

ASIAN CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

AT VIRGINIA TECH®

ACE Center's Statement of Purpose

The Asian Cultural Engagement Center (ACEC) is in the division of the Cultural and Community Centers under the Virginia Tech Office for Inclusion and Diversity. The ACEC's mission is to advocate for the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) communities, including Virginia Tech faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and alumni. We also aim to educate the campus community on issues centered around or related to our communities. All members of the campus and the local community are welcome to the ACEC and can participate in the ACEC's events, programs, and activities.

Undergraduate Student Spotlight: Thien-Lam Vo

Thien-Lam Vo is a junior majoring in Computer Engineering with his primary focus being in Software Systems and his secondary in Cyber Security. He really enjoys software and creating something that he can see the result of. For example, Vo really got into web development, learning the basics and designing his own website. Vo states that there is plenty of work to do and to learn but it was cool seeing it come together from nothing. Also, he's interested in full stack, working with both the front and back ends of a website or application, as he likes knowing a little bit of everything as Vo stated that one should always be learning something everyday. He wants to be proficient in many fields.



Furthermore, Thien-Lam Vo has been a member of the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA), Filipino American Student Association (FASA), and Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) for the past three years. He held an officer position last year and is currently the president of Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers. Vo chose to hold a leadership position since he has developed a character that makes him headstrong and outgoing, so he believed that leadership was the next step. It was also natural to step up and take a leadership role. As the current president, Vo hopes for SASE to grow in a positive direction where the organization is more recognized on the same level as its fellow organizations under the Asian American Student Union (AASU).

"If I had to give any tips to my past self, I would tell myself to think more about the future and what you want to do," Vo said. "I came into college not knowing what I wanted to do. I came without a resume. Something incoming Virginia Tech students should take into consideration is to definitely be more outgoing. I became more outgoing coming to college. Also, focus on academics but do not forget to enjoy life in college. Don't take life

so seriously.”

Organization Spotlight: Asian American Mental Health Alliance (AAMHA)

The Asian American Mental Health Alliance (AAMHA) is a student organization under the Asian American Student Union (AASU) and was formed in Spring 2020. Yullie Kwak, the current president for AAMHA, was originally planning to revive the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) chapter at Virginia Tech; however, she chose to create an organization with her own ideas and goals. The organization’s founders include Yullie Kwak, Maggie Luo, Samantha Shin, Nick Karen, Jackie Oh, and James Zhang. The organization’s mission is to destigmatize mental illness in the APIDA community at VT and reiterate the importance of mental health. Their goal is to have people, specifically those in the APIDA community, be heard and understood.



As a new organization, the Asian American Mental Health Alliance is planning to host events that include educational lectures and collaborating with the Mental Health Coalition as well as Cook Counseling at Virginia Tech. The organization really wants the public to look forward to their [podcasts](#), which will be posted every Saturday. One memorable quote that Kwak shared was, “If we helped one person feel heard or represented, we completed our mission.” To be more involved with the new organization, feel free to contact Yullie Kwak at yulliek@vt.edu. People can also be added to the organization’s listserv through [GobblerConnect](#). The best way to participate is to come to their events and talk. It’s that simple!

Graduate Student Spotlight: Anthony Gang

Anthony Gang is a first-year master’s student studying Structural Engineering, a specific discipline within Civil Engineering that deals primarily with building design. Prior to his studies as a graduate student, he actually also earned his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering at Virginia Tech as well! As his fifth year being a Hokie, Gang is heavily invested and involved in the APIDA community, particularly with KASA, the Korean American Student Association. He loves the Virginia Tech community and when searching for colleges, wanted a balance of academics, community, and vibrancy in campus life.



Gang's involvement within KASA began his freshman year, as he really wanted to find a community of students who also valued Korean American culture. Throughout the year, participating in KASA events was often the highlight of his time at Virginia Tech. He particularly enjoyed the Big Little Program, which gave new members a mentor who helped them navigate college life, and KASA as well. His Big, Allison Park, still maintains a strong bond with him five years later. Due to his fond experiences in his freshman year, he really wanted to give back to KASA. He served as Treasurer his sophomore year and was unsuccessful in running for President during his junior year, but his passion and resolve were exemplified as he still chose to serve as Treasurer again. He also broke many norms, as it was not typical to run for an Officer position during senior year, but his

dedication and perseverance allowed him to finally become the KASA President. Many coin him as the “dad” of the Korean American Student Association, due to his longevity and love for the organization, but also his mentor-like presence he exudes. Finally, after a series of unlikely events, he made history again by running for a second term as President, as a graduate student at Virginia Tech. Now that is dedication.

