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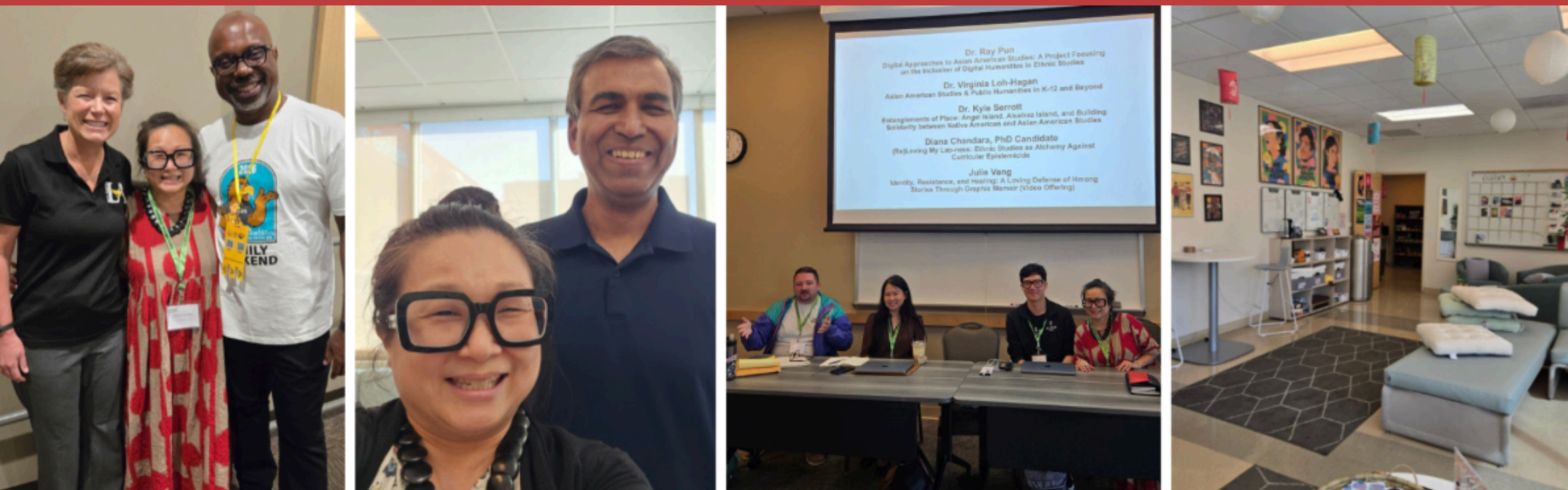
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SDSU Office of AANHPISI Affairs & APIDA Center Executive Director's Message

October 23, 2026



From Dr. Loh-Hagan: Visiting CSU Los Angeles!

One of the many benefits of being an AANAPISI in the CSU is that we have a large network of fellow warriors in equity work. On October 16-17, I was thrilled to speak at the Association for Ethnic Studies annual conference. Once again, I bragged about all the wonderful APIDA initiatives at SDSU. The conference took place at CSU Los Angeles; as such, I had the opportunity to hang out with my CSULA friends and visit the CSULA Asian Pacific Islander Student Resource Center (APISRC), which was founded in 1993. I love connecting with our CSU buddies!

Announcements

Celebrate HAAAM 2026!

Celebrate Hindu American Awareness & Appreciation Month (HAAAM) with us! HAAAM aims to recognize the cultural, spiritual, economic, and civic contributions of Hindu Americans in the United States. Learn about the traditions, history, and experiences that have shaped generations of Hindu Americans. Visit us during HAAAM and standby for Diwali events.



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October & November 2026

Hindu American Awareness & Appreciation Month (HAAAM)

Hindu American Awareness & Appreciation Month (HAAAM) highlights the Hindu American experience and contributions. Celebrate HAAAM with us and standby for Diwali events!

- Wed, Oct 28th from 11-12pm: Hinduism 101
- Fri, Oct 30th from 11-12pm: The Sacred Cow & Hinduism
- Fri, Oct 30th from 12-1pm: Vegetarianism & Hinduism
- Mon, Nov 2nd from 3-4pm: Immigration History of Hindu Americans

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SDSU APIDA Center's 7th Annual Makers' Market

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026
Time: 1:00 - 6:00pm
Location: Student Union Courtyard

shop local! support makers!

