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MATSURI 2009.

Coming to you on Friday, April 17  
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## 2. TAKING ROOT: The Vision of Wangari Maathai

Come out for a free community screening of TAKING ROOT: The Vision of Wangari Maathai

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

5:30pm Reception with refreshments

6:00pm Film screening followed by discussion

DAVIS AUDITORIUM, SCHAPIRO CENTER

Taking Root tells the dramatic story of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy—a movement for which this charismatic woman became an iconic inspiration.

Hosted by Columbia University Partnership for International Development (CUPID), Students for Environmental and Economic Justice (SEEJ) and Columbia University Engineers Without Borders (CU-EWB)

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## 3. TRAFFIC IN GENRE: EAST ASIAN FILM AND LECTURE SERIES

Please join us for the upcoming

TRAFFIC IN GENRE: EAST ASIAN FILM AND LECTURE SERIES

April 13 (Monday) 6:30PM, 413 Kent

Screening of "The Good, the Bad, the Weird" (Kim Ji-Woon, 2008)

April 16 (Thursday) 6:30PM, 918 IAB

Jinsoo An, Hongik University

"Political Economy of Korean Action Films"

JINSOO AN is Assistant Professor at the School of Design and Media, Hongik University in Korea. He completed a Ph.D. at UCLA with a dissertation on the golden age melodrama films of Korea (from 1953 to 1972). He has written on the topics related to Korean cinema of the 1960s including representation of Christianity, historical drama, courtroom drama, cult film and Manchurian action films. His current project focuses on the representation of colonialism as historical past in South Korean cinema. His other interests include the history and visuality of interactive media art.

Please find locations of screenings/lectures and film synopses at  
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/traffic-filmseries.html>

In conjunction with the Weatherhead East Asian Institute 60th Anniversary

Sponsors: Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Department of East Asian Literature and Culture,  
The Center for Korean Research

Organizers: Professors Weihong Bao, Hikari Hori and Theodore Hughes

Inquiries: Please direct all questions to Mee at [mc3084@columbia.edu](mailto:mc3084@columbia.edu)

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#### 4. APAAM Events

Who is "Asian American"

Date: Wednesday, April 8th

Time: 8PM-10PM

Location: East Ramp Lounge

Cosponsored with ROOTed and AAA PC Who's included in "Asian American"? Come learn about the history and politics behind the term and talk about your experiences with it today.

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Inspire and Empower Youth Mentoring with CPC

Date: Saturday, April 11th

Time: 4PM-6PM

Location: C555

Do you give great peer advice? Want to help out high school students with college, life, and career related issues? Join APAAM for a day as we build meaningful mentor relationships with high school students from underserved Chinese American communities in Brooklyn. We'll have fun activities planned to ensure bonding and a great time. No mentoring experience necessary!

You don't need mentoring experience or advice, just enthusiasm to work with high school students for one afternoon! We'll be doing icebreakers, small group activities, a panel-type question session and a tour of the campus. Because of the nature of what we're going to do with the kids, **the more volunteers the better!** There will be around 20-30 kids - **we're hoping for around 20-30 mentors** as well!

Please email me at dwz2101@columbia.edu if you or anyone you know would like to be a part of this event! Please forward widely to any listserv that would be interested!

Bhangra Fun Workshop
Date: Sunday, April 12th
Time: 2PM-4PM
Location: Broadway Room

Come unwind and have some fun learning bhangra from NYC Bhangra Club

Sexual and Domestic Violence Panel in the Asian Community

Date: Monday, April 13th
Time: 7PM-9PM
Location: Satow
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How do the roles of violence in Asian communities differ? What can we do to help? Panelists from the New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC) and Sakhi will talk about their experiences as social workers working on sexual and domestic violence issues and answer any questions that you may have for them. Panelists profiles: Fronthy Nguyen, NYAWC As the Outreach Coordinator at the New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC), Fronthy is responsible for managing and conducting outreach activities for NYAWC. The outreach activities include conducting workshops at social service agencies to inform them about domestic violence in the Asian communities, presentations during roll-call at police precincts to educate police officers about the prevalence of domestic violence in Asian communities and attending community forums and events to better inform the public about domestic violence issues. Fronthy received her Master's Degree in Non-Profit Management at The New School. Prior to graduate school, she worked in the area of youth development and is a former AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer. Mohammad Levesque-Alam, Sakhi His role is to spearhead Sakhi's efforts to educate, raise awareness, and create dialogue to help end domestic violence. Mohammad is responsible for media advocacy, production of Sakhi's media, community engagement and strategic relationship-building. Mohammad has a background as a reporter in the Queens weekly press and, prior to that, worked at a suburban Massachusetts daily newspaper. While pursuing his undergraduate degree at Northeastern University in Boston, he co-founded and co-edited an online political journal for progressive youth. Mohammad holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and minors in Political Science and History. He has conversational fluency in Urdu. Hope to see you there!

Dare to Struggle! An Intergenerational Dialogue on Asian American Studies

Date: Wednesday, April 15th
Time: 8PM-9PM
Location: West Ramp Lounge

2008-2009 marks the 40th anniversary of Asian American Studies as a discipline, formed in the San Francisco Bay Area out of student protest. This event will be an intergenerational dialogue between Asian American activists and organizers who have advocated, petitioned, and fought for ethnic studies programs in many different ways. Participants will include both supporters of the 1968-1969 San Francisco State University strike, as well as Columbia alumni who held establish Asian American Studies here in 1996.

