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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Location:

2nd floor of Aztec Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-4:30pm

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan



Welcome Mr. Matt Garcia, our inaugural Associate Director!

I am so pleased to announce that the APIDA Center has hired our inaugural Associate Director: Mr. **Matthew H Garcia** (He/Him/His). His first day at the Center is April 11th. I'm beyond happy to have him be a part of the team!

Matt is originally from Santa Maria, a small town on the Central Coast of California. He attended California State University, Long Beach where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication Studies and went on to earn a Master's degree in Postsecondary Educational Leadership with a Specialization in Student Affairs from San Diego State University. Matt has worked at SDSU for over seven years serving in various positions starting in Student Organizations & Activities before transitioning to the Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life where he most recently served as the Interim Director. (Fun Fact: SDSU has the fourth largest fraternity and sorority community in California.)

Matt said, "I am thrilled to be working at the APIDA center as the inaugural Associate Director. I have seen the space and community that the APIDA Center has offered to the SDSU community and I am excited to be a part of the Center's endeavors. I identify as a member of the APIDA community as I was raised by family members who immigrated from the Philippines, including my father. Besides identifying as Filipinx, I also identify as a member of the Latinx and LGBTQ+ communities."

The search committee was especially impressed with Matt's extensive leadership and programming experiences. In addition to general merry-making, Matt will be in charge of the Center's advising initiatives and support programming and outreach efforts. In his free time, he enjoys exploring new restaurants and activities in San Diego.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center represents at SDSU Explore!

On Saturday, April 9, APIDA Center participated in [SDSU Explore](#). This is an annual event that offers prospective and admitted SDSU students an opportunity to explore various resources at SDSU. It gives attendees an inside look at the vibrant community at SDSU.

Many thanks to APIDA Center Student Staff members, **Gi Gonzales**, **Alexa Lawrence**, and **Mirei Kubota**! They did a phenomenal job representing the APIDA Center.



Support Asian American Studies!

SDSU is well on its way to developing an Asian American Studies department. For the past couple of months, the APIDA Center and APIDA ERG hosted seven Meet and Greet with candidates for the Assistant Professor and Associate Professor positions in Asian American Studies.

The Search Committee members are: Dr. [Minjeong Kim](#) (Chair), Dr. [Michael Dominguez](#), Dr. [Sureshi M. Jayawardene](#), Dr. [Virginia Loh-Hagan](#), and Dr. [Sandra Wawrytko](#). We were so thrilled to be a part of this momentous event. We are also grateful to the College of Arts and Letters Dean, [Monica Casper](#), who has been a tremendous support and leader.

[Brittany Cruz-Ferejan](#) wrote an article about our efforts in "[The Daily Aztec](#)." Other news outlets picked up the article including [AsAm News](#), [Next Shark](#), and [ABC 10](#). Dr. Loh-Hagan was interviewed by [ABC 10](#) live news. Now is the time! It's important to know our history or we will have no history!

Students: Sign up for Asian American courses! For example, this Fall 2022 semester, consider taking ASIAN/HIST 422: Asian American Experience.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

