

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome new and returning students, staff, and faculty! We at AARCC hope that you take advantage of our signature programs – the Ice Cream Social, speakers on Asian American issues, Peer Mentor program, and Resource Book. We just hosted the 4th annual Asian American Student Leadership Retreat that was the most highly attended ever.

We also look forward to continuing our newer initiatives: the AARCC Essay contest, the Voicebox column featuring your campus perspectives and experiences, and strengthening our growing community engagement with Chicago organizations.



The AARCC Staff:
Elvin Chan, Karen Su, Corinne Kodama

We are extremely excited that Asian American Studies now exists as a campus partner. We plan to co-sponsor the ASAM Lecture Series, ASAM Expo, and ASAM Social as new developments work towards establishing an official minor and major.

Please subscribe to AARCC-News and join our Facebook group to stay informed of our activities and learn of other Asian American related events. We hope to see you at AARCC (stop by and see us in Taft Hall) or at our events this year!

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Celebrate the beginning of school by joining us at:

AARCC's 4th annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL!



Thursday, September 4th

2:00 p.m.

Outdoor Circle West of Taft Hall

(rain location: Latino Cultural Center, Lecture Center B)



Get to know other students

Learn about Asian American student organizations

Meet AARCC staff

Ice Cream Catered by Village Creamery

UIC Pyro Paddlers in Dragon Boat Race



UUUU!!! IHHHH!!!! C YAAAA!!! was the loudest chant the morning of July 26th 2008 at Ping Tom Memorial Park. The Chinatown Chamber of Commerce was hosting the 2008 Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy. 27 teams arrived that morning and even though our UIC team was young and smaller in size and number, we were the loudest and most ambitious. Some teams were there to win. Others just to have fun. We were there to do both.

In our first heat both teams were neck and neck about the half way point when the other team pulled ahead. With encouragement from Co-Captain Sandy Mac and key teammates Cid Liggayu and James Eng, we just pushed harder and caught up little by little towards the end although it was not enough. Sandy told us not to be down for we still had another chance and that lightened everyone up. I told the team to look over to the spectators to see our sponsors and alumni proud of our efforts too. As we unloaded the boat the team members got into a huddle right away to figure out how we could do better. Right then and there I felt a warmth in my heart because I was so touched by team members' eagerness and UIC spirit.

In between races, the team had time to get to know each other and have lunch together. Some were playing soccer with teammates, some tanned, and most watched the other races. For entertainment Chinese acrobats dazzled onlookers with their beauty and flair.

The second heat against University of Dayton was to stay in the tournament. To be honest this was probably one of the most exciting races of the tournament. From the get go both teams were so determined and neither team could pull away until the end. Team Dayton pulled a last second burst that even took us by surprise to take the "W." Our hearts were broken but everyone's mindset was "we always have next year!"

With all the publicity in UIC News and Facebook, our team gained a lot of interest from students, staff, faculty, and alumni. I can assure you we will be back next year and stronger than ever--we might even need to make two teams!!! I want to thank Melissa Gaba, Sandy Mac, the Team, our sponsors, UIC External Affairs and the University of Illinois Alumni Association, because without them none of this was possible. So Thank YOU all!!!

- Adam Obmalay, Co-Captain

Meet AARCC's Student Staff!



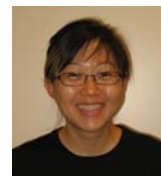
Hi! My name is Brandon. I will be AARCC's Community Outreach Coordinator, organizing events that connect UIC students and Chicago's Asian American communities. These events may include service days; Election Day poll watching; and neighborhood and community tours.



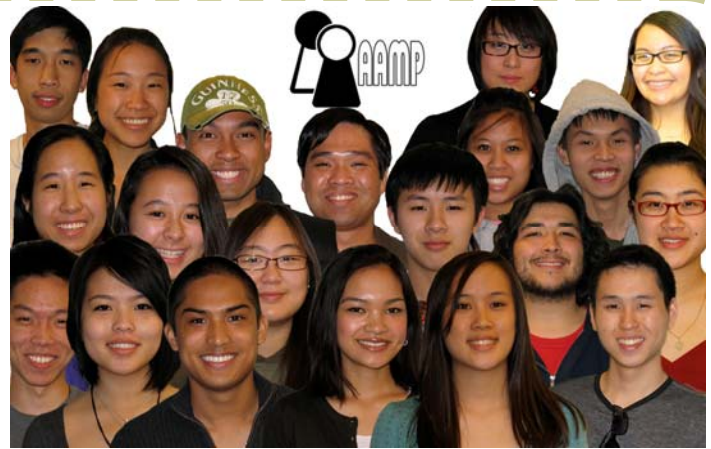
My name is Elisa and I am the Campus Outreach Coordinator, the connection between AARCC and the Asian American organizations on campus. I'll be attending organization meetings, working alongside the organization's leaders, and coordinating the Asian American Student Council.