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5. Internship Opportunity for Mandarin Speaker

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the volunteer coordinator for the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), a nonprofit organization that provides legal help to New York's most vulnerable and underserved individuals. We are urgently seeking a fluent Mandarin speaker for immediate placement in our Immigration Protection Unit. NYLAG's Immigrant Protection Unit handles a comprehensive range of immigration cases including adjustment of status, non-immigrant visas, citizenship, asylum, VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) petitions, and other forms of immigration relief. The Immigrant Protection Unit also provides help to individuals with public assistance matters such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI and other government benefits which are often intricately associated with an individual's immigration needs.

The intern would assist with some very pressing cases, providing much-needed interpretation and translation for non-English-speaking individuals. The intern will work personally with clients, and become familiar with immigration practice. If the candidate has written fluency, he or she would also be responsible for translating documents related to pending immigration matters, but our first priority is finding an intern with conversational fluency. This position is part time, with a minimum commitment of about eight hours weekly.

I am wondering if you can help us locate a qualified student who might be interested in this position. Thank you for your time and assistance, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Anat Schraub
NYLAG Volunteer Coordinator

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6. Asian American Idol II:
GET IDOLIZED...AGAIN!

One Stage. One Night. One chance to be an Idol.

Asian American Idol II:

A karaoke competition & fundraiser for the Coalition for Asian American Children & Families (CACF)

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

BLVD – 199 Bowery @ Spring Street

Donation: \$20 pre-sale/\$25 at the door/\$30 pre-registered contestants

Pre-sale and contestant registration at www.cacf.org. Contestants must be pre-registered

In order to perform and will be selected by random drawing.

Contestant Registration ends 5pm, Thursday, April 9!

Join us for a thrilling night of sensational performances to benefit CACF!

Compete for unbelievable prizes valued at over \$5,000, including the opportunity to record a track with an award-winning engineer producer, karaoke club packages, and a complete Rock Band 2 set!

Or just join the party and vote for your favorite singers as they take the stage at the premier entertainment venue on the Bowery.

This event is open to people of all backgrounds and musical talents.

No prior karaoke experience is required.

You must be 21 years or older to attend.

CACF, the nation's only pan-Asian children's advocacy organization, aims to improve the health and well-being of Asian Pacific American children and families in New York City. The Action Council is a group of young Asian Pacific American professionals who support CACF through fundraising, outreach, and education to raise awareness of CACF's mission and goals.

Visit our website at www.cacf.org.

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7. Rice Bowl 2009

Rice Bowl 2009: Beijing Olympics

Saturday, April 18, 2009

4:00-7:00 PM

Riverside Park

It's that time of year again! The sun is coming out for more hours than you sleep now, the flowers are blooming, and there are people playing sports outside! That's where RICE BOWL comes in. Rice Bowl is a sports tournament and this year we are featuring basketball and dodgeball with soccer and other minigames on the side. There will be teams of 5 for both basketball and dodgeball. Finally, there will be FREE food and drinks provided!

Check out our promo video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoBu73GBp4s>
Make sure to register by Friday, April 17th!: <http://www.columbia-csc.org/rb2009>

Rice Bowl will be held in RIVERSIDE PARK on April 18, 2009 from 4pm-7pm
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8. OSCAR LEE SYMPOSIUM OF UNDERGRADUATE EAST ASIAN STUDIES

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Friday, April 24, 2009
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
403 Kent Hall, Columbia University
www.eastasiasymposium.org

The Oscar Lee Symposium is a half-day conference of three panels on topics of relevance to East Asia presented by undergraduates, for undergraduates. The Symposium aims to facilitate the study and interdisciplinary understanding of East Asia through a collaborative review and presentation process.

The panels and speakers this year:

1:15PM RECOVERING THE INDIVIDUAL: CONTEMPORARY ASIAN ART
Madeleine Boucher (CC '09), "Beyond Pop: Imagery and Appropriation in Contemporary Chinese Art"

Tina Le (CC '09), "Bui Xuan Phai: Authenticity in Vietnamese Art"
Benjamin Shaffer (CC '09), "Documenting in an Age of Cruelty: Zhu Chuanming's Extras and the Amateur-Auteur"

2:10PM SOFT POWER IN ASIA

Avram Sand (CC '09), "Buying Bali Hai: Evolving Taiwanese Foreign Policy in the Pacific Islands, 1988-2008"

Jeffrey Kwong (Harvard '09), "Using Popular Culture to Explain Sino-Korean Bilateral Ties and Prospects for Future Regionalization"

3:05PM RICE AND STEEL: URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHEAST ASIA

Elizabeth Berger (CC '09), "Central Places in Neolithic China: A Regional Comparison"

Michael Tannenbaum (CC '10), "Growth and Games: The Effect of the 1972 Winter Olympics on the Population of Sapporo"

Jisung Park (CC '09), "The Political Economy of South Korean Rice Subsidies"

Visit our website for information on our individual presenters and their abstracts.
Please RSVP to eastasiasymposium@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 22, 2009.
Business casual attire is recommended. Light food and refreshments will be served.

The Symposium is made possible by generous contributions from the Arts Initiative (Gatsby Charitable Foundation), Columbia College Student Council, Department of East Asian

Languages and Cultures, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Study Center, Center for Korean Research, Student Government Association of Barnard, Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture (Hiroshi Nitta Fund), and Engineering Student Council. We are co-sponsored by AAA, APAAM, CJS, CSC, SGB, SoC, and VSA.