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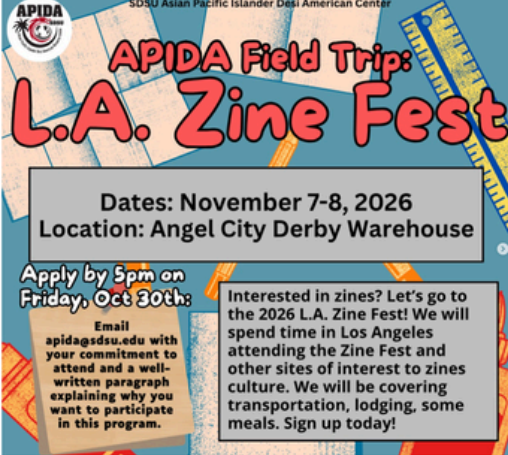
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Makers' Market

Support your fellow SDSU makers, creatives, and entrepreneurs! Get a head start on your holiday shopping! We are hosting our Makers' Market on October 29th from 1-6pm in the Student Union Courtyard. Venmo or credit card only. This year, we will be adding MAKERS tables and an OPEN MIC! Join us for tons of fun.

L.A. Zine Fest

Interested in zines? We are hosting a field trip to attend the [2026 L.A. Zine Fest](#). We will also visit other sites of interest to zines culture. We will be covering transportation, lodging, and some meals. Email apida@sdsu.edu with your commitment and interest.



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APIDA Field Trip: L.A. Zine Fest

Dates: November 7-8, 2026
Location: Angel City Derby Warehouse

Apply by 5pm on Friday, Oct 30th:

Email apidagsdsu.edu with your commitment to attend and a well-written paragraph explaining why you want to participate in this program.

Interested in zines? Let's go to the 2026 L.A. Zine Fest! We will spend time in Los Angeles attending the Zine Fest and other sites of interest to zines culture. We will be covering transportation, lodging, some meals. Sign up today!



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APIDA FIELD TRIP TO LOS ANGELES: ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICS & CHINESE AMERICAN MUSEUM

Date: Friday, November 13, 2026
Time: 9:00AM-8:00PM

We are going to Los Angeles! We will be visiting the Studio Ghibli exhibit at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & The Chinese American Museum. We will be covering transportation and admission costs. Come join us for a fun day in L.A.!

Apply by 5pm on Nov 2, 2026 or until spots fill:



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Studio Ghibli Exhibit at Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & Chinese American Museum

We are going to spend a day in L.A. We will be visiting the [Studio Ghibli exhibit at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & Chinese American Museum](#). We will be covering transportation and admission costs. [Apply by 5pm on Nov 2, 2026](#) or until spots fill. Priority for residential students but all students should apply.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts APIDA Young Men of Color mixer!

On Monday, October 19th, we hosted an APIDA Young Men of Color (YMOC) mixer. We featured student speaker, **Jovin Adamos II**. We discussed challenges, joys, and success strategies. We will be hosting more initiatives to support our APIDA Young Men of Color so stay connected.



APIDA Center learns about Filipino collage art!

Collage is artwork made by assembling and gluing materials onto a flat surface. On Monday, October 19th, we learned about the East Asian roots of collage and its history in the Philippines. Then, we created our own collages from scrap material.



APIDA Center plays Dama checkers!

On Tuesday, October 20th we learned about the historical and cultural significance of Dama, a traditional Filipino game similar to checkers. Then, we played several rounds of Dama.



APIDA Center hosts Asian Scary Theater!

On Wednesday, October 21st, in collaboration with One SDSU Community, we hosted "Scary Stories with APIDA" featuring Asian Story Theater. Asian Story Theater is a non-profit performing arts organization in San Diego that produces and presents stories, plays, and musical works showcasing the diverse experiences and cultures of the APIDA community. In honor of FAHM and Halloween, performers presented a radio play about Filipino and Asian ghost stories.



APIDA Center supports the Commuter Center!