I'm Joyce and will be the Publications Coordinator, helping put together the newsletters, Resource Book, and other publications. I actually worked at AARCC in 2006-07, but left for a year to study abroad so now I'm back. Looking forward to meeting you!

Hello! I'm Jung and I'm the Graduate Assistant for AARCC. I'm a Ph.D. Candidate in Curriculum Studies in the College of Education. I'll be working primarily with the Asian American Mentor Program.



ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS: Join the Asian American Mentor Program!



This is the 3rd year of the Asian American Peer Mentor Program for incoming undergraduates. AAMP is designed to help ease the transition to UIC by introducing students to campus resources, providing workshops on relevant topics, and connecting students with each other.

This year we have 20 Peer Mentors who will be leading small groups of new students. Peer Mentors and new students meet weekly to discuss issues, build community, and learn about campus. In addition, students attend social, academic, and educational programs sponsored by AARCC. For more info, visit <http://aarcc.uic.edu>.

We will have a social on Thursday, 8/28 and then an outing to see Stir Friday Night on Friday, Sept. 5th!

To sign up, fill out the Mentee Form available at AARCC or on our website, and contact Corinne Kodama ASAP at 312-413-9653 or ckodama@uic.edu.

Person on the Street: Who was your favorite Olympian?

By Elisa Lim



Ryan Cambri,
Asian American
Students in Alliance

Shawn Johnson,
Gymnastics



Ji-In Choi,
Korean American
Student Association

Park Tae Hwan,
Swimming



Annie Lin,
alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Michael Phelps,
Swimming



Josh Lau,
Asian American
Intersivity

Kerri Walsh,
Beach Volleyball



Rod Calma,
Chi Sigma Tau

Misty May-Treanor,
Beach Volleyball

September 2008

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>aKDPHI Info Mtg.</i>	3 <i>FUN FAIR aKDPHI Bubble Tea</i>	4 <i>ICE CREAM SOCIAL! AAIV Mtg & Beach Outing</i>	5 <i>STIR- FRIDAY! NIGHT</i>	6 <i>AARCC Open House</i>
7	8 <i>aKDPHI Info Mtg.</i>	9 <i>FIA Mtg.</i>	10 <i>AASIA Mtg NIGHT VISION</i>	11 <i>AAIV Mtg</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>AASIA BBQ</i>	18 <i>AAIV Mtg</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>AASIA Mtg.</i>	25 <i>AAIV Mtg</i>	26	27
28	29	30				

- ◆ **Sept. 2 & 8: alpha Kappa Delta Phi Info Mtg.** Learn more about the Asian Interest sorority, there are many other events coming up! 9/2: 4 p.m.; 9/3: 5 p.m.; 9/8: 3 p.m. meet in front of Bookstore. Contact Annie at 312-607-4105 or simplieannie07@yahoo.com.
- ◆ **Sept. 3: Fun Fair!** Learn about UIC student organizations and campus offices! 11-3 p.m, UIC Quad.
- ◆ **Sept. 4 AARCC's 4th Annual Ice Cream Social!** See page 1 for info! 2-3:30 p.m, Outside West of Taft Hall. Call 312-413-9653 or ckodama@uic.edu.
- ◆ **Sept. 5: Stir Friday! Night** Join the Asian American Mentor Program to see Asian American comedy! Contact ckodama@uic.edu or 312-413-9653.
- ◆ **Sept. 6: AARCC Open House.** Stop by to learn about our programs and services. 3p.m.-5 p.m., 101 Taft Hall. Contact Karen Su at 312-413-9569.
- ◆ **Sept. 10. Asian American Coalition Committee's NIGHTVISION** showcases the diversity of Asian American performers—this year's headliner is singer Chris Cole. 6 p.m., Illinois Room, SCE. Contact Brandon Lee blee21@uic.edu for more info.
- ◆ **Sept. 17: Asian American Students in Alliance BBQ.** 4 p.m., SEO Field. Contact bcasac2@uic.edu
- ◆ **Sept. 25: Diversity Career Day,** Jobs and internships in all fields: dress professionally and bring resumes! 10 am-2:30 pm, UIC Forum. Career Services, 312-996-2300 or www.uic.edu.depts/OCS.

