

# DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY

## SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center



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

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



### Hours:

**Mon-Thurs 10:00-8:00pm**

**Fridays 10:00-4:30pm**

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# SDSU Office of AANAPISI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

November 27, 2024



## From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Giving Tuesday and Gleeful December!

This is a special issue to wish everyone a happy fall break, to promote Giving Tuesday, and to remind folks of our upcoming events in December!

Remember that the APIDA Center has modified hours until December 3rd. Also, remember that November is Native American Heritage Month and California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month!

Take time to relax, eat, and be with loved ones. Enjoy the last days of November!

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## Fall 2024 Break Modified Hours

Mon, Nov 25th from 10:00-8:00pm  
Tues, Nov 26th from 10:00-4:30pm  
Wed, Nov 27th from 10:00-4:30pm  
Mon, Dec 2nd from 10:00-4:30pm\*

\*Regular hours will resume on Tues, Dec 3rd!

\*We will close the APIDA Center on Mon, Dec 2nd at 4:30pm to support our Author Talk event with Dr. Grace M. Cho! Meet us at Templo Mayor from 5:00-6:30pm!



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## Meet Award-Winning Author: Grace M. Cho

**Date: Monday, December 2nd**  
**Room: Templo Mayor**  
**5:00pm – Author Talk**  
**6:00pm – Q&A and Booksigning**





Meet Korean American author, Grace M. Cho. Her most recent memoir, *TASTES LIKE WAR*, is an intimate account of the historical violence at the root of her mother's mental illness. In her mother's final years, Cho learned to cook dishes from her mother's childhood, experiencing the redemptive power of food.

# Donate to the APIDA Center!

GIVING  
TUESDAY



## APIDA celebrates Giving Tuesday!

Tuesday, December 3rd is #GivingTuesday, a global generosity movement. This year, consider donating to the APIDA Center. There are different ways to support us:

- Donate to our [program fund](#)! Every contribution (big and small) supports our mission to nurture APIDA students' academic success and to amplify the voice and visibility of the SDSU APIDA community.
- Create a scholarship travel fund to enable us to support our place-based learning initiatives. (Our trips cost a lot of money. Help us fund these impactful experiences for our students.)
- Donate your time! Let us know if you have a special talent to lead a workshop or if can mentor a student.
- Donate items such as: yarn, denim, puzzles, Asian American books, tea, etc.
- Send us a positive affirmation and let us know about the impact we are making.

\*In our next issue, we will announce our community service project. It involves lots of yarns (and textiles). If you have yarn, we want it!

# APIDA Recommendation: Teddy Morando



**Teddy Morando** is a third year Civil Engineering student. He recommends Gundam Model Kits, which are plastic building kits based on the anime series, *Gundam* (a Japanese sci-fi media franchise that features Gundams, or giant robots).

Manufacturing of the kits started in the 1980s by Japanese multinational toy production company, Bandai. Today, there are several U.S. stores that specialize in Gundam model kit products. Teddy said, "I recommend Gundam model kits because it is a calming activity to pass the time. Also, when you finish building the model, it becomes a great shelf item to have in your room!"

**Share all things APIDA (i.e., books, movies, food, restaurants, etc.).**

**Send a picture of you with the product and your glowing review.**

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

# Upcoming APIDA Center Events

## **Meet Author: Dr. Grace M. Cho**

**Location: Templo Mayor**

**Date: Monday, December 2 from 5:00-6:30pm**

Dr. Grace M. Cho will be talking about her book, *Tastes Like War*. Come for the author talk, Q&A, and booksigning. (Bring your copy of her book to get it signed!)

## **APIDA Field Trip: Moana 2**

**Location: AMC Mission Valley**

**Date: Tuesday, December 3 from 2-6pm**

Watch "Moana 2" with the APIDA Center!!! We will pay for your movie tickets! [RSVP](#) today! Limited seats. We will close sign-ups when seats are filled.

## **Learn Adobe Express!**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Tuesday, December 3 from 12-1pm**

SDSU students get access to Creative Cloud for free. SDSU's [AAJA](#) will facilitate a workshop about Adobe Express, an app that allows users to create portfolios, presentations, and more!

## **APIDA in Hip Hop Scholar Webinar: Rap, Race, and Revolution**

**Location: Zoom ([Register to join!](#))**

**Date: Wednesday, December 4 from 4-5pm**

Learn about Asian American rapper and activist Jason Chu's unique perspective on the place of hip hop culture and rap music in Asian American interracial dialogue, social change, and global popular culture.

## **Meet the Counselor: Dr. Tri Nguyen**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Thursday, December 5 from 2-3pm**

Meet APIDA-identifying counselors from SDSU's Counseling and Psychological Services. Meet Dr. Nguyen and ask all your questions.

