the [Undocumented Resource Center](#) will be hosting a film screening of "Your Iron Lady" on Friday, October 22 from 7-9pm at the Alla Lotta Wiik Auditorium (Arts and Letters Building, Room 201). Register [here](#).
- The SDSU Spanglish Certificate invites conversations about bilingual therapy across various languages. This workshop centers Vietnamese language and will be facilitated by Tri Nguyễn. The workshop will take place on October 23 from 9:00am to 10:30am. Register [here](#).
- ESAB and SPAA presents Trick or TrESAB for SDSU and community members! This is a family friendly event for students, student parents, and children. There will be food, games, crafts, and much more on Thursday, October 28 from 5 -7pm at Student Services East 2109. RSVP [here](#).
- The 22nd annual [San Diego Asian Film Festival](#) (SDAFF) will take place from October 28 - November 6. SDAFF is looking for volunteers. Contact Managing Director Glenn Heath Jr. at [glenn@pacarts.org](mailto:glenn@pacarts.org).

**Give to the APIDA Center and help support our programs directly!  
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