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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

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'Tis the season to study for finals!

It's that time of year - Finals Week! Can you believe the semester is almost over? Time flies when you're having fun, which is especially true at the APIDA Center where fun reigns!

December 12 is the last day of classes for the Fall 2022 semester; December 13-19 is finals week. As such, the APIDA Center will be hosting a [Study Hall](#) in which we will observe quiet hours from 10-5pm. All participants can get free Asian snacks and test-taking supplies like pencils, scantrons, exam books, index cards, paper, etc.

We offer a variety of study spaces for students:

- We have a QUIET room where noise of any kind is banned. This room aims to be a distraction-free zone.
- We have a CONFERENCE ROOM that can be reserved for study groups of 3-10 people.
- We have a STUDENT WORKROOM that has two computer stations and three desk areas.
- We have a LOUNGE area with tables and chairs.

In addition, we will be hosting [Finals Fun](#) from 5-8pm on Dec 12-15. We will host crafting events, puzzles, games, etc. Furthermore, we provide academic advising. Come on by! We have everything you need to support you through this Finals season!

A Moment in APIDA History:

Know our histories to know ourselves!



History of Vietnamese Refugees in San Diego

The Vietnam War (1955-1975) was a conflict between communist North Vietnam and South Vietnam; it spread into other countries in Southeast Asia. Supporting South Vietnam, the United States entered the war in 1964 in order to stop the spread of communism. The war ended in 1975 with the Fall of Saigon when North Vietnamese forces took the capital city. This led to a large population of Southeast Asian refugees in the United States. As of 2021, there were 1.3 million Vietnamese immigrants living in the United States, making them the largest Southeast Asian immigrant group in the country.

The mass exodus of Vietnamese refugees was marked by two main separate waves of migration. The first wave of Vietnamese refugees were evacuated via U.S. military helicopters. They were mostly educated, wealthy professionals who likely fled due to political and economic conflicts. These early arrivals mainly included military personnel and professionals who worked with the U.S. military or with the South Vietnamese government, a U.S. ally. Their families were also able to flee with them. The next wave of Vietnamese refugees, known as "boat people," came from rural areas and were often poor and less educated. They were not able to be evacuated by the United States because of limited resources and space. As such, they filled boats and freighters beyond capacity. They endured many perils as they moved to temporary camps in other Southeast Asian countries. Many eventually made it to the United States but many perished at sea. Future waves of Vietnamese refugees included children of U.S. soldiers and Vietnamese women.

Right after the Fall of Saigon, the first wave of Vietnamese refugees arrived at Camp Pendleton, the major West Coast base of the U.S. Marines located in Oceanside/San Diego. It was the first major refugee camp for Southeast Asian refugees. The Camp Pendleton refugee camp was also known as "Tent City" because tens of thousands of refugees lived in cramped military tents. Refugees stayed there for about three months. They waited for U.S. families to sponsor them and help them resettle.

As a refugee camp, Camp Pendleton closed in October of 1975. Many Vietnamese refugees stayed in San Diego and built ethnic enclaves, such as Little Saigon, an ethnic enclave in City Heights.

Sources:

- "[Southeast Asian Refugees: Make Them Count](#)" by Giannela Gonzales, Kathy Ho, and Dr. Virginia Loh-Hagan in Social Education (March/April 2022)
- "[History of Camp Pendleton as a Vietnamese Refugee Camp](#)" by Lizzie Reynante, Jonathan Phan, and Ian Cruz.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center helps preserve Dong Ho!

On December 5th, the APIDA Center hosted a workshop about the Vietnamese traditional folk art of Đông Hồ painting which originated in the Đông Hồ village. The wars in Southeast Asia negatively impacted this art form. First, chemical warfare destroyed natural resources of which Đông Hồ relies upon for the dyes and materials. Second, the displacement of people endangered the preservation of the art form. Today, locals are fighting to keep this art form alive. APIDA students learned about this art form and its revival and made their own version of stamped paintings inspired by Đông Hồ.



APIDA Center champions Asian American Studies!

