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SDSU Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Center



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Location:

2nd floor of Student Union

Rooms #210A-K (Directly above Starbucks)

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10-8pm

Friday 10:00-4:30pm

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Resource Center

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Director's Message from Dr. Loh-Hagan

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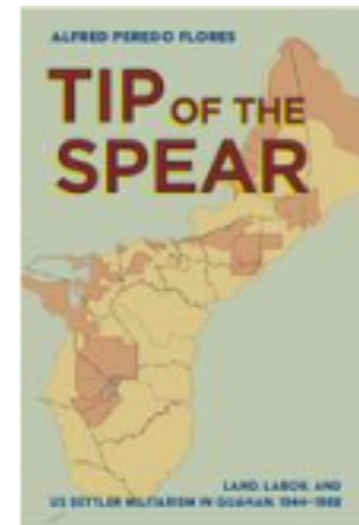
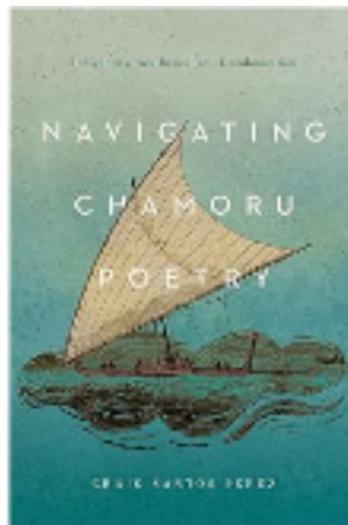


Biba Mes CHamoru 2024!

Chamorros/CHamorus refer to the indigenous peoples of Guam and the Marianas. March is Mes CHamoru, a time to commemorate the history, heritage, and traditions of Guam. The initiative began in the 1970s in Guam's public schools and then evolved into an island-wide celebration. This is our second year of officially celebrating Mes CHamoru at SDSU. Make sure to attend our Mes CHamoru events:

- SPAM in Guam on Monday, March 11 from 6-8pm
- Lecture and Performance by CHamoru eco-poet and National Book Award winner for Indigenous Poetry Dr. Craig Santos Perez on Thursday, March 14 from 2-4pm
- Weaving in Guam on Monday, March 18 from 6-8pm
- Book Talk by Guam scholar and historian Dr. Alfred P. Flores on Wednesday, March 27 from 4-5pm

See you this month for Mes CHamoru!



Know APIDA History!



APIDA Center learns about the Japanese Friendship Garden!

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In 1915, the Panama-California Exposition was a world's fair that celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal. San Diego hosted this fair to promote "farming in the region." This popularized San Diego as a tourist spot destination. At the 1915 event, the creation of the Tea Pavilion and its adjacent gardens have been instrumental in forging cultural and commercial ties between Japan and the United States. Originally constructed as part of the fair, the gardens were neglected after the fair ended. A local Japanese couple took over the management of the tea room.

In 1955, a prominent San Diego citizen initiated a plan to restore the Japanese Garden. San Diego developed a connection with Yokohama, Japan through the Sister City Program. This relationship eventually resulted in the development of the Japanese Friendship Garden and Museum in Balboa Park. In 1958, Yokohama presented San Diego with the Friendship Bell, now located on Shelter Island. In 1968, the San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Association installed the Charles C. Dale Memorial Japanese Gate. As enthusiasm for the Japanese Garden grew, in 1977, Yokohama donated 100 cherry trees to San Diego. In 1979, the city approved a master plan for a Japanese Garden in Balboa Park.

In 1985, landscape architect Takeshi Nakajima named the gardens, "Three Landscapes," reflecting the city's three landscapes: pasture, mountain, and lake. Over the next decade, several additions were made, including the creation of the Garden Learning Center, a 10,700-gallon koi pond and waterfall, a bonsai garden, and the reopening of the tea house.

With San Diego having approximately 9,000 residents of Japanese descent, the Japanese Friendship Garden serves as a cultural pillar. San Diego's Japanese Friendship Garden hosts a variety of events throughout the year to promote cultural understanding and appreciation of Japanese traditions including the Cherry Blossom Festival which takes place March 7-10.

APIDA Center Highlights: News to Know!



APIDA Center hosts Kristina Wong!

On March 5, the APIDA Center was so happy to host Kristina Wong at SDSU. Other sponsors included One SDSU, Arts Alive, Fu Foundation, Asian American Studies, and the Center for Asian & Pacific Studies.

Wong performed her work-in-progress "Kristina Wong: Food Bank Influencer." Wong gave a ton of facts about food insecurity, gave out free food, sang karaoke songs, and provided great entertainment. She also engaged in a Q & A session where she answered many audience questions. It was an enthralling evening of APIDA excellence in the arts.

Wong is a Pulitzer Prize Finalist in Drama. She is primarily known for her solo theater work, performance art, and acting. Her work often tackles social justice themes. The APIDA Center knows her best from her Auntie Sewing Squad work - we were so inspired by her that we had created our own sewing squads and sewed tons of masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.



APIDA Center hosts events!