“Make sure you make the most of your college experience, whether it is going to an extra event, going to every single thing you want to, whether it is for your education or for your personal growth,” Gang proudly reflected upon. He wants to remind students that “it is perfectly acceptable to be spontaneous, to spend time in college living without regrets, and trying everything you want to do.”

Alumni Spotlight: Anna Enkhtur

Anna Enkhtur is a Mongolian-American Virginia Tech alumna who majored in International Studies and Russian. In her four years at the university, she unearthed her passions of serving the APIDA community through engagement and various leadership positions. Enkhtur joined an Asian-interest sorority, alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, Inc. (aKDPHi) her freshman year and the Asian American Student Union (AASU) the following year. Among other positions, she describes her presidencies for both organizations as one of her most memorable and rewarding experiences. During her terms, she worked with her executive boards to host more community centered events and to strengthen inter-organizational relationships.



In her Junior year, Enkhtur interned for Congressman Gerry Connolly (VA-11) through Virginia Tech's Hokies on the Hill program. She later served as an American Delegate for the U.S. Congress-Republic of Korea National Assembly Exchange Program where she spent time in Washington D.C. and South Korea meeting with various government officials and think tanks. Enkhtur is currently working as an analyst for Accenture Federal Services and serves on the Inclusion and Diversity team on her project. She also serves as the Director of Community Outreach for her sorority's alumnae association.

"Seek out mentors both within your community and outside of it," she said. "Find people you look up to, who will inspire you, and reach out to them for guidance because you are not alone in any fight."

APIDA Faculty spotlight: Dr. Carola Haas

[Dr. Carola Haas](#) is a tenured professor in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech. Her German-Chinese family history has given her a broader perspective on environments where people have grown up, opportunities, and life in general. She graduated with a B.A. from Wellesley College and earned a Ph.D. from Cornell University. Her own life trajectory led her to Virginia Tech in 1993, after completing a postdoc in Japan. Her work has specifically been in applied conservation ecology and evolutionary biology.



Dr. Haas has been in this Department long enough to see it go from just her as the only

woman faculty member, to 50% of the faculty in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation becoming women. She was originally a part of a Provost's program that helped women enter faculty positions at Virginia Tech. She noted that Virginia Tech has more women in the Wildlife Program than any other university in the Southeast.

"I don't want to advise people to be patient, because I'm glad people are fighting and not being patient — but I think it is also important to celebrate victories and to acknowledge that things are hugely different," Dr. Haas said.

But she also mentioned that there is a greater opportunity for more racial diversity among her College's students and faculty. While she recognized that the campus as a whole has become more diverse since 1993, there is still a long way to go for representation among specific Colleges as well as for faculty across the board. She believes in having better faculty mentoring programs geared towards fostering more inclusive discussions on issues of diversity and acceptance for all faculty members.

ACEC Events



The Office of Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion (ORDI) & the Asian Cultural Engagement Center (ACEC) present:

VTGRAD2GRAD FIRESIDE CHAT-URM STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Are you a new or returning graduate student?

Come *learn, share, and discuss* experiences of graduate students from Underrepresented/ Minoritized backgrounds.

Register at: bit.ly/VTFireSideURM

For accommodations, please contact ordi@vt.edu at least 72 hours in advance of the event.

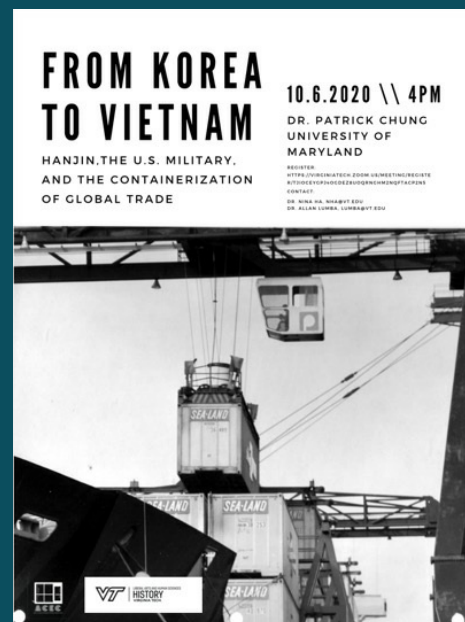
ZOOM MEETING
October 6 from 1-2 PM

Panelist:

