Spring 2017 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (Sept 2016 draft)

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies
Dr. Peter Kiang  Class #4961  MWF 12:00-12:50pm  M-1-417
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 #4623  TuTh 4:00-5:15pm  Y-4-4100
This course examines the major concepts and themes in Asian American history from the mid 18th century to the present. The course contextualizes the communities and politics of Asian immigrant with the history of state power, capitalism, and social inequalities.

AsAmSt 226 Becoming South Asians
Dr. Elora Chowdhury  Class #4465  Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm  Y-4-4120
This course explores the histories, identities, and contemporary concerns of global diasporic communities formed by people with homeland origins from South Asia, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

AsAmSt/Psych 238L Asian American Psychology
Ms. Danielle Godon-Decoteau  Class #5011  MW 4:00-5:15pm  W-1-019
This course provides students with an in-depth understanding of 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 250G Intermediate Seminar: Rise Up! Asian American Leadership and Social Change
Dr. Loan Dao  Class #4963  MW 4:00-5:15pm  W-1-031
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 345 Asian American Cultures and Health Practices
Dr. Haeok Lee  Class #1257  Thursdays 4:00-6:45pm  M-2-419
Students examine critical issues and cultural influences on health behaviors and practices for individuals, families, and health-centered organizations in local Asian communities.

AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema
Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas  Class #4102  Tuesdays 5:30-8:15pm  M-1-210
This course provides an introduction to Indian cinema and to Indian culture and society through the study of films. The Indian film industry is the largest producer of feature films in the world. In this class we examine the films as entertainment as well as cultural narratives and commentaries on society, exploring themes such as social change, the family and gender. The course combines content analysis of film texts with study of the public culture of film reception.

AsAmSt 397 Applied Research in Asian American Studies I
Ms. Son Ca Lam  Class #4962  Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm  M-1-210
Students will work closely with the instructor on a specific applied research project focusing on intergenerational cultural and transnational community connections involving Vietnamese American daughters, mothers, and grandmothers.

AsAmSt 498 Teaching & Learning in Asian American Studies II — AA Leadership Education
Dr. Peter Kiang  Class #4143  MWF 2:00-2:50pm  M-1-208
This US Department of Education AANAPISI grant-funded course enables advanced undergraduates, graduate students, and practitioners to develop Asian American Studies research/education/advocacy projects relevant to local K-12, higher education, and community education settings. Significant prior coursework in Asian American Studies is expected.

AsAmSt 479 Independent Study  1-3 credits by arrangement
Dao (#2770)  Kiang (#2773)  Suyemoto (#2772)  Tang (#2771)

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; 617-287-7614; 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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