Like always, the APIDA Center has had a busy week. This past weekend, we teamed up with The Asian American Education Project to support a Mellon-funded summit examining APIDA contributions in Hip Hop.

Joseph Corrales aka Dyno Rock, a dance lecturer in SDSU's School of Music and Dance, was one of the participants. In addition, the event was coordinated by Dr. **Loh-Hagan** and **Gi Gonzales**, former APIDA Center graduate assistant, and **Krissa Jackson** and **Kae Nguyen**, current APIDA Center student assistants.

In addition, Dr. Loh-Hagan was a panelist in Career Services' ElevateHer conference and presented research about APIDA KidLit to Dr. **Lashon Daley's** ENGL 503 course. **Angela Subido** and **Matthew H Garcia** hosted the last of our Meet the Counselor events by welcoming Dr. **Mike Juan** to our space.

APIDA Flex Alerts!



J.R. Ramoso, a senior majoring in IS3D, spent the last three weekends presenting his research about indigenous Karen communities in Thailand at the National Political Science Honors Society's annual conference which took place on Nacotchtank land (Washington DC), at SDSU's Native & Indigenous Research & Arts symposium, and at SDSU's Student Symposium - the latter two took place on Kumeyaay land (San Diego). His project is entitled, "Indigenous Agroforestry and Fire Management in Thailand and the United States."

We want to celebrate the SDSU APIDA community!

Have a flex to share?

Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.

Upcoming APIDA Center Events

SDSU Food Safety Training

Location: APIDA Center

Dates: Mon March 11 from 12-1pm; Wed March 13 from 3-4pm; Tues March 19 from 12-1pm; Thurs March 21 from 3-4pm

Do you plan to serve food at your events? If so, SDSU requires food safety training. Attend one of the trainings. The training is good for one year. All are welcome!

UndocuAPIDA Support Group

Location: APIDA Center Conference Room

Date: Monday, March 11 from 1-2pm

In partnership with the [Undocumented Resource Center](#), we are hosting an UndocuAPIDA Support Group which takes place every second Monday of the month. This month's theme is UndocuAPIDA Women. If you identify as APIDA and Undocumented, this group is for you.

Cultural Crafting Night: SPAM in Guam

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 11 from 6-8pm

Did you know that Guam is the world's largest consumer of SPAM? Learn about the historical and cultural significance of SPAM in Guam. Then, join us for a SPAM tasting activity and a SPAM recycled art project.

Lecture and Performance: Dr. Craig Santos Perez

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 14 from 2-4pm

Dr. Craig Santos Perez is a Chamoru poet and educator from Guåhan (Guam). He will present a lecture about his work which addresses themes such as Pacific life, immigration, ancestry, colonialism, and diaspora. His talk will be followed by a performance of his spoken word.

Make Ice Cream With Us!

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Thursday, March 14 from 6-8pm

Did you know that ice cream was invented by the ancient Chinese? The APIDA Center is collaborating with [MSTI](#) and [APIDA PTA](#) to make ice cream. Learn about the Asian origins and the STEM behind this delicious treat.

Cultural Crafting Night: Weaving in Guam

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Monday, March 18 from 6-8pm

Weaving continues to be an important practice on Guam. For thousands of years, CHamorus have used Guam's abundant foliage to produce useful and unique items. Learn about weaving in Guam and then make tablemats with us!

SDSU APIDA Faculty Talk: Dr. Amy Wong

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Wednesday, March 20 from 5-6pm

Dr. Amy Wong will share research from her new book, *Stories of Survival: The Paradox of Suicide Vulnerability and Resiliency among Asian American College Students*. Her talk will focus on APIDA college students who have experienced suicide ideation from a strength-based perspective.

Book Talk & Lecture: Dr. Alfred P. Flores

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, March 27 from 4-5pm

Dr. Alfred P. Flores is an assistant professor of Asian American Studies at Harvey Mudd College. He will discuss his new book, *Tip of the Spear: Land, Labor, and US Settler Militarism in Guahan, 1944-1962* (Cornell University Press) in which he uses a working-class labor analysis to examine the militarization of Guam.

Dragon Boat Racing Program

Location: APIDA Center

Date: Sunday, April 14 from 9-2pm

Paddle a dragon boat, play in the water, and participate in a race! No Experience necessary and free to participants! For priority consideration, [sign up](#) by March 7th.

A Trip to Seattle, Washington: AAAS Conference + Seattle Historic Sites

Trip Dates: April 24-28

We will be attending the Association for Asian American Studies conference and visiting historic sites like the Wing Luke Museum, Seattle Chinatown, and more! Transportation, lodging, meals, and admissions will be provided.

Student-Led Workshops & Student-Created Social Media Campaigns

APIDA Center is hosting Student-Led Workshops and Student-Created Social Media Campaigns. This is a great opportunity to share your passion with others. It's also an opportunity to learn how to plan an event or prepare a campaign with our support. We are interested in any and all APIDA-related topics! If you are interested, email Dr. Loh-Hagan at vloh-hagan@sdsu.edu.