Student Organization Meetings:

Asian American Intersorority
 Asian American Students in Alliance
 Filipinos in Alliance

Thursdays at 7:30 @ Rathskellar
 Alternate Weds. at 4 (SCE #613 and #713)
 Tuesday 9/9 at 4 p.m., SCE #605

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What's New in Asian American Studies?

The development of Asian American Studies (ASAM) at UIC continues to gain strong forward momentum. **Gayatri Reddy**, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Gender and Women's Studies, will be the new ASAM Coordinator and will chair a search for a director to establish an Asian American Studies Program. Some ASAM faculty news:



"This is a tremendous year for ASAM at UIC: we have new faculty who will be offering stimulating courses; we hope to initiate the process of establishing an ASAM major and minor; and we will be conducting a national search for a director of ASAM. We look forward to all of your participation in this exciting process."

**-Gayatri Reddy, UIC
ASAM Coordinator**

- ◆ **Rooshey Hasnain**, Visiting Research Asst. Prof. in Dept. of Disability and Human Development, will be teaching a new Honors College freshman seminar focusing on the disability and mental health issues that face Asian American communities.
- ◆ **Mary Anne Mohanraj** joins the English Dept. as part-time faculty. She will be teaching Introduction to Asian American Literature (ASAM/ENGL 123) and creative writing courses. Mohanraj is the author of numerous books and is involved with DesiLit, a national organization focusing on South Asian diasporic writing.
- ◆ **Eric Tang** is a new Asst. Prof. of African American Studies. He recently taught Asian American Studies as a visiting professor at Harvard University, and has been a community organizer in the refugee neighborhoods of the Bronx, New York. He will teach two new courses: History of Asians in the U.S. and Afro Asian Encounters in the Modern World.
- ◆ **Anna Guevarra** and Nilda Flores-Gonzalez, faculty in Sociology, were awarded a grant (\$150,000) from the Ford Foundation to organize a conference next Spring and compile an edited volume on "Labor Disruptions and Alternative Employment Strategies Among Immigrant Women in the U.S.).

ASAM explores the histories, identities, cultural expressions, social and community formations, and politics of people of Asian ancestry (including, but not limited to, those from East Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia) in the U.S. Coursework is useful for a variety of careers, including the arts, business, education, government, health sciences, international affairs, social services, and research.

For more information about Asian American Studies, faculty, and courses, contact Professor Reddy at gayatri@uic.edu.

Asian American Courses for Fall 2008

Need another class for your fall schedule? Consider taking a class to learn more about Asian Americans! The following is a list of courses scheduled for fall...and there will be more in the spring so stay tuned!

ASAM/ENGL 123	Introduction to Asian American Literature	<i>M. Mohanraj. MWF 10:00-10:50am.</i>
ASAM/ASST/SOC 228	Sociology of Asia and Asian Americans	<i>A. Guevarra. TR 12:30-1:45pm.</i>
ASAM 290	History of Asians in the United States	<i>E. Tang. T 5:00-7:50 p.m.</i>
ASAM/GWS/SOC 428	Asian & Asian American Women in the Global Economy	<i>A. Guevarra. T 3:30-6:15pm.</i>
AAST 294	Afro Asian Encounters in the Modern World	<i>E. Tang. W 3:00-5:50pm.</i>
HON 123	Disability, Health, and Mental Health in Asian America	<i>R. Hasnain. W 2:00-4:50</i>
HON 201	Debunking the Model Minority Myth	<i>K. Su. T 3:30-4:20pm.</i>
HON 201	Asian Americans and Leadership	<i>C. Kodama M 3-4:15 pm</i>

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Do YOU have a copy of the 2008-09 UIC Asian American Resource Book?

The 2008-09 edition of the Asian American Resource Book will be available Sept. 4th! This book contains a wealth of useful information about Asian American resources on campus, including AARCC, Asian and Asian American Studies courses, Asian American student organizations, as well as local community organizations. This book was generously co-sponsored by the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Asian Americans.

Pick up your copy at AARCC (Taft Hall 101) or view it online at aarcc.uic.edu. For more information, contact Corinne Kodama at 312-413-9653 or ckodama@uic.edu.