Fall 2015 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (30 Mar 2015 draft)

AsAmSt 200  Introduction to Asian American Studies  
Dr. Karen Suyemoto  Class #3916  TuTh 12:30-1:45pm  S-2-063  
This course connects students with the interdisciplinary approaches and resources of Asian American Studies at UMass Boston through focused 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 # 5968  MWF 11:00am-11:50am  M-1-212  
This multi-disciplinary course examines the social, historical, and structural contexts defining the experiences of Asians in the U.S. Topics include migration, labor, gender, race relations, stereotypes, and international politics.

AsAmSt/AmSt/Sociol 225L  Southeast Asians in the US  
Dr. Shirley Tang  Class #5970  MW 4:00-5:15pm  M-1-206  
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, and community cultural development.

AsAmSt/Anthro 227GL  Multicultural Expression and Celebration: US Ethnic Festivals and Transnational Belonging  
Dr. Ping-Ann Addo  Class #5770  TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm  M-1-617  
This course explores ideas of transnational belonging in relation to diaspora, ethnicity, and race in the contemporary United States. We learn some of the history of Chinese New Year celebration on the east and west coasts, Caribbean Carnivals in New York and Boston, Native American Powwows; St. Patrick’s Day and Kwanzaa; Samoan Flag Day and Tongan rituals performed in California to celebrate family, community, and the Tongan Kingdom.

AsAmSt/Psych 238L  Asian American Psychology  
Ms. Fanny Ng  Class # 5662  TuTh 9:30am-10:45am  W-1-055  
This course examines theories, practices, and community resources in Asian American psychology and mental health related to racial identity formation, refugee trauma and resilience, and immigrant acculturation.

AsAmSt 397  Applied Research in American Studies I  
Dr. Loan Dao  Class # 5967  Mon 4:00-6:30 pm  M-3-407  
This is the first semester of a two-semester course that provides intensive training in social science research methods within the context of Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) women and public health. Students will learn about APIA women’s health issues both locally and nationally and apply this knowledge to health topic affecting Vietnamese American women at UMB. Students will work collaboratively to conduct community–based research and analyze and interpret data. Students’ personal experiences and perspectives will be critical in completing class assignments and fully participating in class. This course will combine research, advocacy, and leadership development using the frameworks and principles of social science research, Asian American Studies, public health, and social justice.

AsAmSt 420  Advanced Topics in Asian American Studies: Asian American Media and Social Documentary  
Dr. Shirley Tang  Class #5969  Tu 4:00-6:30pm  S-2-063  
This advanced course uses digital media and social documentation approaches to address critical themes involving Asian American immigrant and diasporic communities, with a primary emphasis on three kinds of social documentation via film & digital media production: family history, social history, and political documentary.

AsAmSt/AmSt 423L  Boston’s Asian American Communities  
Dr. Peter Kiang  Class #3919  Weds 4:00-6:30pm  W-1-041  
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 478  Independent Study I  
Dao (# 3229); Kiang (# 2598); Suyemoto (# 3228); Tang (# 1371) 1-3 credits by arrangement

For information about classes, a six-course program-of-study or 10-course individual major, contact the Asian American Studies Program: W-2-097; peter.kiang@umb.edu; 617-287-7614; www.umb.edu/asamst and http://www.facebook.com/UMB.AsAmSt
The intercollegiate Asian American Studies Program at UMass Boston – 2015

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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.

The program is open to students from any UMass Boston college and is especially useful preparation for professionals and practitioners in education, counseling, social work, 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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