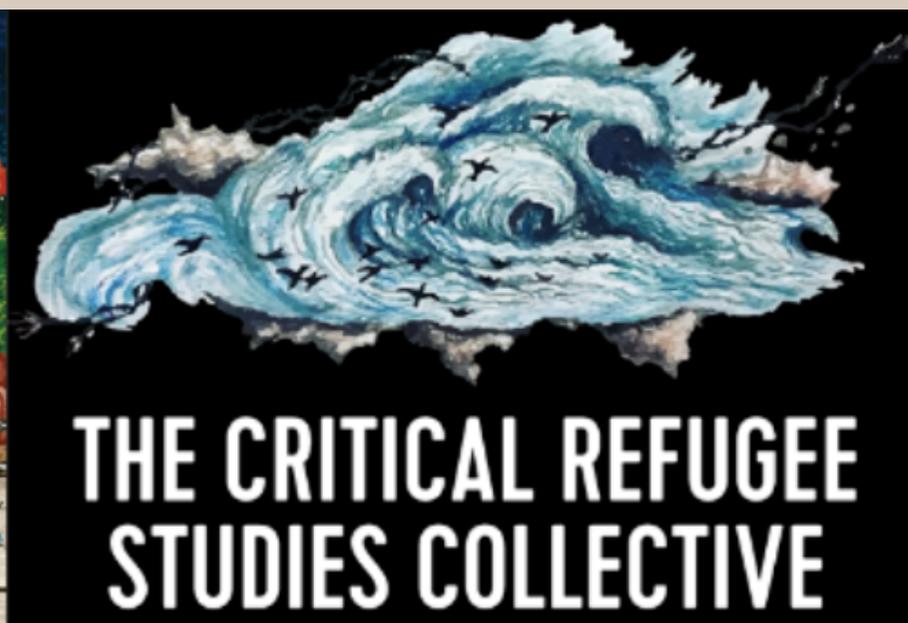
On December 6th, APIDA Center hosted a [meet and greet](#) with the [new leaders](#) of Asian American Studies (AAS) and the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies (CAPS). Dr. **Minjeong Kim** is the Director of CAPS. Dr. **Alvin Henry** is the Associate Professor/Director of AAS and Dr. **Stephen Suh** is the Assistant Professor of AAS. We learned about Asian American Studies as a discipline, the history of AAS at SDSU, and [course offerings for the spring](#). Consider enrolling in one of these courses:

- GEN S 250: Critical Topics in APIDA
- ASIAN/HIST 422: Asian American Experience
- ASIAN 460: Contemporary Issues in Fil-Am Communities
- HIST 422: Asian American Experiences
- HIST 435: History Through Film (Asian American Cinema)
- HIST 548: Race, Ethnicity and US History
- LGBT 350: Queer of Color Studies
- REL S 337: Asian Religions in America



APIDA Center hosts A-LIST party!

On December 6th, APIDA Center hosted an end-of-the semester party for our A-LIST students. (A-LIST stands for APIDA Leadership, Identity, Scholarship, and Togetherness. This is our First-Year Experience program where we host an APIDA residential learning community and a university seminar. Many thanks to **Matt Garcia**, APIDA Center Associate Director, for teaching the university seminar this semester.) The highlight of the evening were the student project posters.



APIDA Center hosts Dr. Yen Le Espiritu!

On December 7th, the APIDA Center in partnership with [Phi Beta Delta](#) International Honor Society for International Education hosted Dr. [Yen Le Espiritu](#). Dr. **Suh** described Dr. Espiritu as the "Ethnic Studies goddess." She is most definitely amazing. We learned so much about refugees and the refugee experience. She pushed us to challenge the "nation of immigrants" narrative which erases the history of racial violence in the United States and to center refugee experiences. She uses the term "militarized refugees" to study the role military actions have played in causing modern displacement. We will definitely have Dr. Espiritu back at SDSU.

News from APIDA ERG



APIDA ERG hosts meeting!

On December 8th, APIDA ERG members met to catch up and hang out. We also elected our new officers for the upcoming year:

- Co-Chairs: Dr. Loh-Hagan and Helen Ma
- Vice Chair: Jacqueline Toy
- Secretary: Reychel Robles
- Treasurer & Activities Director: Matt Garcia
- TV/Movie Club Coordinator: Tam Lieu
- Crafting & Games Coordinator: Dr. Loh-Hagan
- Summer Book Club Coordinators: Belen Gamino & Sarah Tran
- Member-At-Large: Cara Yoo

The [SDSU APIDA Employee Resource Group](#) (ERG) is a network for APIDA faculty and staff members. We are open to all SDSU employees who identify as APIDA and/or who support the APIDA community at SDSU. If you would like to join the APIDA ERG, please contact Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

- Dr. **Chuyon Oh** will be offering the first K-pop dance theory/practice class at the international CSU Summer Arts in 2023! Celebrity choreographers from Hollywood and Seoul will join as guest artists. (Note: [CSU Summer Arts](#) is a national and international summer program. Students can earn up to six credits in a month. Scholarships are available. Registration opens in December.) In addition, Dr. Oh's book about K-pop dance is on [SBS](#), a leading South Korean television show.
- Dr. **Ping Lu**, Professor and Chair of Aerospace Engineering, is ranked #9 in a 2022 Stanford study's [top 2% of authors](#) in the subfield of Aerospace & Aeronautics.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Meet Trung Le Nguyen, Author of The Magic Fish

Location: SSW 1560

Date: Monday, December 12 from 4:00-5:30pm

The APIDA Center is a proud supporter of [One Book One San Diego](#). This year's teen book selection is *The Magic Fish*, which is a graphic novel about the resettlement experiences of Vietnamese refugees. Attend the event, meet the author, and get a free book (while supplies last)!

