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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (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>



Location:

2nd floor of Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:
Mon-Thurs 10-8pm
Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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SDSU APIDA
Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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Enjoy Spring Break 2024!

Spring Break is next week and the APIDA Center will be operating on [modified hours](#). We're closed on Monday, April 1 for Cesar Chavez Day and on April 2-5, we will be open from 10:00-4:30pm. Feel free to come hang out with us - We will have a new puzzle for you! If you are away from San Diego, connect with us on [Discord on Wednesday](#) for our gaming social. Whatever you do and wherever you are, take time to do something fun.

When we get back from Spring Break starting on April 8th, we will be hosting several events to celebrate Hmong Heritage Month (which is celebrated in Wisconsin and Minnesota) and Thai, Laotian, and Cambodian (TLC) New Year. Follow our [Instagram](#) for more information. In addition, standby for more information about our APIDA Graduation and End-of-Year Celebration. Lots more fun stuff on the way...

Speaking of fun - Dewey celebrated his three-month birthday this week and he had a great time spending it with his APIDA family! Students have been asking about his office hours, LOL. #DeweyHagan #APIDAdog



Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center applauds the Dong Family!

The APIDA Center celebrates the \$5 million gift from Ron Dong and Lloyd Dong Jr. to the Black Resource Center (BRC) in support of Black student academic achievement, leadership, and service opportunities. In February 2024, SDSU President Adela de la Torre announced that the BRC will be renamed to honor the legacy of Gus and Emma Thompson, two Black residents of San Diego who extended their generosity to APIDA immigrants, specifically the Dong family.

During the 1840s, China faced difficult economic conditions including floods and famines. From 1850-1870, Chinese immigrants ventured to California for the Gold Rush. Many settled in Northern California, then dispersed to seek employment in railroad construction, farming, restaurants, laundries, etc. By the 1870s, an economic depression used Chinese American laborers as a scapegoat for a decline in employment opportunities. Resentments and xenophobia intensified. The 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act was the epitome of anti-Chinese legislation. This law made housing, employment, and social mobility difficult and/or non-existent for Chinese immigrants.

Many Chinese American immigrants suffered from socio-economic exclusion. Some Chinese Americans succeeded by developing their own ethnic enclaves, such as the APIDA immigrant population in historic Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego. There, early Chinese immigrants began to form businesses and culturally-centered community spaces. However, these structures did not develop until the 1900s-1940s.

The Dong family arrived in San Diego during the 1930s. Like other Chinese at the time, they experienced discrimination. They had befriended Gus and Emma Thompson. The Thompsons rented their home in Coronado to the Dongs; this was done in the face of national anti-Asian housing discrimination. The Thompsons understood the significance of racial minorities supporting one another in the face of White supremacy and xenophobia in the United States. They offered the Dong family the option to rent-to-own the property; they did this at a time when such offers were not made to Chinese immigrants. APIDA people faced barriers to land ownership during the 1900s especially with California's enactment of the Alien Land Laws in 1913 which forbade immigrants with Asian descent to purchase land and assume ownership. These laws further intensified in 1923 and were not eradicated until 1956.

After Gus Thompson's death, Emma sold the Coronado property to the Dong family. The Dong family remained at this residence for multiple generations. The last inheritors were Ron Dong and Lloyd Dong Jr. who decided to sell the property and donate the profit to support the Black community at SDSU. Gus had not only provided housing to the Dong family but supported their economic success by supporting their business ventures. He was an active advocate for the communities of color in Coronado and greater San Diego. His act of cross-cultural solidarity lives on in the Dongs' generous donation to SDSU.

The APIDA Center is grateful to allies like the Thompsons and proud of the Dong Family for being a shining example of APIDA philanthropy. On that note, the APIDA Center would greatly appreciate any and all donations - Give [here!](#) :)

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



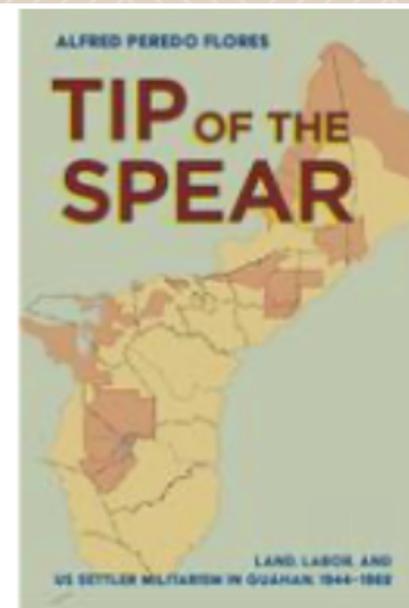
APIDA Center and Andres Bonifacio Samahan hosts a BYOB event!