On Thursday, October 22nd, in support of the Commuter Center, we tabled at their "Blend, Belong, Become" event as part of National Transfer Student Week.



APIDA Center hosts a Faith & Fil-Am mixer!

On Thursday, October 22nd, we hosted student panelists **Adridge Chua** and **Kira Rittmuller** who discussed the intersections of faith and the Filipino American identity.

Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about the SD Zine Fest!

On Sunday, October 18th, we hosted a field trip to the SD Zine Fest. We also visited zines collections at Burn All Books bookstore, Libelula Books & Co, and Verbatim Books.

San Diego has had a special relationship with print media for decades, hosting world renown events like the San Diego Comic Convention. San Diego is also home to a thriving zine community. (Standby as we learn more!)

The first SD Zine Fest was held in 2013. It was organized in less than a month and included zine creators from all over California. This first event was held in a small warehouse in Barrio Logan, drawing on the already existing network of counter culture artists who worked in the area. As the popularity of the event grew, the SD Zine Fest moved into larger venues such as Bread & Salt Gallery, World Beats Center in Balboa Park, and eventually The WOO - a multicultural third space. By 2017, the SD Zine Fest expanded into a two-day event hosting between 80-100 different exhibitors each day.

It was so awesome to see APIDA zinesters at the SD Zine Fest. Zine culture is evident in the radical legacy of the Asian American movement; activists have used physical paper, collaging, and risograph printing to connect creative expression directly with social justice and community empowerment. For example, in 1969, UCLA Japanese American students created the DIY publication, "Gidra" - which has been described as "four pages stuffed with essays, illustrations, and poems." Though technically not a zine, it matched zines in its style, content, and purpose. *Gidra* and other magazines and fanzines of the 1960s-1970s paved the way for APIDA zine culture.

Stay connected with us as we learn tons more about zines and the APIDA experience. This is one of our major initiatives.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

Field Trip: NPIEN Conference

Location: Lakewood, California

Dates: Friday, October 23-Saturday, October 24, 2026

We are tabling at the National Pacific Islander Education Network (NPIEN) Conference to learn about the Pacific Islander community.

Immigrant Fil-Am Student Mixer

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 26, 2026 from 4-5pm

Learn about the unique intersectional experiences of being Filipino, American, and an immigrant. We'll also play some games, eat snacks, and hang out! Student Speaker: **Bea Espiritu**.

Filipino Weaving Patterns

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, October 26, 2026 from 5-7pm

Weaving in the Philippines is a deep-rooted cultural tradition that uses Indigenous techniques and natural materials to express community identity, spirituality, and history. Learn more and then weave with us.

Game Night: Tapatan

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 from 5-7pm

Tapatan is a traditional two-player abstract strategy board game from the Philippines that is similar to tic-tac-toe. Learn more and then play a few rounds.

Hinduism 101

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 from 11-12pm

Hinduism is the world's third-largest religion and one of the oldest living faith traditions. Learn more about its core beliefs, practices, and traditions.

Hometown Hero: Ryan Redondo

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 from 5-7pm

Watch "Love All" (2026), a documentary that tells the inspiring local story of the Redondo family, Filipino American tennis legends from National City. Then, meet Mr. **Ryan Redondo**, SDSU alum and community leader who is part of this multi-generational tennis family.

Makers Market

Location: Student Union Courtyard

Date: Thursday October 29, 2026 from 1-6pm

We are hosting our annual Makers' Market on October 29th. Shop until you drop. Support SDSU makers, creatives, and entrepreneurs. We will also be hosting an open mic and makers activities.

Field Trip: L.A Play

Location: Latino Theater Co. (Los Angeles)

Date: Thursday October 29, 2026 from 5-12pm

See David Henry Hwang's play "The Dance and the Railroad." We will cover transportation and admission costs. Email apida@sdsu.edu with your commitment to attend and interest. Open until filled.

The Sacred Cow & Hinduism

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, October 30, 2026 from 11-12pm

Cows are revered and sacred in Hinduism. Learn more about Hinduism and the significance of cows.

