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**SPRING 2013 — ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES AT UMASS BOSTON — [DRAFT: 12 Dec 2012]**

**INTR-D 200G Intermediate Seminar: Rise Up! Asian American Leadership and Social Change**

**Dr. Loan Dao**  
**Class # 5305**  
**TuTh 9:30am-10:45am**  
**M-2-213**

This intermediate seminar discusses the legacy of the Asian American movement since the 1960s, and the present activities, directions, and perspectives of Asian American leaders and organizations. Students will learn basic theories and models of leadership and organization within the context of social movements and Asian American history.

**AsAmSt/AmSt/Soc 223L Asians in the U.S.**

**Dr. Loan Dao**  
**Class # 2984**  
**TuTh 2:00pm-3:15pm**  
**W-1-063**

This multi-disciplinary course examines the social, historical, and structural contexts defining the historical experiences of Asians in the US. Topics include immigration, labor, community settlement, race relations, gender, stereotypes, international politics, and local communities.

**AsAmSt/AmSt/Soc 225L Southeast Asians in the US**

**Dr. Peter Kiang**  
**Class # 5303**  
**MWF 1:00pm-1:50pm**  
**W-1-055**

Focusing on the 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, homeland politics, and community development.

**AsAmSt/AmSt/Soc 228L Asian Women in the U.S.**

**Dr. Patricia Nakamoto Neilson**  
**Class # 2987**  
**Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm**  
**S-2-064**

This course presents the experiences, voices, and contributions of Asian women in the US, including their transformation of cultural roles; resistance to race, gender, class oppression; and local/global family/community contexts.

**AsAmSt/Psych 238L Asian American Psychology**

**Mr. John Tawa**  
**Class # 5406**  
**MWF 2:00pm-2:50pm**  
**W-1-020**

This course enables students to understand 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 345 Asian American Cultures and Health Practices**

**Dr. Haeok Lee**  
**Class # 1462**  
**Thursdays 4:00pm-6:45pm**  
**S-2-064**

Students examine critical health issues among diverse Asian cultures and communities, including cultural influences on health behaviors and practices of Asian Americans and the relationship between health of Asian Americans and social, political, and economic contexts for individuals, families, and groups in local Asian communities.

**AsAmSt 370 Asian American Media Literacy**

**Dr. Shirley Tang**  
**Class # 1463**  
**TuTh 12:30pm-1:45pm**  
**W-2-123**

This course enables students to develop a critical eye toward images and representations in the media, to examine thoughtfully how their media use has affected their attitudes and identities, and to create alternative media products.

**AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema**

**Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas**  
**Class # 4841**  
**Mondays 5:30-8:15pm**  
**W-1-031**

The Indian film industry is the largest producer of feature films in the world. In this class we examine films as cultural narratives and commentaries on society, exploring themes such as social change, the family and gender.

**AsAmSt 390 Asian American Community Internships I (3-6 credits)**

**Dr. Karen Suyemoto**  
**Class # 5487**  
**TuTh 12:30pm-1:45pm**  
**M-1-012**

For approved students with internships in Asian American community sites continuing from the Fall semester.

**AsAmSt 479 Independent Study**

Dao (#5307); Suyemoto (# 5312); Tang (# 5311); Kiang (5313)  
1-3 credits by arrangement
Recommended Comparative Courses fulfilling AsAmSt Program-of-Study Requirements:

**AFRSTY/AMST 350L  Race, Class, and Gender: Issues in US Diversity**  TuTh 11:00-12:15pm  W-1-060  
Dr. Shirley Tang  
This course deals with the interrelationship of race, class and gender, exploring how they have shaped the experiences of all people in the United States. Focusing on race, class and gender as distinct but interlocking relationships within society, the course examines both the commonalities and the differences that different historical experiences have generated.

**PSYCH 490 Race, Culture & Relationships: An Applied Psychological Perspective**  TuTh 2:00-3:15pm  W-1-043  
Dr. Karen Suyemoto  
This course provides an introduction to the issues involved in understanding the impacts of race and culture in our worldviews and interpersonal relationships. We will explore psychological (and multidisciplinary) research and theory related to understanding the current personal, interpersonal, social, and structural meanings of race and racism, culture, ethnicity and ethnocentrism, and examine the interaction of these variables with others relevant to oppression and minority status (e.g. sexual orientation, gender, social class). The roles of power, oppression, and identity will frame our understandings. Through readings, in depth class discussions, experiential activities, and out of class interviews and community activities, we will focus on developing awareness and knowledge necessary to understand the personal and interpersonal effects and motivations of engaging these difficult issues and empowering ourselves and others to resist oppression and develop as allies.

**Overview of the Asian American Studies 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.

Our Asian American Studies Program offers 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. Highlighted by the Association of American Colleges & Universities 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 American 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.

**Asian American Studies Affiliated Faculty:**

**Professors:** Connie Chan, Eunsook Hyun, Peter Kiang, Marlene Kim, Rajini Srikanth, Zong-guo Xia, Wenfan Yan

**Associate Professors:** Ping-Ann Addo, Pratyush Bharati, Elora Chowdhury, Patrick Clarkin, Xiaogang Deng, Richard Hung, Sari Kawana, Haeok Lee, Andrew Leong, Raymond Liu, Lusa Lo, Karen Suyemoto, Shirley Tang, Paul Watanabe

**Assistant Professors:** Michael Ahn, Kiran Kaur Arora, Loan Dao, Jin Ho Park, Lakshmi Srinivas

**Instructors:** Lisa Buenaventura, Chris Fung, Patricia Nakamoto Neilson, Fanny Ng, Shiho Shinke, John Tawa, Mai See Yang

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