## **APIDA in Hip Hop Scholar Webinar: Filipino Americans in Hip Hop**

**Location:** Zoom (**[Register to join!](#)**)

**Date:** Thursday, December 5 from 4-5pm

Learn about the contributions and representations of Filipino Americans in Hip Hop through the research presented in *Hip Hop, Empire, and Visionary Filipino American Culture* by Dr. Mark R. Villegas.

## **Game Night: Tien Len/Thirteen**

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Thursday, December 5 from 6-8pm

In collaboration with [VSA](#), we are playing Tiến lên, a Vietnamese card game. Learn about its historical and cultural significance and then play it with us!

## **Club Karaoke**

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Thursday, December 5 from 8-10pm

Back by popular demand! Join us for a holiday-themed karaoke night. Sing your heart out and ring in the holiday season with us!

## **Student-Led Workshop: History of Resistance: APIDA & Native American Solidarity**

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Monday, December 9 from 4-5pm

In honor of National Native American Heritage Month, learn about historical examples of APIDA and Native American solidarity. Workshop led by **Marlena Ngim**.

## **Student-Led Workshop: APIDA & Collectibles Culture: An Interdisciplinary Exploration**

**Location:** APIDA Center

**Date:** Monday, December 9 from 5-6pm

Learn about collectible culture, its origins in Asia, and its global popularity. Explore historical, scientific, sociological, and cultural perspectives. Then, decorate your own toploaders! Workshop led by **Nora Pham**.

### **Cultural Crafting Night: Mongolian Felt Craft**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Monday, December 9 from 6-8pm**

'Tis the season to make holiday ornaments with the APIDA Center. Learn about Mongolia and Mongolian textile arts with us and then make some felt craft ornaments!

### **APIDA in Hip Hop Scholar Webinar: Filipino and Black Shared Resistance in Music**

**Location: Zoom ([Register to join!](#))**

**Date: Wednesday, December 11 from 4-5pm**

Dr. Melvin Villaver, Jr., will present his research about the shared resistance of Filipino and Black Americans in music from the Blues through Hip Hop.

### **Journaling & Calligraphy**

**Location: APIDA Center**

**Date: Wednesday, December 11 from 6-8pm**

Get a free journal! Learn about the benefits of journaling and then make beautiful journals with **Jacqueline Toy**, Associate Director of The Weber Honors College and small business owner of [@morethanlettering](#).

### **APIDA in Hip Hop Scholar Webinar: Asian Americans in Hip Hop and Movement**


**Location: Zoom ([Register to join!](#))**

**Date: Thursday, December 12 from 4-5pm**


Dr. grace jun will share her expertise on Asian American history, representation, and activism through hip hop and movement. She will discuss the importance of building solidarity through dance and hip hop.

### **Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns**

APIDA Center is hosting Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to share your passion with others. It's also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested, email Dr. Loh-Hagan at [vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu](mailto:vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu).

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**APIDA Field Trip:**  
**Let's go see "Moana 2"!**




**Date: Tues, Dec 3, 2024**  
**Movie Start Time: 3:30pm**  
**(100 minutes)**  
**Location: AMC Mission Valley**

**RSVP today! Limited seats.**  
**We will close sign-ups when seats are filled.**

LINK:  
<https://bit.ly/APIDAMoana2>





Watch "[Moana 2](#)" with the APIDA Center! [RSVP](#) today! Top three reasons to watch "Moana 2": (1) It takes place 3,000 years ago in the islands of Polynesia, an area that includes Hawaii, Tonga and Tahiti, (2) It represents Pacific Islander pride, culture, and creativity, and (3) It's the first Disney animated feature to premiere in an indigenous language (i.e. Maori).

# APIDA Hip Hop Scholars Webinar Series

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

4-5 PM PST/6-7 PM CST/7-8 PM EST

**Rap, Race, & Revolution**

Speaker: **jason chu**



**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

4-5 PM PST/6-7 PM CST/7-8 PM EST

**Filipino Americans in Hip Hop**

Speaker: **Dr. Mark R. Villegas**



**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

4-5 PM PST/6-7 PM CST/7-8 PM EST

**Filipino and Black Shared Resistance in Music:  
From the Blues Through Hip Hop**

Speaker: **Dr. Melvin Villaver, Jr.**



**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

4-5 PM PST/6-7 PM CST/7-8 PM EST

**Asian Americans in Hip Hop and  
Movement**

Speaker: **Dr. grace jun**



**Register at [asianamericanedu.org/workshops](https://asianamericanedu.org/workshops)**