On March 22, APIDA Center teamed up with [Andres Bonifacio Samahan](#) to host a Build Your Own Bahay Kubo ([BYOB](#)) event. The Tagalog phrase Bahay Kubo means "country house." This well-known Philippine nipa hut is a popular symbol of community. Participants learned about the history of bahay kubo, the impact of colonialism, and the science behind its construction. Then, they made their own bahay kubo structures out of popsicle sticks. (The APIDA Center loves popsicle stick art.)



APIDA Center hosts Holi Festival events!

[Holi Festival](#), or Festival of Colors, is a Hindu holiday that celebrates the end of winter and the beginning of spring. The APIDA Center hosted several events to honor this holiday. On Friday, March 22, we hosted an event about lassi, a popular yogurt drink. On Monday, March 22, we teamed up with SDSU Dining to host a [Holi Festival dinner](#) at The Garden; over 600 people attended. We also hosted [Vicool Patel](#) who talked about decolonizing yoga. Lastly, we hosted a [cultural craft night](#) where we learned about the significance of Holi colors and then watercolor-painted.



APIDA Center hosts Dr. Alfred P. Flores!

On March 27, Dr. [Alfred P. Flores](#), one of the few CHamoru scholars in academia, gave a webinar about his newest book, *Tip of the Spear: Land, Labor, and US Settler Militarism in Guahan, 1944-1962*. We had an online audience and a watch party at the Center. Flores talked about what it means to be possessed by another country and the differences between U.S. and Pacific Islander ideologies regarding land (i.e., ownership versus stewardship). He acknowledged the importance of showing up to events like these and learning about our histories. Advocacy starts with knowledge. Much appreciation to [PISA](#) for rolling out to this event.

APIDA Flex Alerts!

Dr. **Brian Hu**, artistic director of the San Diego Asian Film Festival and associate professor in the School of Theater, Television, and Film, was quoted in a *LAist* article entitled, "[Oscars 2024: How a Home Video of Two Taiwanese Grandmas Became an Award Contender.](#)"

Dr. **Jillian Lee Wiggins** will speak at this year's TEDxSanDiego at the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre in La Jolla on April 10th. Dr. Wiggins is associate professor of Psychology and director of the Translational Emotion Neuroscience & Development (TEND) Lab. Her topic is "leveraging brain imaging to revolutionize the future of children's mental health."

Dr. **Alvin Henry**, associate professor and director of Asian American Studies, was selected to join the inaugural cohort of the [Business-Higher Education Forum \(BHEF\) Faculty Innovation Fellows.](#)

Dr. **Monica J. Casper**, special assistant to the president on gender-based violence and chair of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Gender-Based Violence and former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, will lead efforts at SDSU in a new three-year project titled "Preventing Gender-Based Violence and Supporting Survivors in University Cultural Resource Centers." This \$500K grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women will bolster a gender-based violence project for SDSU's cultural resource centers.

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Have an APIDA recommendation?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

APIDA Gaming on Discord

Location: <https://bit.ly/APIDAdiscord>

Date: Wednesday, April 3 from 3:00-4:30pm

We are hosting a video game social on Discord. Come hang out and play games with us.

SEA Festival

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Monday, April 8 from 4-8pm

We will be hosting a festival on April 8th from 4-8pm in the Student Union Courtyard. In addition, we will be hosting a variety of speaker events and workshops throughout that week culminating in our dragon boat race on Sunday, April 14. Standby for more info.

Inclusivity Conference

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, April 12 from 4-8pm

Join the SDSU APIDA Center, The Asian American Education Project, and the APIDA Pre-Teacher Alliance at the Inclusivity Conference! Learn about effective strategies for building student-centered classrooms. Topics include: Inclusive behavior management, Inclusive lesson planning, and Inclusive decor. Dinner will be provided for all participants who attend the entire event. [RSVP](#) today.

Dragon Boat Race

Location: Tecolote Shores

Date: Sunday, April 14 from 9-2pm

We will be racing a dragon boat. Come cheer on our team and enjoy a day in the sun!

A Trip to Seattle, Washington: AAAS Conference + Seattle Historic Sites

Trip Dates: April 24-28

We will be attending the Association for Asian American Studies conference and visiting historic sites like the Wing Luke Museum, Seattle Chinatown, and more!

Read with APIDA!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, April 29 from 12-1pm

Be a part of our community reading initiative. As we wait for the 2024 One Book One San Diego book selections, let's read the 2023 books. Come to the APIDA Center and take free books. Then, join our Book Club meeting. Food will be provided!