Vegetarianism & Hinduism

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Friday, October 30, 2026 from 12-1pm

Vegetarianism in Hinduism is rooted in the principle of ahimsa (non-violence and compassion toward all living beings) and was heavily influenced over time by Jain and Buddhist traditions. Join us to learn more.

Immigration History of Hindu Americans

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, November 2, 2026 from 3-4pm

The story of the immigration of Hindu Americans includes early labor arrivals, legal exclusion, and post-1965 influx of skilled professionals and students. Learn more about Hindu American immigration history and experience.

Field Trip: L.A. Zine Fest

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Screening & Filmmaker Chat: "The Auntie Sewing Squad Resistance Playbook"

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, November 9, 2026 from 5-7pm

"The Auntie Sewing Squad Resistance Playbook" is a documentary that follows the Auntie Sewing Squad, a collective of mostly BIPOC women volunteers who saved the world at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join us for a screening and a chat with filmmaker, Valerie Soe!

Field Trip to L.A.: Academy Museum of Motion Pictures & Chinese American Museum

Location: Los Angeles

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Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- Taiwanese Student Association (TSA) is hosting [Big Little Social #2](#) on Oct 27 from 5:00-8:30pm in the Metztli Suite.
- Asian Pacific Student Alliance (APSA) is hosting [M4 \(Mentor/Mentee program\)](#) on Oct 29 at Hardy Tower (lawn).

Community Center Partners:

- Women's Resource Center (WRC) is hosting [Sapphic Circle](#) on Oct 26 from 2:30-3:30pm.
- Pride Center is hosting [BlackQSpace](#) on Oct 27 from 12:30-1:30pm.
- Women's Resource Center (WRC) is hosting [Caregiver Resource Fair](#) on Oct 27 from 11-2pm in the Student Union Courtyard.
- Pride Center is hosting [Queerative Writing](#) on Oct 27 from 2-3pm.

Campus Partners:

- Career Services is hosting a series of [employer information sessions](#) from Oct 22 to Nov 12 at SSE 1200.
- Career Services is hosting "Managing Job Search Stress" workshop on Oct 27 from 1-2pm. [Register](#) now.
- Sociology Department is hosting its 2026 Annual Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Carolina Valdivia from UC Irvine. Valdivia will present groundbreaking research from her book, "Sanctuary Making: Immigrant Families Reshaping Geographies of Deportability," Her [book talk](#) will take place on Oct, 27 from 4-6pm in the Student Union Theater.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with the [Economic Crisis Resource Team](#).

Community Partners:

- [Taiko performance](#) by Buddhist Temple of San Diego will take place on Oct 24 from 4-6pm in Mission Valley.
- Dr. Thao Ha from MiraCosta College will be giving an [author talk](#) on Oct 25 at 2pm at Mixed Ground Coffee. [RSVP](#) to attend.

Research Opportunities

- Association for Asian Studies (AAS) is offering complimentary conference registration for students via a lottery. [Complete submission form](#) by Oct 29. (Students must be able to pay for travel costs.)
- Routledge's "South Asian Literature in Focus" series is accepting literary proposals for its latest volume. [Apply](#) by Oct 31.
- "The Locomotive" is accepting writing proposals for its upcoming volume "What does it mean to be a woman in the global south?" [Apply](#) by Nov 1.
- Goldwater Summer Research Internship Program is accepting applications for its 10 week-research opportunity. [Submit](#) application by Nov 2.
- **NEW!** National Archives is offering [volunteer internship opportunities](#) for students in spring 2027. Apply by Nov 2.
- American Council for Learned Studies is accepting applications for its 2027 Digital Justice Grants. [Apply](#) by Nov 3.
- **NEW!** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is accepting applications for its Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program. [Apply](#) by Nov 6.
- Applications are open for the Asian Cultural Council's 2027 fellowships and grants. [Apply](#) by Nov 10.
- Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) is accepting applications for its Asian Pacific American Religious Research Initiative research grants. [Apply](#) by Nov 15.
- Center for Critical Multimodal Literacies is accepting proposals for its 1st Annual Convening. [Apply](#) by Dec 1.
- "Briarpatch" is accepting submissions for their "Writing in the Margins" contest. Winners in each category will receive \$500. [Apply](#) by Dec 1.
- **NEW!** SDSU Associated Students Union Building (ASUB) is accepting film submissions for the 2026 ASUB Film Festival. [Submit](#) your film by Dec 1.
- Submit abstracts to the [SDSU Student Symposium](#) starting Oct 15 until Dec 11.