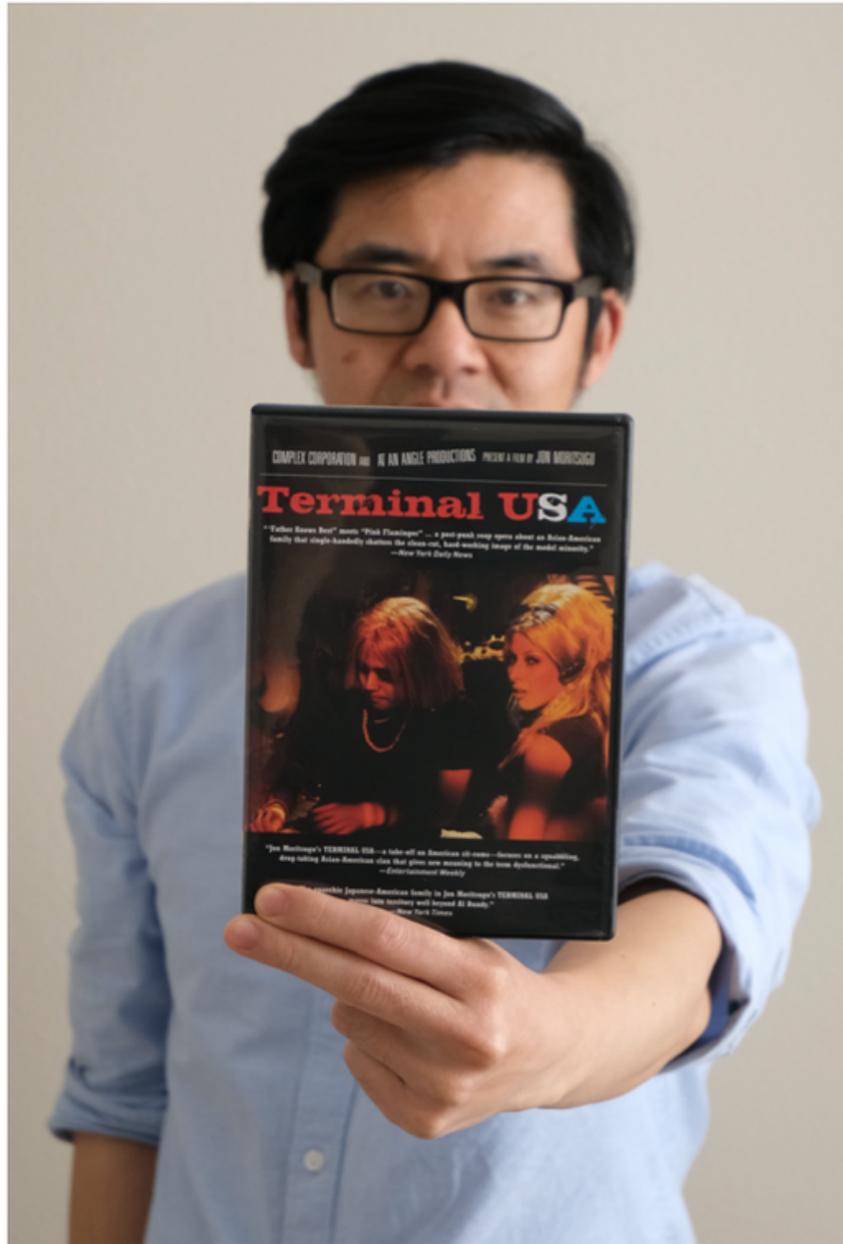
- Starting this June, **Catlan Nguyen**, Editor-in-Chief of [The Daily Aztec](#), will be working at [KING 5 News in Seattle](#) under [TEGNA](#)'s Producer-in-Residence program. She said, "I can't wait to work alongside some of the greatest journalists in the country!"
- Dr. **Brian Hu**, Associate Professor in the School of Theatre, Television, and Film, co-curated the series "[Asian American Filmmaking 2000-2009](#)," which is on [Criterion Channel](#). Dr. Hu said, "2000-2009 was such a pivotal decade, when Asian American filmmakers embraced feature filmmaking, responded to a post-9/11 America, and challenged all the 'proper' notions of Asian America altogether." This collection has 20 features and shorts and is available until August 1.
- Dr. **Loh-Hagan** presented three sessions at the [APAHE](#) (Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education) conference which was held from April 6-9 in Long Beach, CA. Her session topics were: "Sustaining the Moment: Building an APIDA-Supportive Campus Community," "Asian American Studies is For Everyone: What You Can Do!," and "Dealing with Allies Who Mean Well (I Think?)." She was thrilled to be flexing about all the great things the SDSU APIDA Center is doing.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

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All Things APIDA: Recommendations



Dr. [Brian Hu](#), Associate Professor in the School of Theatre, Television, and Film, is recommending [Terminal USA](#). He said, "In the early 90s, public television realized they needed more diversity and fresher voices, so they commissioned several films for a series they called 'TV Families.' If they thought they were getting all-American values on the network that Big Bird built, think again. Director Jon Moritsugu turned in the filthiest, most anarchic and despicable, deliciously 'negative' representation of Asian Americans that still shocks to this day. It's a Japanese American nuclear family sitcom: mom, dad, kids, and grandpa under one roof. But hidden in the closet is a deranged underbelly to the so-called model minority. Cocaine and sex tapes, skinheads and patricide. Nearly a third of PBS affiliates around the nation refused to show *Terminal USA*, but clearly Moritsugu didn't care. He spits in the eye of authority and standards of quality, a brazen call for Asian American cinema to be punk rock rather than just play by the rules. Don't believe me? Search *Terminal USA* in the SDSU library catalog and stream it for yourself. Just don't watch it with your family around."

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Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Crafty Mondays

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Mondays in March and April from 6-8pm

APIDA Center and [Allies for Education](#) with generous funding from [Student Success Fee Programs](#) will be hosting a crafty series. Participants will learn about the culture and history of various crafts, get a demonstration, and have time to get crafty. Space is limited to about 20 participants while supplies last; first come, first served. All participants must attend lecture in order to participate in craft-making. (Hosted by [Alexa Lawrence](#))

- April 11th: [Indian Jute Crafts](#) (Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Amsamani Sundarvel)
- April 18th: [Batik \(Philippines, India, Indonesia, Singapore\)](#)
- April 25th: [Chinese Knotting/Macrame](#)

JACL Community Dialogue with Dr. Loh-Hagan

RSVP for Zoom Link: sandiegojacl@gmail.com

Date: Thursday, April 14 from 6:30-8:00pm

[San Diego Japanese American Citizens League](#) is hosting a virtual Community Dialogue with Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan. The purpose of the SD JACL Monthly Dialogues is to help build and inform on important topics in the community.

