



Winter 2015 ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Asian New Year Festival

Hosted by the Asian Student Union
Thursday, January 29, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, Allendale Campus

Join us for a spectacular festival that showcases the traditional Asian New Year celebration. The program highlights the richness and diversity of Asia and features Asian cuisine and traditional performances from Asian ethnic groups, including a dragon dance, Chinese martial arts, national dance and cultural fashion show.

A Recognition of Fred T. Korematsu

Moderators: Charlie Gendron & Kris Rufino
Sponsors: Japanese Culture Association & Phi Gamma Delta
Friday, January 30, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Reception afterwards
Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium, Building E
Richard M. DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Pew Campus
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Speakers:

- Matthew Wesaw, director, Michigan Department of Civil Rights
- Ron Aramaki, Department of American Culture, University of Michigan
- Roland Hwang, Department of American Culture, University of Michigan
- Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, contributor for NBC News Asian American, editor of AAPI Voices
- Mary Kamidoi, former internee, Rohwer Camp, Arkansas

Fred T. Korematsu was incarcerated during World War II like many other American citizens of Japanese ancestry but he defied the government's order to report to an assembly center. He appealed his case all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled against him in 1944. Years later, his conviction was vacated by the U.S. District Court of Northern California. Korematsu's courage and activism were recognized when he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Clinton in 1998. Korematsu is the first Asian American to be honored by a state and have a day named in his honor.

The program will begin with a documentary video on Korematsu's life and legacy followed by brief remarks from the speakers.

The Celebrated "China doll": Troubling Asian Adoption in Television

Kimberly McKee, assistant professor
Department of Liberal Studies
Wednesday, February 11, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Room 2270, Allendale Campus
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The adopted Asian baby or toddler has become ubiquitous on American television. While Asian Americans struggle to find their place on screen and in scene, the female adopted child has been warmly embraced as one avenue to celebrate multiculturalism. Analyzing "Modern Family" and "Sex and the City," McKee will discuss how adoptees' representation is linked to Orientalism and the fetishization of the female Asian body.

Why Vote?

Theresa Q. Tran, executive director,
Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote Michigan
Thursday, February 12, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Russel H. Kirkhof Center, 2263 KC, Allendale Campus
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What do issues of immigration, jobs, economy, health care and education have to do with the election? What are some challenges and opportunities of working with a multi-generational and multilingual community? How can college students get involved and be a part of the voting process? In this interactive workshop, participants will explore these questions and more to unlock the electoral power of voters.

Building Transformative Responses to Violence

Mia Mingus, writer, community educator and organizer
Tuesday, February 24, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, Allendale Campus
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Mia Mingus works for disability justice and transformative justice responses to child sexual abuse. This lecture will introduce the concept and framework of transformative justice, working to respond to violence without causing more harm or violence. It comes from oppressed communities and is essential in our intersectional work to end oppression. What would it take to respond to violence in our communities without relying on state systems? How can we work for prevention and response, individual and collective justice, and individual and systemic transformation in our responses to violence? Transformative justice requires us to rethink our work to respond to violence and offers an inspiring and compelling vision of what's possible.

R.I.C.E. Conference: Realizing and Addressing Issues in Our Culture and Education

Hosted by the Asian Student Union
Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium, Building E
DeVos Center, Grand Rapids Pew Campus

The conference is free and open to the public. Please contact David Tran at david.tran517@gmail.com to reserve your seat since breakfast and lunch will be provided. Business formal attire is recommended.

Sponsors: Asian Student Union, Delta Phi Lambda, East Asian Studies, Geography and Planning, Inclusion and Equity Division, Japanese Culture Association, Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Phi Gamma Delta, WGVU Public Media, and Women's Center.

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