# Fall 2023 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston —April 2023 draft

#### AsAmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Peter Kiang Class # 3583 TuTh 2:00-3:15pm W-1-064

This multi-disciplinary course examines the social, historical, and structural contexts defining the past, present, and future experiences of Asians in the US. Topics include migration, labor, race relations, stereotypes, international politics, and local/global diasporic communities.

### AsAmSt 225L Southeast Asians in the U.S.

Rock-Paper Scissors Team Class # 3119 TuTh 12:30-1:45pm W-1-064

Focusing on post-war experiences of Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Hmong and ethnic Chinese in the U.S. since 1975 with a focus on local communities such as Dorchester, Revere/Lynn, and Lowell. The course addresses refugee resettlement, trauma, community cultural development, generational change, and local/global connections. In Fall 2023, the course will be co-taught by a team of Khmer, Vietnamese, Hmong, and Wampanoag Indigenous graduate students and staff from the Asian American Studies Program's Research Praxis Salon (RPS).

#### AsAmSt 226 Becoming South Asian

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas Class # 3817 Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm remote

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 228L Asian Women in the U.S.

Linh-Phương Vũ Class # 3117 Thursdays 4:00-6:45pm W-1-063

This multi-disciplinary course presents the experiences, voices, and contributions of Asian women in the US, including cultural roles and media stereotypes; intersectional identities and resistance to race, gender, class, and LGBTQ oppression; and family/community contexts for health, well-being, leadership, and activism.

# AsAmSt/Psych 238L Asian American Psychology

Dr. Karen Suyemoto Class # TuTh 12:30-1:45pm W-1-063

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 250G Intermediate Seminar: Rise Up! Asian American Leadership and Social Change

Mr. Pratna Kem Class # 3299 Wednesdays 5:30-8:15pm

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

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### AsAmSt 270 Cambodian American Culture and Community

Ms. Kim Soun Ty Class # 3118 TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm W-1-063

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 stories are highlighted.

#### AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas Class # 12007 Mondays 4:00-6:45pm remote

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.

## AsAmSt 423L Boston's Asian American Communities

Dr. Peter Kiang Class # 3815 TuTh 4:00-5:15pm W-1-064
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**AsAmSt 478 Independent Study** 1-3 credits Kiang (#2817) Srinivas (#2816) Tang (#2818) Ty (#2819) Hoang (11951)

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# Asian American Studies at UMass Boston – celebrating 36+ years of campus/community impact

UMass Boston is the only research university in New England designated and funded by the U.S. Department of Education since 2010 as an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI). In 2009, APAs for Progress, selected UMB as one of the 10 Best Colleges for AAPI students in the US. In 2022, the Asian American Studies Program celebrated its 35th anniversary.

The 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 academic and social needs of students as well as the critical capacity-building needs of local Asian American communities. 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.

Recognized as a national model, the program offers the most Asian American Studies courses, faculty, and community linkages of any public or private 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 understandings of the historical experiences, voices, contemporary issues, and contributions of diverse Asian populations in the U.S.

# Completing a six-course program-of-study concentration in Asian American Studies

Students with any major from any UMass Boston college can also complete a six-course program-of-study in Asian American Studies (comparable to a minor or concentration) based on completing three 200-level AsAmSt courses and three upper-level (300- or 400-level) AsAmSt courses.

During 2022-2023, twenty students are graduating with the AsAmSt program-of-study along with their undergraduate BA/BS degrees in a wide range of majors. Examples of AsAmSt graduating student and alumni profiles are available here: <a href="https://www.umb.edu/asamst/asamst\_graduations">https://www.umb.edu/asamst/asamst\_graduations</a>

Students with serious interests in designing a 10-course individual major in Asian American Studies through the College of Education and Human Development at UMass Boston are strongly encouraged to contact the AsAmSt Program as early as possible.

For more information and individualized advising, visit the Asian American Studies Program in Wheatley Building, second floor, Room 097 (W-2-097) or contact Dr. Peter Kiang, AsAmSt Program Director via <a href="mailto:peter.kiang@umb.edu">peter.kiang@umb.edu</a>