

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



Read all about it!!!

Check your email! Newsletter #10 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



Show off your talent!

Check out the latest edition of [The Daily Aztec](#) - our very own [Jalea Villarama](#) is featured on [page 8](#). I'm so proud of her for a hundred different reasons. In addition to being a musician, she is also a kind and fun person. An APIDA Center "regular," she is an absolute delight! We love her vibes!

Jalea is just one of many talented students at SDSU. I feel so lucky to be able to hang out with these super stars at the APIDA Center! To name a few: [Barry Lomibao](#) is another talented musician; [Ian Ordonio](#) is a talented photographer and videographer; [VSA Modern](#) and [KASA Ignite](#) are super talented dancers; [Tyra Arandia](#) is a talented graphic designer....there are so many more!!!

I want to be able to amplify as many folks as possible. If you have a talent, please let me know. We want to show you off! It's so important to pursue your passion and promote the APIDA community in all disciplines. Let's spread as much APIDA joy as possible. Flex!

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

Actually, we saw lions and tigers but no bears! On Saturday, October 30th, APIDA Center and [Residential Education Office](#) (REO) hosted an A-LIST field trip to the [San Diego Zoo Safari Park](#)! A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. (As a reminder - In Fall 2021, we launched the very first [APIDA-focused residential learning community](#) and APIDA-focused university seminar. There are about 40 APIDA students and allies living as a community in South Campus Plaza. They are the very first cohort!! So cool!)

We had a super fun-filled day that started with a nostalgic yellow school bus ride. Once we got to the park, we ate and then we walked the entire park. We clocked over 10,000 steps that day! We made a lot of fun memories and built community. One of our students saw a giraffe for the first time. Another student discovered his love for 800-year old trees. The students taught Dr. Loh-Hagan what "hot take" means; one of the students also gave her the nickname, "Dr. Auntie." :) So much fun!!!!!!

Many, many thanks to **Jenna Hazelton**, Senior Associate Director of REO, and Dr. **Kara Bauer**, Executive Director of REO, for their generous support and coordination. Also, thanks to chaperones, **Gi Gonzales** (APIDA Center Graduate Assistant), **Alison Sternal** (COE Advisor), and Dr. **Loh-Hagan**.



APIDA Center celebrates Diwali!

Diwali is the Festival of Lights. Learn more about it by reading our [Diwali social media campaign](#) created by **Kathleen Dang** (APIDA Center Coordinator).

On Thursday, November 4th, SDSU doctoral student, **Niveditha Ramadoss**, dressed in a beautiful traditional garb and shared some fun facts about Diwali and Rangoli. For example, did you know that the geometric designs of Rangoli increase mindfulness? Rangoli is an Indian folk art that uses patterns and geometric shapes to create a sacred welcoming and auspicious space. After Nivi shared, we did a Rangoli art project using designs, glue, salt, and watercolors.

Join us at our next Diwali event - On Wednesday, November 10th at 6pm at Peterson Gym 240, we will be hosting a Bollywood dancing lesson. No experience necessary - We will be cutting off attendance once we reach room capacity so first come, first serve! Also, please connect with student organizations, [Sanskriti](#) and [Hindu Yuva](#). Sanskriti is hosting a grand Diwali celebration on November 14th. Don't miss out!

SDSU Asian American Studies Tenure Track Faculty Searches



The College of Arts and Letters at San Diego State University is excited to begin the development of an Asian American Studies department, and to invite applications for TWO tenure track faculty positions:

- Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Asian American Studies, area of specialization open
- Associate Professor (Tenured), Asian American Studies, area of specialization open



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Assistant & Associate Professor, Asian American Studies

San Diego State University invites applications for one tenure-track (Assistant Professor) position and one tenured (Associate Professor) position in the area of Asian American Studies, to begin Fall 2022. These positions are part of a cluster hire to strengthen Ethnic Studies at SDSU.

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies, Asian American Studies, or a related field by the time of appointment, with demonstrated evidence of Ethnic Studies knowledge and practice. While the topic of specialization within the field of Asian American Studies is open, we seek candidates with innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to scholarship, research, and teaching, whose work is anchored in critical, anti-racist, and decolonial perspectives. We further seek scholars committed to community-based work, who can engage with Asian American communities in the San Diego context.

Successful candidates will have a strong record of scholarship (relative to career stage), active research agenda, and a commitment to undergraduate teaching. Highly effective pedagogy and a willingness to build curriculum is highly desired. Candidates will be expected to teach introductory courses in Asian American Studies, as well as to develop upper and lower division course offerings in Asian American Studies related to their areas of specialization, and the needs and context of the San Diego community.

For the tenured Associate Professor line, we seek a skilled scholar with administrative and leadership experience who will be supported to lead the development and formalization of an Asian American Studies department to complement SDSU's existing Ethnic Studies departments.

SDSU is a Title IX, equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, marital status, age, disability, pregnancy, medical condition, or covered veteran status.

Apply via Interfolio at apply.interfolio.com/95906
by November 15th 2021

SDSU is hiring two Asian American Studies Professors!

We are thrilled to be hiring two Asian American Studies Tenured/Tenure-Track positions. We are looking for amazing people. Read more about the job description and the application process here:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/95906>. If you or someone you know fits the criteria, join us!!!