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [JSA](#) is hosting [Spring Matsuri](#) on April 9 from 3-8pm at the Student Union Courtyard.
- [\(AAPI\)phany](#) is hosting Healers of Communities of Color on April 11 from 4:30-6:30pm at the Visionary Suite.
- [AB Samahan](#) is hosting a [Pie Auction Fundraiser for FACN](#) on April 12 at 7pm at PS4 LVL 1.

Cultural Center Partners:

- Check all Cultural Centers to view their Spring Break hours!
- The [URC](#) is hosting an [UndocuAlly training](#) on April 9 from 9-12pm.
- The [PRIDE Center](#) and LGBTQ+ Studies are hosting the 15th annual [Lavender Graduation](#). [Register](#) by April 8 at 5:30pm PST.
- The WRC is [hiring](#) feminist peer educators, women and gender equity mentors, and graduate assistants. [Apply](#) by April 10.

Campus Partners:

- The early action deadline for Aztec Scholarships is April 5. To be considered for the highest number of scholarships possible, submit your general application now. All SDSU students in good standing, regardless of area of study, are encouraged to [apply](#).
- [SDSU Well-Being & Health Promotion](#) is hosting a [Health Expo](#) on April 9 from 10-2pm at North Library Walkway.
- Career Services is hosting [Resumania](#) on April 10 from 12-3pm.
- The [Just in Time Career Fair](#) is on April 11 from 10-2pm at Montezuma Hall.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#)

Community Partners:

- [First Gen Scholars](#) is hiring part-time Summer 2024 positions: [Summer Cohort Director](#), [Cohort Support Coordinator](#), and [Cohort Support Intern](#).
- The Asian American Education Project is hosting a free virtual workshop about the [Angel Island Immigration Center](#) on April 9 from 4-5pm. They offer free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

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

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- **NEW!** The [Asian American Youth Leadership Empowerment and Development Summer Internship](#) is seeking interns from June 7-August 16, 2024. Apply today!
- The City of San Diego is seeking two interns for their [Business and Finance Sector: Finance Internship](#). Apply by May 1.
- [Olami Public Relations and Social Media Internship](#) is seeking interns. Apply on Handshake by May 6.
- The City of San Diego is seeking two interns for their [Energy, Environment, and Utilities Sector: Marine Biology Internship](#). Apply by May 20.

Scholarships:

- The [Equal Opportunity Scholarship](#) is awarding two students \$500. Apply by March 30.
- The [Chinese American Medical Society scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to Medical and Dental School students. Apply by March 31.
- The [Bright Minds Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5,000 to one student pursuing a career in technology. Apply by March 31.
- The [\\$2000 Sallie Mae Scholarship](#) is open to a student currently enrolled in college. Apply by March 31.
- The [Davis-Putter Scholarship](#) is awarding up to \$15,000 per year to active and emerging organizers. Apply by April 1.
- The [Fearless Trailblazer Scholarship](#) is awarding \$300 to a first-generation female student. Apply by April 1.
- The [LMJ Scholarship](#) is awarding \$10,000 to students for their first year of law school. Women and diverse students accepted to an ABA-accredited law school may apply by April 14.
- The [Mama Verang & Lola Remi Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding three \$1,000 scholarships. Filipinx college students in California may apply by April 17.
- The [Redefining Victory Scholarship](#) is awarding four students \$2,500. Apply by April 27.
- The [Across Cultures: Expand Your Horizons Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,000 to a student open to learning about other cultures. Apply by April 28.
- The [Sandstone Care Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to an undergraduate or graduate student in recovery. Apply by May 1.
- The [Jennifer Gephart Memorial Working Mothers Scholarship](#) is awarding \$3,025 to a mother pursuing higher education. Apply by May 10.
- The [Hicks Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$2,000 to a student impacted by cancer. Apply by May 15.
- The [Leon Bradley Scholarship Program](#) is awarding \$3,500 to students of color entering the field of teaching and school leadership.
- [The Concrete Rose Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$1,150 scholarships. BIPOC women with a minimum 2.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Apply by May 24.
- The [AIAS Foundation Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2,500 to students pursuing a career in game development. Apply by May 31.
- **NEW!** The [Groundbreaker Leadership Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,500 to an APIDA student who demonstrates leadership abilities. Apply by May 31.
- **NEW!** The [#LiveLikeLyly Memorial Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1000 to an APIDA student pursuing fashion or graphic design. Apply by May 31.
- **NEW!** The [Thear Sy Suzuki R.I.S.E. Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,500-\$2,500 to an APIDA student who has demonstrated self-reflection. Apply by May 31.
- **NEW!** The [Lily Pabilona Emerging Entrepreneur Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,000-\$5,000 to an APIDA student who is a small business owner. Apply by May 31.
- **NEW!** The [Artistic Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,000 to an APIDA student pursuing art. Apply by May 31.