

Grand Valley State University 2009 Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration

Incredible India

Monday, February 9, 2009, noon – 1:00 p.m.

1240 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Eima Mangat and Jima Mangat, GVSU's graduate students, School of Communication.

Being born in India and raised in America, Eima and Jima tell their stories growing up immersed in a rich Indian culture, an incredible gift that shapes their identities and set them apart as unique individuals. The beauty and richness of the India's culture, people, towns and cities, music, education, and cuisine will be illustrated through a video clip, pictures, artifacts and food samples as Eima and Jima share their native cultural heritage.

Adoptees - The Lies We Believe and the Truth We Need to Know

Monday, February 9, 2009, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Alumni House, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Carissa Woodwyk, licensed professional counselor and limited licensed marriage and family therapist

This workshop explores the fragile beginnings of an adoptee's life while discovering the truth and hope that exists in each story. For every adoptive parent, there is a precious story of how a child entered his or her life. There is joy, celebration, responsibility, curiosity and amazement. For every adopted child, there is an untold story. There is loss, memories, history and questions. Many feelings are beneath the surface, undetected by even the closest observer. As adoptive parents, we need to be our child's storyteller.

Relationships and Cross Generational Understanding in Asian Pacific American Immigrant Families

Tuesday, February 10, noon – 1:00 p.m.

2266 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Dr. Pratyusha (Usha) Tummala-Narra, clinical psychologist and director of Integrative Research at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology.

This workshop addresses the ways in which Asian Pacific American immigrants and second generation Asian Pacific Americans adjust and cope with a changing cultural environment that is produced as a result of immigration. While diversity and complexity characterizes the Asian Pacific American experience, this workshop will explore some shared experiences among Asian Pacific Americans that relate specifically to identity, intergenerational conflict, resilience, and coping. Individual and collective strategies that have been used in Asian Pacific American communities to cope with cultural adjustment and conflict that sometimes occurs across generations will be discussed.

"Politics and Power: The Rules of Gender and their Intersections with The Rules of Race and. . ."

Tuesday, February 10, 4–6 p.m.

Room 2270 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Jim Toy, MSW, Diversity Coordinator, Office of Institutional Equity and Human Resources, University of Michigan.

Our sexual and gender identities are interwoven with our identities of race, ethnicity, geographic, socio-economic, intellectual, religious beliefs and professions. We experience empowerment and disempowerment through the actions of individuals and institutions in positions of power. Our lives and our liberties are at risk. Reflection on injustice must lead to action.

Asian New Year Festival

Tuesday, February 10, 6–9 p.m.

Grand River room, Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

A spectacular festival showcasing the traditional Asian New Year celebration. The program highlights the richness and diversity of the Asian group by featuring samples of Asian cuisines and traditional performances from various Asian ethnic groups: dragon dance, Tai Chi Chinese martial art, Filipino national dance, Indian dance and cultural fashion show. Equally exciting are the presentation of the unique and customary new year's celebration of various Asian countries and the appearance of Dan Gabriel, Filipino Comedian.

Color Blind or Color Conscious? Coalition Building in the 21st Century

Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Cook- DeWitt, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Evelyn Hu-Dehart

Hmong

Thursday, February 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Room 2263 Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus

Presenter: Members of GVSU's Hmong American Student Association

Hmong who? An Asian ethnic group that lives primarily in China and Southeast Asian countries including Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar. Join the members of Hmong American Student Association as they discuss the cultural identity of Hmong as well as its diverse history, people and religion. Beautiful pieces of artifacts, clothings and literature will be on display.

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

Saturday, March 29, 8–5 p.m.

Loosemore Auditorium, Building E, Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

RICE Conference offers three relevant tracks which include culture, education and health 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. Workshop information and on-line registration are available at <http://www2.gvsu.edu/~asu/rice.htm>.

Sponsors: Asian Student Union, Career Services, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Honors College, Housing, Human Resources Office, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) Resources Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Padnos International Center, Student Services - Pew Campus

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