APIDA Flex Alerts

- Did you know that SDSU now has a badminton club? Many thanks to the dynamic leadership of **Christy Huynh** for making this happen in a short amount of time - The [SDSU Badminton club](#) is here and thriving.
- [The Daily Aztec](#) did a story about Night Market under the headline, "[Community life awakens at Night Market](#)." The article features quotes from Dr. **Loh-Hagan**, **Sara Rose Fausto**, and **Bryant Jordan**. It also features pictures of [JSA](#) and [PISA](#).
- Congratulations to everyone who brought the play, "Miku and the Gods" to life on the Don Powell Stage. The show ran from October 29th to November 5th. Special thanks to the following APIDA actors/artists: **Peter Cirino** (director), **Hope-Elizabeth Dagdagan** (Miku), and **Justine Elise O. Banal** (Grandma Seiko).
- SDSU doctoral student, **Niveditha Ramadoss**, shared her research at a [San Diego Botanical Society event](#) on Friday, Nov 5th. The title of her talk was, "Exploring the reproductive struggles of Wolf's cholla." Learn more about her research [here](#).
- Get excited for homecoming week starting Nov 8th. We are so proud of [Jacqueline Banal](#), who is part of the Associated Students' [2021 Homecoming Court](#)!

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.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

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APIDA Center Support Spaces
 Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
 Fall 2021 beginning September 20

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

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Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
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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!

APIDA Intersectionalities Week

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
 Mon. Nov 8 to Wed. Nov 10 from 1-2pm

- **Mindful Monday** - We'll discuss the intersectionalities of persons with disabilities and learn how to support, respect, and hold space for each other.
- **Taboo Tuesday** - We'll discuss the intersectionalities of gender expression. Learn about gender identities and understand the importance of identity.
- **Wind Down Wednesday** - We'll discuss the intersectionalities related to mental health and learn about ways to support each other.

Bollywood Dancing Lesson

Location: Peterson Gym 240
 November 10 from 6-7pm
 Celebrate Diwali by learning how to Bollywood dance with us! No experience necessary! All you need is a pair of dancing shoes and a fun attitude!

APIDA 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 Alapaki 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 Alapaki 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 vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu

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 Join the SDSU APIDA Center for our
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!

*The APIDA Center is located on the 2nd Floor of the Student Union, directly above Starbucks. Enter Student Life and Leadership office and make a right.

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 SDSU APIDA CENTER x
CIE JEDI Discussion Circle

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Read the texts on the next slide and join our discussion!

Date: Tuesday, November 30
Time: 3:00-4:00pm
Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

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Fall 2021 Holiday Schedule

Veterans Day
 Thurs, Nov 11: CLOSED

Thanksgiving Recess
 Mon, Nov 22: 10-8pm
 Tues, Nov 23: 10-8pm
 Wed, Nov 24: 10:00-4:30pm
 Thurs, Nov 25 + Fri, Nov 26: CLOSED

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!

Sewing Squad Sew-cials!

Location: APIDA Center
 Nov 15, 29 & Dec 13 at 4pm
 Join the SDSU APIDA Center for our Sewing Squad Sew-cials! Supplies are provided. Make face masks and more.

APIDA x CIE JEDI Discussion Circle

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room
 Nov 30 at 3pm
 Read the texts and join the discussion on Native American Heritage Month!

- [Is Travel Next in the Fight Over Who Profits From Native American Culture?](#)
- ['We the People' - the three most misunderstood words in US history](#)
- [America's Native Prisoners of War](#)
- [Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: Myths & Misgivings](#)

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We hope everyone enjoys the time off with your friends and family.

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BOLLYWOOD DANCING LESSON

WHEN: Wed, Nov. 10 at 6pm
 WHERE: Peterson Gym 240

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Opportunities

- In January 2021, Dr. **Rey Monzon** had passed away. To honor his memory and contribute to a memorial fund established in his honor, please participate in the inaugural #Run4Rey on Saturday, November 6th. There will be an in-person race at Montgomery High School. In addition, there will be a virtual option - see the [flyer](#) for more information. This event is being hosted by the [Council of Philippine American Organizations \(COPAO\)](#), [Bayanihan Filipino American Faculty and Staff Association](#), and the [APIDA Employee Resource Group](#). Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/run4rey-tickets-194110268037>
- The [Center for Intercultural Relations \(CIR\)](#) is inviting first generation students, staff, and faculty to be featured on the CIR social media page as part of their "Why I'm First Gen" series. Share your story by November 7 [here](#).
- The CIR is hosting "Hot & Cozy: Let's Talk It Out!" on November 10 from 3-4pm in the CIR Living Room. Students can show up in comfy clothes and cozy up with a cup of coffee to talk about academic and personal stress. RSVP [here](#).
- Students are invited to apply to become an SDSU Ambassador. SDSU Ambassadors are a highly selective group of students who are trained to be the official student representatives, tour guides, and orientation leaders of SDSU. Apply by November 15. Register for an info session [here](#).
- On November 18 from 11-2pm, [One SDSU](#) and the [International Student Center](#) are hosting an [International Peace Village](#) in the Student Union courtyard.
- [Aztec Nights](#) and [Arts Alive](#) are hosting [Art After Dark](#), a late-night arts festival and competition featuring SDSU student art in all forms. The event is on Friday, November 19 from 10-2am on North Library Walkway. There will be performances, artist gallery, interactive art make-and-take stations, student org tabling, free food, opportunity drawings, giveaways, and more!

**Give to the APIDA Center and help support our programs directly!
Your donation, big or small, makes a huge difference for our center!**

<http://philanthropy.sdsu.edu/APIDA>

To read past newsletters, visit this [page](#)!

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