

Hi everyone,

Along with our newsletter, AAA would like to announce the new board for the 2009-2010 academic year:

Chair: Kevin Zhai
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Event Adviser: Annie Tan
http://aacolumbia.org/wiki/AAA_Board_2009-2010

Please stay tuned for applications for other positions on our E-Board.

Hope everyone has a great weekend!

Best,
The Asian American Alliance Board
<http://www.aacolumbia.org/>

AAA Weekly Newsletter – Semester 2 Week 10 – April 2

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1. Sexual and Domestic Violence Panel in the Asian Community

APAAM & Barnard Columbia Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center presents:
Sexual and Domestic Violence Panel in the Asian Community
Monday, April 13, 2009
7-9pm at Satow Room, Lerner

How do the roles of violence in Asian communities differ?
What can we do to help?

Come join us for a free dinner and hear representative from the New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC) and Sakhi talk about their experiences of working on sexual and domestic violence related issues. The panel is followed by a Q&A session with the panelists.

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!

2. Executive Decision(s): Leadership at Columbia University

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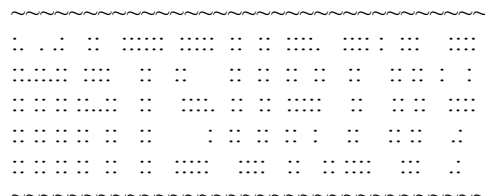
Tuesday, April 7th @ 6pm
Lewis Parlor in Brooks hall/dorm at Barnard

A look at leadership and its intersection with different social identities in campus organizations:
What does leadership look like within communities of color?
What does it mean to be a woman of color leader?
What are masculine leadership qualities? Are they too highly valued?
Who's voices are heard in the boardroom?

Please join the United Students of Color Council (USCC) for this dialogue on leadership. Dinner will be provided.

3. Matsuri 2009 is coming...

Get your piece of the bailout action...



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MATSURI 2009.

Coming to you on Friday, April 10:

- AUTHENTIC Japanese festival activities!
- MINDBLOWING PERFORMANCES by NYC entertainers!
- Food stands by HOT NYC EATERIES!
- FREE raffle with GREAT PRIZES like airline tickets and more!
- Tons of FREE GIVEAWAYS!*

All on the comfort of Low Plaza.

MATSURI2009.

Save the date: Friday, April 10th, 4PM-8PM

*See the full list on the MATSURI2009 website: www.columbia.edu/cu/japansociety/matsuri.html

Brought to you by Columbia Japan Society with the generous support of:
ABC, American Airlines, Amnet, APAAM, Beard Papa, CAO, CC Class of 2012 Class Council, CCSC, Consulate General of Japan in New York, Donald Keene Center, ESC, GoGo Curry, IACE, Ito En, JNTO, Kikkoman, Mainichi Communications, Nomura, Oms/B, Otafuku, Pasona, P-Style, SGA, Weatherhead Undergraduate Council.

4. TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

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April 16th

March starts at 9pm, Barnard Gates

Speakout starts at 11pm, LeFrak Gym

The mission of Take Back the Night March and Speakout is to break the silence about sexual violence by inviting the Morningside Heights community to gather together, as survivors, allies, family, friends, neighbors and strangers, to support each other and protest the violence that affects all of us. The march is an opportunity to re-claim the streets of New York City, the neighborhood of Morningside Heights, and the Columbia campus as safe spaces. After the march, we host a Speakout, during which community members speak anonymously about their experiences. The march is wheelchair accessible. Free childcare will be provided.

For more information contact TBTN.at.Columbia@gmail.com

5. Proud Colors

APAAM, in conjunction with Proud Colors, is hosting a screening of "The Wedding Banquet" and "Saving Face" this Friday, April 3rd, at Altschul 202 at 6 pm.

Join us for a humorous, honest look at how two queer Asian Americans – one, a gay Taiwanese immigrant who marries a mainland Chinese woman to placate his parents and get her a green card, and the other, a young lesbian Chinese-American surgeon who meets and falls in love with a freewheeling dancer – manage to navigate complex relationships with their family members, lovers, and friends.

Feel free to drop by anytime and grab some free dinner from Dinosaur BBQ! You don't have to be there for the whole thing. And obvi you don't have to be a gaysian to attend.

And be sure to head over to the party space for POKER | FACE, APAAM and CQA's First Friday dance right after the screening!

6. Food For Thought Discussion: "Excuse My Gangsta Ways"

Join APAAM, in conjunction with the Chinese Students Club, Asian American Alliance, and Kappa Phi Lambda, for a screening and dinner discussion of Corinne Manabat's "Excuse My Gangsta Ways", a film documenting the

transition from gang life to "normal" life for a Chinese American woman. After the screening, come discuss issues affecting the perception of Asian American women and how Asian Americans are portrayed in the media. Free dinner will be provided!

Date: April 6th
Location: Satow
Time: 7:00PM

7. South Asian Art Gallery

In light of its mission statement to create awareness through the arts, Club Dimensions is organizing a one-day art showcase of pieces exploring the South Asian identity. Pieces include works by student artists as well as artists from the New York area. We are still accepting art-work submissions for the gallery so if you are a student artist looking to exhibit, please contact us at clubdimensions@gmail.com

Date: Saturday, April 4th 2009
Time: 12noon-6pm (Opening at 12noon)
Place: Barnard Art Studio (3rd Floor, Barnard Hall)

8. Book Reading

Club Dimensions invites you to an evening with writers Pooja Makhijani and Tania James. They will read from their most recent books and answer questions.

Date: Tuesday, April 14th 2009
Time: 6pm-8pm
Place: 569 Lerner Hall

Pooja Makhijani is the author of *Mama's Saris*: a children's book which serves as an introduction to Indian culture and a celebration of its most timeless and traditional dress. She has also edited *Under Her Skin: How Girls Experience Race in America*: an anthology of essays by women that explores the complex ways in which race shapes American lives and families (<http://www.poojamakhijani.com/books.html>) She is a winner of the 2003 Magazine Award Honor in Nonfiction by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She currently reviews books for *Kahani* a South Asian literary magazine for children. In addition, she teaches writing and children's literature at Western Connecticut State University's new MFA in Professional Writing program.

Tania James received her B.A. in filmmaking from Harvard University and her MFA in fiction from Columbia's School of the Arts. Her debut novel, *Atlas of Unknowns*, will be published by Knopf in April of 2009. Her first publication, "Aerogrammes," was selected as one of the 100 Distinguished Stories of 2008 by Best American Short Stories. She currently lives in New York and teaches fiction at the Gotham Writer's Workshop.