

Dear General Body,

We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who came out to cultureSHOCK two Saturdays ago. We wouldn't have such a great show without you! We hope you enjoyed the show.

Winding down from cultureSHOCK, we will be co-sponsoring CJS's Where the Sweet Things Are. Please come and check out the many fairy tales in Lerner C555 on Friday, December 4th. This is your chance to learn more about the Third World Liberation Front! Tickets are \$4 and you can buy them at TIC or at the door.

We are also co-hosting the Casino Royale Semi-Formal on Monday, December 14, in Party Space at 7:30. See number 5.

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We offer this newsletter to inform our general body of events going on and off-campus as sent to us by peer organizations. Any events, goods or services mentioned in this newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the Asian American Alliance Board (unless they are explicitly sponsored by AAA)

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1. Where the Sweet Things Are": An International Sweets Event

Rediscover your inner child and learn about others' cultural experiences, while enjoying many delicious desserts and warm beverages from around the world, for just \$4!

Don't miss this chance to learn about Japanese (and other cultural) fairytales/children's stories at this fairytale-themed international desserts showcase! Get in touch with your inner child before you delve into the stress of finals!

LOCATION: Lerner C555

PRICE: \$4 (Tickets will be available at the door and at Lerner TIC in the coming weeks!)

TIME: 6PM - 8PM

DATE: December 4th

Tickets are now available at Lerner Tic!

<http://www.ovationtix.com/trs/pe/7785395>

Check out the facebook event page here, and invite all your friends!

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=178295178188&index=1>

There will be sweets provided by:

AAA

CJS

CSA

CSC

La Societa Italiana

Native American Council

VSA

Can't wait to see you all there!

2. HKSSS Career Series: Asia Career Panel

Monday, December 7, 2009

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Lewis Parlour (Brooks Hall)

Barnard College

Interested in spending some time in Asia? Want to learn more about what it is like working in cities like Ho Chi Minh, Hong Kong, and Singapore? Come participate in an engaging discourse with our four panelists who have worked in diverse fields across Asia! No dress code!

3. ~*~*~*Chamak*~*~*~*

The CU Organization of Pakistani Students

Proudly Presents

~*~*~*Chamak*~*~*~*

A Celebration of South Asian Culture and Music featuring fellow students modeling the latest South Asian Fashions, performances by CU Sur, CU Dhoom, The Chillums (Rutger's student band), and a mouth-watering (vegetarian and non vegetarian) dinner!

Time: 8:00-11:00pm

Date: Thursday, December 3

Location: Lerner Hall, C555

Tickets (to be sold at the TIC center in Lerner Hall, online, or at the door):

\$5 with CU ID

\$7 without CU ID

After Party at Club Zamana Semi-Formal:

Basera Restaurant

9th Ave between 50th and 51st

For those interested in modeling, please contact ops@columbia.edu.

Cosponsored by: Club Dimensions

4. Drum Major Institute for Public Policy – DMI Scholars

The Drum Major Institute for Public Policy created DMI Scholars to identify progressive college activists from underrepresented communities and train them in the skills necessary to obtain and succeed in entry-level public policy positions. With DMI's network and expertise, DMI Scholars will become the future Legislative Directors, Policy Analysts and Advisors who fuel the progressive movement with new ideas and effective advocacy.

We strongly encourage students of color, immigrants, members of the LGBTQ community, and students from low-income and working class backgrounds to apply.

For more information visit www.dmischolars.org

5. Casino Royale: CSC/CJS/AAA/HKSSS Semiformal

Join CSC along with CJS, AAA, and HKSS for a night of music and dancing to celebrate the last day of classes! Our theme this year is Casino Royale, so show up and look sharp! Expect great music, great people, and a great night! After Semi-Formal, take your ticket stub to our afterparty at a location to be announced to continue partying.

And don't worry if you don't have a date, sign up for our Blind Date Service!
<http://www.columbia-csc.org/blinddate>

Stayed tuned for more information!

Details:

Hosts: CSC with CJS, AAA, and HKSSS

7:30-9:30 pm

December 14

Lerner Party Space

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=212025106419&ref=ts>

6. Vote to stop the violence!

One out of three female college students reports she has been affected by domestic violence. Vote to stop the violence! And ask your family, friends and colleagues to vote and to spread the word too!

