Fall 2017 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (May 2017 draft)

AsAmSt 110G First-Year Seminar: Global Diasporas: Roots and Routes
Dr. Ping-Ann Addo  
Class # 6879  
TuTh 9:30-10:45am; Thurs 11:00am-12:00pm  
This seminar explores concepts of home and place, for African and Asian diasporan groups in the US and Britain as well as other diasporan communities, such as Muslim communities in France. Students who are members of diasporas that are heavily represented at UMB – Irish, Haitian, Vietnamese and Cambodian, South Asian, Russian, and Jewish diasporas, among many others – will be encouraged to engage with classmates about readings of relevance to such experiences.

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies
Dr. Shirley Tang  
Class #7909  
TuTh 2:00-3:15pm  
This course connects students with the interdisciplinary approaches and resources of Asian American Studies at UMass Boston through explorations of relevant issues, themes, and activities on campus and within local community contexts.

AsAmSt/AmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.
Dr. Denise Khor  
Class # 6475  
MWF 2:00-2:50pm  
This course examines the major concepts and themes in Asian American history from the mid 1800s to the present. The course contextualizes the politics of Asian immigration with the history of state power, capitalism, and social inequality.

AsAmSt 225L Southeast Asians in the U.S.
Dr. Peter Kiang  
Class # 5718  
TuTh 12:30-1:45pm  
Focusing on experiences of Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Hmong and ethnic Chinese from Southeast Asia who came to the U.S. since 1975, the course addresses refugee resettlement, trauma, community cultural development, and local/global connections with a focus on metro Boston communities including Dorchester, Revere, Lynn, and Lowell.

AsAmSt 228L Asian Women in the U.S.
Ms. Linda Thiem  
Class #6476  
MW 4:00-5:15pm  
This multi-disciplinary course presents the experiences, voices, and contributions of Asian women in the US, including their transformation of cultural roles and media stereotypes; intersectional identities and resistance to race, gender, class, and LGBTQ oppression; and local/global family/community contexts for health, well-being, leadership, and activism.

AsAmSt 270 Cambodian American Culture and Community
Ms. Kim Soun Ty  
Class # 6509  
TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm  
This course explores significant themes from the cultural and historical past and present of Khmer/Cambodian Americans, including their cross-generational realities as refugees, immigrants, and racial minorities, their communities in the US, and their continuing diasporic relationships to Cambodia. Local examples from Lynn, Revere, & Lowell are highlighted.

AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema
Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas  
Class #6525  
Wednesdays 530-8:00pm  
The Indian film industry is the largest producer of feature films in the world. In this class we will examine the films as entertainment as well as cultural narratives and commentaries on society with themes such as social change, family, and gender. The course will combine content analysis of film texts with study of the public culture of film reception.

AsAmSt 420 Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies: AANAPISI Digital Media
Dr. Shirley Tang  
Class #7910  
Tu 4:00-6:45pm  
This advanced course uses digital media and social documentation approaches to address critical themes involving UMB AANAPISI students in relation to campus issues and leadership and engagement with local communities. Significant prior experience in Asian American Studies and/or media production is expected.

AsAmSt 423L Boston’s Asian American Communities
Dr. Peter Kiang  
Class #5475  
Thurs 4:00-6:45pm  
This capstone course examines the complex dynamics of Asian American community development based on historical examples, research and policy reports, case-studies, simulations, site visits, and presentations by community-based practitioners. Students carry out community-based research projects and consider longer-term research interests.

AsAmSt 479 Independent Study  
1-3 credits by arrangement
Dao (# 6494)  
Kiang (# 6495)  
Suyemoto (# 6497)  
Tang (# 6496)  

For information about classes, community internships, a six-course program-of-study or 10-course individual major, and graduate program opportunities, contact the Asian American Studies Program: W-2-097; peter.kiang@umb.edu; 617-287-4775; www.umb.edu/asamst and http://www.facebook.com/UMB.AsAmSt
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The Program
UMass Boston is the only research university in New England designated and funded by the U.S. Department of Education as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI). In 2009, APAs for Progress, selected UMass Boston as one of the 10 Best Colleges for AAPI students in the US.

Housed within the university’s innovative School for Global Inclusion & Social Development (SGISD), our Asian American Studies (AsAmSt) Program offers intellectually-challenging, emotionally-engaging, culturally-responsive instruction in the classroom with holistic practices of mentoring, community-building, service-learning, and advocacy to address the social and academic needs of students as well as the critical capacity-building needs of local Asian American communities. Recognized as a national model, the program offers the most Asian American Studies courses, faculty, and community linkages of any university in New England. Our alumni include teachers, social workers, health care providers, business entrepreneurs, and leaders of local Asian community organizations. By grounding our curriculum, teaching, and applied research in the local/global realities of metro Boston’s communities and by respecting the knowledge and bilingual/bicultural skills that students bring to the classroom, the AsAmSt Program creates powerful learning environments for all students to gain critical understanding about the historical experiences, voices, contemporary issues, and contributions of diverse Asian populations in the U.S.

AsAmSt is open to students from any UMass Boston college and provides relevant preparation for professionals and practitioners in education, counseling, health, community development, business, and other fields affected by Asian American demographic growth. Graduate students from any area who have Asian American Studies interests can serve as teaching/research assistants, mentors to undergraduates, and project developers for the program.

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