Jobs & Paid Internships

- **NEW!** Sony Pictures is offering multiple paid internship opportunities in spring 2027. [Apply](#) now!
- San Diego LGBT Community Center is hiring a lead residential counselor. [Apply](#) by Oct 28.
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is hiring a remote Front End Developer Intern. [Apply](#) by Oct 30.
- T. Howard Foundation is recruiting student interns interested in media and entertainment. [Apply](#) by Oct 31.
- ATK Technologies is hiring an A.I. Social Marketing Intern. [Apply](#) by Nov 1.
- Axos Bank is hiring a summer accounting intern for \$20 per hour. [Apply](#) by Nov 3.
- PKF San Diego is hiring an Audit Intern for the Nov 2026-April 2027 season. [Apply](#) by Nov 4.
- NBCUniversal is hiring a news and production intern for spring 2027. [Apply](#) by Nov 6.
- **NEW!** Cultural Survival has opened applications for its spring remote internship programs, which lasts 3 months and offers a stipend. [Apply](#) by Nov 30.
- API Advocates is accepting applications for its 2027 California Capitol Spring Internship Program. [Apply](#) by Jan 8.
- **NEW!** Akamai Internship program is accepting applications for summer internship opportunities in Hawai'i. [Apply](#) by Jan 21.
- Cause Leadership Academy is accepting applications for its paid nine-week internship. [Apply](#) by Jan 22.

Scholarships

- IvyPanda is offering a \$1000 and \$500 scholarships for writing and film students. [Apply](#) by Oct 30.
- Course Hero Inc is offering a \$10,000 scholarship. [Apply](#) by Oct 31.
- Doan Foundation is offering six \$1000 microgrants to artists and arts and culture organizations through its Roots & Resilience Artist Grant. [Apply](#) by Nov 1.
- **NEW!** Chick-fil-A is accepting applications for their Community Scholars Program offering \$25000. [Apply](#) by Nov 3.
- Public Policy & International Affairs Program is taking applications for its 2027 PPIA Junior Summer Institute, a fully funded summer learning program. [Apply](#) by Nov 6.
- **NEW!** Center for Asian and Pacific Studies is accepting applications for its CAPS Study Abroad Scholarship. [Apply](#) by Nov 15.
- Faatuaui and Fatilua Memorial Scholarship is offering \$1000 to Pacific Islander students with a 3.0 GPA. Candidates must write an essay about what it means to be a Pacific Islander. [Apply](#) by Nov 25.
- Hue Ta Asian American Scholarship is offering \$1000 to Asian American students with volunteering experience who are pursuing a career in a mental health field. [Apply](#) by Dec 7.
- Science Ambassador Scholarship is offering \$20,000 to students who identify as a woman or non-binary. [Apply](#) by Dec 14.
- Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship offers full tuition for selected first-generation college graduates. [Apply](#) by Dec 15.
- UCLA Law Achievement Fellowship is offering full tuition for selected applicants who have overcome obstacles. [Apply](#) by Dec 15.
- Berkeley Public Interest Scholars offers full tuition and fees for selected applicants committed to public-interest work. [Apply](#) by Dec 15.
- **NEW!** SoCal Filipinos has opened applications for its Next Generation Leaders Scholarship Program. [Apply](#) by Dec 18.
- Dr. Shuqiao Yao Memorial Scholarship is offering \$2000 to a graduate students of Asian descent pursuing psychology or psychiatry with at least a 3.0 GPA. [Apply](#) by Dec 19.
- Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship Program is offering tuition support for individuals who are dedicated to providing primary health services to Native Hawaiians and their families in Hawai'i. [Apply](#) by March 15 2027.
- Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarship is offering \$5000 to Asian American students pursuing careers in the public sector. [Apply](#) by April 20.
- **NEW!** SEED Foundation is offering a \$20,000 scholarship for students of Asian-Indian heritage. [Apply](#) by April 30.