



# AAARI Spotlight



July 2010

## Message from AAARI Executive Director

Summer is a time to reflect, explore, travel and catch up on the things we did not get around to during the academic year. AAARI looks forward to hearing about your adventures and accomplishments, and providing a platform to inform the community about your achievements.

In each newsletter, we will showcase the accomplishments of CUNY Asian American faculty, staff and students, and those engaged in Asian American and Asian studies. We invite you to send us information on your research, promotions, and milestones, and on those of your colleagues. It is imperative that that the contributions of our community be shared broadly.

So enjoy the summer, and keep AAARI in mind!

Sincerely,

## 2010 CUNY Asian American Film Festival

5/28/10 - AAARI held its 7th Annual CUNY Asian American Film Festival at the CUNY Graduate Center. Attended by 80+ attendees, CUNY student filmmakers had the opportunity to screen their creative work. Tze Chun, director and writer of *Children of Invention*, was the Festival's guest speaker.



Best Documentary Film / **Struggle for Existence**  
*Laurie Sumiye (Filiak) - Hunter College*

Runner-up Documentary Film / **Undocumented Hope**  
*Tanvir Toy - Brooklyn College*

Hon. Mention Documentary Film / **Nurturing the Hybrid Identity**  
*Sudip Shakya - Brooklyn College*

Best Fiction Film/**Behold the Swelling Scene**  
*Munjong (Arckii) Kim - Brooklyn College*

Runner-up Fiction Film/**Antithesis**  
*Jon-Carlos Evans - City College*

Best Experimental Film / **Boundary**  
*Pyeonghun Baik - Brooklyn College*

Runner-up Experimental Film / **Ball**  
*Jung Eun Kim - Lehman College*

Winning films will be screened at the 33rd Asian American International Film Festival on July 18, 2010, 1PM, at Quad Cinemas in Manhattan.

## Paul Ong, Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professor



Dr. Paul Ong from UCLA will join the faculty of the CUNY Graduate Center as the first Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professor in Fall 2010, and will also work with AAARI to strengthen its mission of supporting and developing research on Asian American and Asian issues.

Dr. Ong is Professor of Urban Planning, Social Welfare and Asian American Studies at UCLA. He has done research on the labor market status of minorities and immigrants, displaced high-tech workers, work and welfare and transportation access. He is currently engaged in several projects, including studies on the effects of neighborhood economies on welfare and work, community economic development in minority communities, and the labor market for healthcare workers.

Dr. Ong has served as an advisor to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, and to the California Department of Social Services and the state Department of Employment Development, as well as the Wellness Foundation and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

## Jennifer Hayashida Appointed Director of Asian American Studies Program at Hunter College



Jennifer Hayashida, AAARI Board Member, has officially been appointed Director of the Asian American Studies Program (AASP) at Hunter College. Prof. Hayashida has worked closely with students, faculty, administrators, and community groups to strengthen and expand the Hunter College AASP; initiatives include collaborations with community-based organizations intended to give Hunter students interdisciplinary opportunities to apply their coursework to NYC's dynamic Asian American communities. In addition to her work as an educator, she is a writer and translator, and is currently a writer-in-residence through the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's 2008-2009 Workspace Program.

## Lakshmi Bandlamudi Receives 2010 Fulbright Nehru Research Award



LaGuardia Community College psychology professor Dr. Lakshmi Bandlamudi is the recipient of a 2010 Fulbright Nehru Research Award that will enable her to spend August through mid-February in India as she expands upon research derived from her recently published book, *Dialogics of Self, the Mahabharata, and Culture: The History of Understanding and Understanding of History* (Anthem Press, 2010). An interdisciplinary psychological interpretation of India's epic text the *Mahabharata*, the *Dialogics of Self* examines that work through the lenses of personal past and cultural past.

A native of India, Dr. Bandlamudi earned her M.A. in Developmental Psychology from Columbia's Teachers College and her Ph.D. in the same subject from the CUNY Graduate Center.

## Asian American / Asian Research Institute

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#### About Us

Asian American / Asian Research Institute (AAARI) is a university-wide scholarly research and resource center that focuses on policies and issues that affect Asians and Asian Americans.

CUNY enrolls over 40,000 Asian undergraduate and graduate students, and employs over 4,000 faculty and staff of Asian descent. AAARI serves as a bridge between CUNY and the Asian American community.

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### Upcoming Events

#### July 6, 2010

Asian American Arts Alliance Town Hall  
(Co-sponsored Event)

#### July 9, 2010

Sunset Cinema Series  
*Departures* (Japan)

#### July 16, 2010

Sunset Cinema Series  
*Gran Torino* (U.S.)

#### July 23, 2010

Sunset Cinema Series  
*Bend It Like Beckham* (U.K.)

#### July 30, 2010

Sunset Cinema Series  
*In the Mood for Love* (Hong Kong)

#### November 2010

AAARI 9th Annual Banquet



### Asian Networking - Private Equity and Funding Your Business

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

6PM-8PM

25 West 43rd Street, 18th Floor  
between 5th & 6th Avenues, Manhattan

**Fee:** \$20 (Advance Online Registration) | \$30 (At the Door)

Organized by Hills Learning and Two Rivers Associations, and co-sponsored by AAARI, this event is a great opportunity for Asian professionals or professionals interested in Asian business, languages, or cultures to network and meet like-minded individuals.

Our guest speaker will be Sam Levine, Managing Director and co-head of EOS Private Equity. Mr. Levine will discuss about investment opportunities in U.S. companies that are profitable and growing with existing operations in both the U.S. and Asia.

**Hills Learning**, is a language school in New York City dedicated to offering quality language instruction for Asian languages and English.

**Two Rivers Associates**, was established in 2008 to assist small- and medium-size business owners grow their businesses between

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