Chase Bank is giving a total of \$5 million to not-for-profit organizations through the Chase Community Giving contest on Facebook. The top 100 charities with the most votes will get \$25,000 each, plus a chance to win \$1 million. With this money the New York Asian Women's Center can continue to fight the violence and cruelty by providing security, opportunity and empowerment for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking.

VOTE and Join NYAWC! Ask your family, friends and colleagues to vote and to spread the word to their networks too!

The New York Asian Women's Center is the only organization serving multiple Asian communities in New York City. It has two state licensed emergency shelters and toll-free 24/7 hotline (888) 888-7702 with over 18 different Asian languages and dialects. To learn more about the Center, please visit www.nyawc.org.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Larry Lee
Executive Director
New York Asian Women's Center

To Vote: <http://apps.facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving/charities/1296700>

To Join Our Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?v=wall&ref=search&gid=8501078797>

7. Vote for ECAASU

Hey there,

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving full of food, family, friends, and fun =)

Just wanted to give you a heads-up. ECAASU's conference is quickly approaching, and in order to provide you with the best experience EVER, we need money, which JP Morgan Chase is offering. How convenient!

ALL WE NEED TO DO IS GO ON FACEBOOK (how difficult is that? Not difficult at all) and VOTE!! for (East Coast Asian American Student

Union)<http://apps.facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving/charities/711193>

Very simple. I might be a bit disappointed if you don't => I'll try not to be biased, but ECAASU definitely is an AWESOME organization, well deserving of Chase's Community Giving Program.

Enjoy the holidays,
ECAASU National

8 . PHOTOGRAPHY LECTURE & SLIDE SHOW: Howard W. French: Disappearing Shanghai

Hosted by the Columbia University Photography Society:

PHOTOGRAPHY LECTURE & SLIDE SHOW

Howard W. French: Disappearing Shanghai

Thursday, December 10th, 6-7pm + Q&A

Lerner Hall, Room 568

The Columbia University Photography Society presents a lecture and slide show by Howard W. French, associate professor at the Columbia University School of Journalism. He worked for The New York Times from 1986 to 2008, including most recently as Shanghai bureau chief. Professor French will present on his recent photography project Disappearing Shanghai, which documents the last remnants of Shanghai's historic old neighborhoods. It has been featured in solo and group exhibitions in the United States, Europe and Asia, and reprinted in numerous magazines. He is in the process of editing a book of his Shanghai photography, and is seeking a publisher.

View Howard W. French's photography:

<http://www.howardwfrench.net/>

9. 2010 AFSCME/UNCF/Harvard Union Scholars Program

I am contacting you to let you know that the application for the 2010 AFSCME/UNCF/Harvard Union Scholars Program is now open. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and Harvard University are in partnership for the AFSCME/UNCF/Harvard Union Scholars Program. This program is for all students of color who are in their sophomore or junior year at a four year college or university and interested in pursuing a career in social justice. Participants are paired with a mentor on an

AFSCME organizing campaign for 10 weeks and receive hands on experience in the labor movement. Students can expect to learn how to: organize workers by visiting them at home and phone banking, help with campaign based research, political action and any other necessary aspect of the campaign. During their time in the program we cover all travel expenses to and from their host site as well as to Harvard for an orientation or debrief. We cover housing and rental car if needed. Students will receive a stipend of \$4000 and if participants successfully complete the program, a need based scholarship awarded through UNCF of up to \$5000. For more information visit www.afscme.org and go to the Become an Organizer section or www.uncf.org.

10. “Insights into High Politics: The Secret Journal of Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang”

WEAI Brown Bag Lecture

“Insights into High Politics: The Secret Journal of Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang”

Bao Pu, political commentator, veteran human rights activist, and translator and editor of *Prisoner of the State: The Secret Journal of Premier Zhao Ziyang*

Moderated by *Andrew Nathan*, Class of 1919 Professor of Political Science, Columbia University

Monday, December 7, 2009

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

IAB 918

No reservation required.

Short Bio:

Bao Pu, a political commentator and veteran human rights activist, is one of the translators and editors of "Prisoner of the State: The Secret Journal of Premier Zhao Ziyang." He is also a publisher of New Century Press, which published the Chinese version of Zhao Ziyang's secret journal in Hong Kong. He has a Masters degree in international relations and public administration from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School.

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