Happy Hours at the APIDA Center

The APIDA Center is hosting "Happy Hours" on Mondays through Thursday from 6-8pm. Craft with us on Mondays. Make music with us on Tuesdays. Watch TV with us on Wednesdays. Play games with us on Thursdays. Open to all while supplies last and while space is available. Most nights will be unstructured. However, there will be times when we host specific activities and when we need to cancel in order to support another program.

Opportunities & Events

APIDA Student Organizations:

- [APSA](#) is hosting a [UTC Ice Skating Fundraising](#) on March 9.
- [VSA](#) is hosting an [Intern Pie-Off](#) on March 9 from 11:00-2:30pm.
- The [\(AAPI\)phany](#) and the [Native Resource Center](#) is hosting [Uakea Jose](#) on Friday, March 15 from 11-1pm.
- [KASA](#) and [UCSD KASA](#) are hosting a [White Day Mixer](#) on March 13 at 6:30pm at UCSD.

Cultural Center Partners:

- The [BRC](#)'s media team is coordinating a [Family Scrapbook](#). Picture days are on March 11 from 12-6pm and March 15 from 2-4pm.
- The [WRC](#) is hosting a [Pregnant & Parenting Students Initiative Resource Fair](#) on March 12 from 12-4pm.
- The [LRC](#) and [Pride Center](#) are hosting [Joteria sin Fronteras](#) on March 13 from 12:00-1:30pm.
- The [Pride Center](#) is hosting [SafeZones](#) on March 12 from 1-3pm for students and March 13 from 1-3pm for faculty and staff.

Campus Partners:

- The 15th annual [SDSU Leadership Summit](#) will take place on March 9. The theme is Leadership in Motion.
- SDSU's Living Writers Series is hosting award-winning author and journalist [Erika Hayasaki](#) on March 13 at 7pm.
- The [National Center for the Study of Children's Literature](#) is hosting a [Graduate Writing Group](#) on Mondays through March 25 from 12-2pm.
- The [SDSU Chinese Cultural Center](#) and the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum is hosting a [zoom lecture](#) about the dragon boat festival and the symbolism in the poem, "Li Sao," on March 16.
- Struggling with basic needs? Need resources? Connect with [Economic Crisis Response Team](#).

Community Partners:

- The San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden is hosting a [Cherry Blossom Festival](#) from March 7-10.
- The [San Diego Chinese Historical Museum](#) is hosting an Anna May Wong exhibit through March 10.
- The [SD Japanese American Citizens League](#) is hosting a [panel discussion](#) with APIDA theater and opera professionals to examine "yellowface" on March 14 from 6:30-8:00pm.
- The Asian American Education Project offers free APIDA resources on their [website](#) and [Instagram](#).

**Do you have an opportunity to share?
Email us at apida@sdsu.edu.**

Paid Internships & Scholarships

Paid Internships:

- The [Students for Economic Justice Summer Internship](#) is a six-week summer internship on economic justice campaigns. Apply by March 10.
- JusticeCorps is seeking [Legal Access Interns](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Apply by March 12.
- [Create Scholars](#) is seeking students for [Summer Research \(2025\) and Academic Year Research \(2024-2025\)](#). Apply by March 15.
- [Olami Public Relations and Social Media Internship](#) is seeking interns. Apply on Handshake by May 6.

Scholarships:

- The [Japanese American Citizen's League 2024 Scholarships](#) are now open. Apply today!
- The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's [Better Together STEM Scholarship](#) is awarding \$2,500-\$10,000 to students pursuing science, math, technology, or engineering. Apply by March 15.
- **NEW!** Minority students pursuing a CPA license in the future and who have completed at least 30 units should apply for the [AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students](#). Apply by March 15.
- The [Equal Opportunity Scholarship](#) is awarding two students \$500. Apply by March 30.
- The [Bright Minds Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5,000 to one student pursuing a career in technology. Apply by March 31.
- **NEW!** The [\\$2000 Sallie Mae Scholarship](#) is open to a student currently enrolled in college. Apply by March 31.
- The [Davis-Putter Scholarship](#) is awarding up to \$15,000 per year to active and emerging organizers. Apply by April 1.
- The [Fearless Trailblazer Scholarship](#) is awarding \$300 to a first-generation female student. Apply by April 1.
- The [Mama Verang & Lola Remi Scholarship Fund](#) is awarding three \$1,000 scholarships. Filipinx college students in California may apply by April 17.
- The [Redefining Victory Scholarship](#) is awarding four students \$2,500. Apply by April 27.
- The [Across Cultures: Expand Your Horizons Scholarship](#) is awarding \$1,000 to a student open to learning about other cultures. Apply by April 28.
- The [Sandstone Care Scholarship](#) is awarding \$5000 to an undergraduate or graduate student in recovery. Apply by May 1.
- The [Jennifer Gephart Memorial Working Mothers Scholarship](#) is awarding \$3025 to a mother pursuing higher education. Apply by May 10.
- The [Hicks Scholarship Award](#) is awarding \$2000 to a student impacted by cancer. Apply by May 15.
- [The Concrete Rose Scholarship](#) is awarding two \$1,150 scholarships. BIPOC women with a minimum 2.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Apply by May 24.