Flash Fiction Workshop

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, December 13 from 6-7pm

Let's write some flash fiction (stories with 6-1000 words)! Learn how APIDA authors are rethinking this way of writing. The goal is to craft stories under 50 words. We will build on THE MAGIC FISH by Trung Le Nguyen and explore themes related to fairy tales, memories, family, immigration/migration, etc. Hosted by Dr. **Alvin Henry** and Dr. **Stephen Suh**.

APIDA Center Study Hall and Finals Fun

Location: APIDA Center

Date: December 12-19

To support Finals week, the APIDA Center is offering study spaces, study hall (quiet hours from 10-5pm), and Finals Fun activities which includes puzzles, games, etc. and activities such as:

- December 12: Color anime!
- December 13: Make stickers!
- December 14: Sew on canvas!
- December 15: Design tote bags!

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 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. 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 Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [AB Samahan](#) is accepting applications for their [38th Filipino-American Culture Night \(FACN\)](#). By December 18, sign up to sing, dance, or be a part of the stage crew.
- [NSU](#) is hosting a [Japan Empowerment: Volunteer in Japan this Summer!](#) information session on December 13 at 12pm via Zoom.
- [VSA](#) is hosting a [Winter Retreat](#) from January 13-15. Sign up to reserve your spot!

Cultural Center Partners:

- All the Cultural Centers will have modified hours over the winter break. Please check out their instagrams.
- The [Latinx Resource Center](#) and [Culturally Connected Research Hub](#) are hosting a [coaching session](#) to support students who want to participate in the Student Research Symposium. This event will take place on December 12 at 10am.

Campus Partners:

- The Global Education Office's [International Student Mentor Program](#) for Spring 2023 deadline is December 15.
- Need basic needs resources? Need help through a financial crisis? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [PASACAT](#) is hosting a [Parol Lantern Festival](#) on December 10 from 12:00-7:30pm at the Educational Cultural Complex. Admission is free!
- [Asian Business Association](#) is hosting [Get Set Up for Success in 2023](#) on December 14 from 10:30-11:30 am on Zoom.
- [SD API Coalition](#) is hosting [Convoy Nights: Holiday Market](#) on December 17 from 4-11pm at Kilowatt Brewing.

**Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.**

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Please research criteria and deadlines.

Paid Internships:

- [APAPA](#) is offering [API Next](#), a nine week virtual internship program starting Fall 2023. Submit your resume with a subject line of "Intern Applicant - Your Name" to Patrick Curzon at pcurzon@apapa.org. Apply by January 5, 2023.
- The [CAUSE Leadership Academy](#) is a nine week (June-August 2023) paid internship of \$4000 in Los Angeles. Apply by January 29, 2023.
- The [AAJA/ABC News Alexa Valiente Memorial Summer Internship](#) is offering an internship at ABC News for a junior or senior with at least a 3.0 GPA. Apply by February 28, 2023.
- The [AAJA/NBC News Summer Fellowship](#) offers students an opportunity to intern in New York City. Apply by February 28, 2023.

Scholarships:

- The [EmPowered Women Scholarship](#) is awarding \$750 to a first-gen, female, BIPOC student. Applicants must be pursuing a career in Accounting/Finance and have non-profit or volunteering experience. Apply by December 15, 2022.
- The [Manuela Calles Scholarship for Women](#) is awarding one \$500 scholarship to a female student who is pursuing a career that improves the mental health field. Apply by December 20, 2022.
- The [Do Good Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one student who is using their career to address climate change. Applicants must identify as a first-gen or minority student with volunteer experience. Apply by January 1.
- The [Sigirci-Jones Scholarship](#) is awarding \$500 to one student who is pursuing nursing with a 3.2 GPA minimum. Apply by January 1, 2023.
- The [Future Leaders in Technology - College Award](#) is awarding \$2500 to one junior or senior pursuing a career in technology. Applicants must identify as either Black, Latinx, Native American, LGBTQ+, or woman to apply. Apply by January 9, 2023.
- The [White House Correspondents' Association Scholarship](#) offers \$2000 to be used for tuition and other educational expenses. Apply by January 15, 2023.
- The [APIA Scholars Scholarship](#) is open to APIDA undergraduates. Amounts range from \$2500-\$20,000. Applications are available between September 7 to January 19, 2023.
- The [Al Young Sports Journalism Scholarship](#) awards \$2000 to an undergraduate pursuing sports journalism. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Jimmie & Suey Gong Yee](#) grant awards \$2000 to those pursuing a career in sports journalism and media. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Vincent Chin Memorial Scholarship](#) awards \$1500 to a student journalist for an insightful essay about Vincent Chin. Apply by January 30, 2023.
- The [Banatao Family Filipino American Education Fund Scholarship](#) is awarding five \$5000 awards to students of Filipino heritage pursuing careers in engineering, mathematics, or science. Apply by March 6, 2023.
- Apply for a [Broadcast News Internship Grant](#) or a [William Woo Print and Online News Internship Grant](#) to win funds that can go toward summer internship expenses. Apply by March 30, 2023.

Do you have a resource to share?

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