



# Winter 2019 ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE CELEBRATION

## Asian New Year Festival

Co-sponsored by the Asian Student Union

Saturday, February 9, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, Allendale Campus  
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Enjoy a spectacular festival that showcases the traditional Asian New Year celebration. The event highlights the richness and diversity of Asia by featuring an assortment of Asian ethnic cuisine and traditional performances including a dragon performance, Chinese martial arts, cultural fashion show and a variety of Asian ethnic dances.

## Vietnamese Culture Gala: Cùng Nhau Như Một (Together as One)

Friday, February 15, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, Allendale Campus

Join the new Vietnamese Cultural Association (VCA) at its inaugural event through a spectacular "unveiling" Gala filled with cultural and educational activities ranging from traditional Vietnamese lion dance, martial arts, áo dài (Vietnamese traditional garment) parade illustration, and a special performance by members of VCA. What's more? JR Aquino, pop singer initially known for his appearance as a contestant in the fourth season of American Idol will perform a variety of songs from his music selection to kickoff the celebration.

## Asian Authors/Topics Reception

Wednesday, February 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Holton Hooker Living Center, Multi-Purpose room, Allendale Campus  
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This reception is a platform to recognize and honor the publications and creative works of GVSU Asian faculty and staff, as well as publications of Asian related topics and themes. Authors will discuss how scholarship relating to Asian and Asian American communities in the United States and abroad. Participants will strengthen their understanding of how Asian and Asian American communities engender social change and employ cultural competency to strengthen community ties. The books and/or scholarly materials will be on display.

## Beyond Grateful: Reflections on Korean Adoptees in the United States

Kimberly McKee, Ph. D., director, Kutsche Office of Local History at GVSU and assistant professor, Liberal Studies Department.

Thursday, February 28, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Russel H. Kirkhof Center, room 2263, Allendale Campus  
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In her presentation, Dr. McKee will present excerpts from her monograph, *Disrupting Kinship: Transnational Politics of Korean Adoption in the United States* (University of Illinois Press, 2019). McKee will unpack the macro and micro dimensions of adoption in the lives of Korean adoptees. Part of this talk includes a discussion of adoptees who push back against notions that adoption is a humanitarian, child-saving act. At the same time, McKee highlights recent adoptee activism concerning retroactive citizenship for those adoptees whose parents or guardians failed to naturalize them as U.S. citizens as children.

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

2019 Theme: Empowerment

Co-sponsored by the Asian Student Union

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium, Building E

DeVos Center, Pew Campus

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The conference is free and open to the public. To register, <https://goo.gl/forms/xHWbKZLjGo3ZD6nz1>

Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/381556249258958/>

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Business casual attire is encouraged.

## Sacred Sites Tour: Masjid at-Tawheed Islamic Center

Co-sponsored by Campus Interfaith Resources

Friday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meet in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, 1240 Russel H. Kirkhof Center, Allendale Campus by 10:45 a.m.

Transportation will be provided

RSVP is required at

[www.gvsu.edu/campusinterfaith/sacred-sites-visits-11.htm](http://www.gvsu.edu/campusinterfaith/sacred-sites-visits-11.htm)

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Throughout the academic year, the Campus Interfaith Resources hosts various visits to houses of worship in the area as an opportunity to explore different faith and non-faith traditions. Participants will get a small tour of the site, as well as a presentation of the tradition.

**Sponsors:** Asian Faculty and Staff Association, Asian Student Union, Campus Interfaith Resources, Delta Phi Lambda, East Asian Studies, Division of Inclusion and Equity, Kutsche Office of Local History, Liberal Studies Department, Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Vietnamese Cultural Association, WGVU Public Media.

Grand Valley State University is committed to a policy of equal access to programs, facilities and services. If you require additional assistance or accommodations, or to request a parking permit, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (616) 331-2177. Events are free and open to the public. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/oma](http://www.gvsu.edu/oma) for information.

The Feng Shui elements of wood, fire, earth, metal and water are incorporated into this design through their color representation. The colors interact between themselves to bring harmony and peace.

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