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For event information contact Connie Dang, Office of Multicultural Affairs, (616) 331-2177, or visit www.gvsu.edu/oma.

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Asian New Year Festival

Sunday, February 12, 6-9 p.m.

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

A spectacular festival showcasing the traditional Asian New Year celebration. Highlights include a performance of the dragon dance, samples of food from many Asian countries, Asian crafts, storytelling, and entertainment. Representatives from Asian countries will also share their customary New Year celebrations.

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Asian Student Forum

Monday, February 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus

Moderator: Connie Dang, Associate Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Grand Valley State University

See the Grand Valley campus through a different lens. A panel of domestic and international Asian students share their Grand Valley experiences and perspectives through interactive dialogues.

The New Gender Roles of Chinese Immigrant Wives: Reconstructed to Maintain the Stability of Marriages

Tuesday, February 14, 1-2 p.m.

Room 215/216, Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Yan Yu, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Grand Valley State University

Professor Yu presented a paper entitled "The New Gender Roles of Chinese Immigrant Wives: Reconstructed to Maintain the Stability of Marriages" at the Fifth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations, in Beijing, China, in 2005. Based on this presentation, Professor Yu wrote an article entitled "Globalization, Gender Role Reconstruction, and the Stability of Chinese Immigrant Families," which is currently under review for publication. At this event, Professor Yu will present her work and engage the audience in a question and answer session.

Asian Adoptee Issues

Tuesday, February 14, 5:30-7 p.m.

Pere Marquette Room, Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Dr. D. John Lee, licensed psychologist and member of the Multi-Ethnic Counseling Center Alliance at Michigan State University

Throughout the last several decades, the adoption of children born in Asia by new parents in the U.S. has become increasingly common. As these adopted Asian children grow up, they frequently encounter adjustment and ethnic identity issues and conflicts about their "place" in American society. Dr. Lee will examine the implications of this important topic in this informative presentation.

Establishment of the Advisory Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs

Wednesday, February 15, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Susan S. Im, Attorney and Asian American Council member

On May 4, 2005, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm established the Advisory Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs. The Council is charged with serving in an advisory capacity to the governor. It will also make recommendations about programs and policies and will help promote public awareness of Asian and Pacific American culture and accomplishments. Susan Im is one of the 29 Council members appointed and will give an update on the Council and its activity since formation.

Documentary Video

Searching for Asian America (2003; 90 min)

Wednesday, February 15, 5-6:30 p.m.

Cook-DeWitt Center, Allendale Campus

Take a journey to discover the richness and diversity of the Asian American experience. Through the profiles of individuals and communities from across the country, this documentary serves up a genuine taste of what it's like to be Asian American in today's ever-changing United States. Those profiled in the film include Gary Locke, Chinese American governor from Washington; Martin Bautista and Jeffrey Lim, Filipino doctors in rural Oklahoma; and Lela Lee, actress and creator of the popular comic strip and Web site "Angry Little Girls."

R.I.C.E. Conference, Realizing and Addressing Issues in our Culture and Education

Saturday, April 8, 9-4 p.m.

Loosemore Auditorium, Richard M. DeVos Center, Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

This year's R.I.C.E. conference offers three relevant tracks — culture, education, and business — to educate and raise awareness on Asian issues that matter to our community. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served. The conference is free and open to the public, although online registration is requested at www.riceconference.com/. Workshop topics are available at this Web site as well.

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