Why APIDA Stories Matter

Zoom Link: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/85368971052?pwd=TjRDWFZZSW5GMFTFYTEVKSURzUUpxQT09>

Date: Thursday, April 21 from 2:00-3:15pm

As part of Fresno State's Ameriasia Week, Dr. Loh-Hagan will be discussing the importance of APIDA stories for both APIDA communities and non-APIDA communities. Stories matter because we matter.

Film Screenings & Discussion with Ursula Liang

Location: NE 60

Dates: April 22 from 4-8pm

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/ursulafilms>

SDSU [Division of Research and Innovation](#), in collaboration with the APIDA Center, is hosting screenings of Ursula Liang's films, "9-Man" and "Down a Dark Stairwell." In addition, we will host an exclusive Q & A discussion with Ursula Liang (in person).

Grand Opening Celebration

Location: Student Union Courtyard and APIDA Center

Dates: April 25 from 1-3pm

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/APIDAGrandOpening>

The APIDA Center virtually opened during the pandemic. We just moved into our physical space in Fall 2021 and are still setting things up. But, the Center is definitely starting to feel like home. Join us for our official grand opening. Speakers include [President Adela de la Torre](#), [Vice President J. Luke Wood](#), and Dr. [Loh-Hagan](#). Student performances from [APSA Music](#), [PISA](#), and [KASA Ignite](#).

APIDA Conference

Location: Virtual (Standby for zoom and RSVP)

Dates: Saturday, April 30 from 9-4pm

Join for our 2nd annual APIDA Conference. This year's theme is "Unity in Community: How Communities Work Together to Solve Problems." We will be hearing from several APIDA organizations who are doing amazing things for our communities. We'll be announcing speakers soon. Thanks to generous funding from [Student Success Fee](#) programs. (Hosted by [Gi Gonzales](#))

GameCon

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Sunday, May 1 from 11-7pm

With generous funding from [Student Success Fee Programs](#), we will be hosting a Game Conference. This will be the first of many events for SDSU gaming enthusiasts. We will be discussing the benefits of playing tabletop games, video games, and role-playing games. We will also play games! Settlers of Catan, Dungeons & Dragons, mah jong...we got it all! (Hosted by [Krishna Ramamoorthy](#) and [Alexa Lawrence](#))

AFE 101: Teaching Tough Topics

Location: Virtual (Standby for zoom and RSVP)

Dates: Saturday, May 7 from 10-4pm

With generous funding from [Student Success Fee Programs](#), Allies for Education and the APIDA Center will be hosting our third annual AFE 101 professional development conference. This conference is developed by teachers for teachers! (Hosted by [Nadia Hernandez Ruelas](#) and [Alexa Lawrence](#))

Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns

Do you have expertise on a topic? Do you have a special skill? Consider sharing your knowledge with us! APIDA Center launched our Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to show off your expertise and share your passion with others. It's also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. Work with an APIDA Center staff member who will serve as your project mentor. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested in participating, email us at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

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APIDA Center Grand Opening



When: Mon, April 25 from 1-3pm

Where: Student Union Courtyard

RSVP: bit.ly/APIDAGrandOpening

Schedule of Events

1:00 - Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

1:10 - Speakers:

- Dr. Adela de la Torre, President
- Dr. J. Luke Wood, SA+CD Vice President
- Dr. V. Loh-Hagan, APIDA Center Director

1:30 - Student Performers:

- APSA Music
- PISA
- KASA Ignite

2:00 - Open House and Mix & Mingle



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Opportunities

- The [Women's Resource Center](#) is hosting "[Take Back the Week](#)" from April 11-15. Honor this collaborative effort to spread awareness about issues surrounding sexual violence and rape and to provide support to survivors.
- [Vietnamese Student Association](#) (VSA) is hosting their [Vietnamese Culture Night](#) on Friday, April 15th from 6:30-9:30pm at Patrick Henry High School. The theme this year is "Back to the Childhood Land."
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting their 37th annual [Filipino American Culture Night](#) on April 15th from 6-9pm at Montezuma Hall. Join them for a night of singing, dancing, and acting.
- RSO Presidents and Treasurers: The [RSO Renewal Symposia](#) takes place on May 1, 2022. This is a one day event where student org leaders can complete all the required training and renew their applications for the 22-23 school year.

**Do you have an opportunity to share?
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Scholarships

- The [Beverley Yip Scholarship](#) is a \$2,500 scholarship for students who are pursuing post-secondary education toward a degree in social work, behavioral health, or related fields in health and human services. Two winners are selected annually. [Apply by April 15](#).
- The [Hsiao Memorial Social Sciences Scholarship](#) is a \$1000 scholarship for a student to pursue graduate level studies in the social sciences/economics. Apply by May 16.

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