- Hana Chan
PhD in Biomedical Engineering
- Marshall Kregg
Masters in Business Administration & Information Technology
- Annie Patrick
PhD in Science, Technology & Society (STS)

VTGrad2Grad Fireside Chat

- URM Student Experiences
- October 6, 1-2PM
- Register at: bit.ly/VTFireSideURM
- For accommodations, please contact ordi@vt.edu 72 hours prior to the event



FROM KOREA TO VIETNAM

10.6.2020 \ \ 4PM

DR. PATRICK CHUNG
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

HANJIN, THE U.S. MILITARY,
AND THE CONTAINERIZATION
OF GLOBAL TRADE

REGISTER:
<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/9081968080>

CONTACT:
DR. NINA HU, nhu@vt.edu
DR. ALLAN LORRA, lorra@vt.edu

ACEC HISTORY

From Korea to Vietnam

- Collaboration with the History Department featuring Dr. Chung
- October 6, 4 pm EST (This event will be recorded)
- Register at: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/9081968080>

You are invited to a conversation and Q&A with

DR. EVIE SHOCKLEY

"Rutgers English Diversity Institute (REDI), Pipeline Programs, and Graduate Studies"

HOSTED BY DR. SHAILA MEHRA

Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, CLAHS, Virginia Tech



VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM
BY THE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Dr. Shockley is a professor of English at Rutgers University and the author of three books of poetry, including *the new black* (winner of the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award in Poetry) and *semiautomatic* (winner of the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award and finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the LA Times Book Prize). She is also the author of a critical study, *Renegade Poetics: Black Aesthetics and Formal Innovation in African American Poetry*.

Join the Zoom meeting by scanning the code



1:30-2:30 PM | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020

Dr. Evie Shockley: "Rutgers English Diversity Institute (REDI), Pipeline Programs, and Graduate Studies: A Discussion and Q&A"

- October 8, from 1:30-2:30 pm EST
- Host: Shaila Mehra, CLAHS Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, shailamehra@vt.edu
- Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/96789742049?pwd=c3J0MEdYWVXVGME5iRUVZdW5FQmktZ09>
- Please e-mail Dr. Shaila Mehra at shailamehra@vt.edu for Meeting ID and Passcode

THE ACEC PRESENTS



THE LEARNING LUNCH SERIES

with dr. carola haas

Carola A. Haas is a Professor in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation, College of Natural Resources and the Environment, at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia. She received a B.A. in Biological Sciences from Wellesley College, a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Cornell University, and did postdoctoral training at Yamaguchi University, Kofu, Japan and the IRLI Bird Society of Japan Research Center. Dr. Haas is an Associate Faculty Principal at the Residential College of West Amber Johnston and a co-advisor for the Virginia Tech, Thayer of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences. She is interested in breeding and movement behavior of amphibians and reptiles including birds. She studies wild populations on managed landscapes, with a goal of improving land use practices to conserve native biodiversity while achieving landowner goals. Much of her current research focuses on restoration of wetland habitats for rare and endangered amphibians, including the reintroduced flatwoods salamander at Eglin Air Force Base. (Photograph by Olivia Coleman)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 12-1PM

REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://RB.GY/5NFDMF](https://rb.gy/5nfdmf)



For questions, contact Dr. Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu

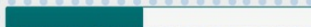
Learning Lunch with Dr. Carola Haas

- October 9, 12-1 pm EST
- Dr. Carola Haas is a tenured professor in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech. Much of her research focuses on restoration of wetland habitats for rare and endangered amphibians.
- Register here: <https://rb.gy/5nfdmf>

ASIAN POP CULTURE WORKSHOP: MUSIC

OCT. 13, 2020 @ 7 PM EST
VIRTUAL ZOOM EVENT

REGISTER: [HTTPS://RB.GY/KFSFZ2](https://rb.gy/kfsfz2)



SPONSORED BY THE ASIAN CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER & VIRGINIA TECH'S DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



DR. JUDY TZU-CHUN WU
Professor of Asian American Studies at the University of California, Irvine and the director of the Humanities Center.

PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK: CENTERING WOMEN OF COLOR FEMINISM IN CONGRESS

October 13, 2020 | 5PM EST

Patsy Takemoto Mink (1927-2002) was the first woman of color to serve in the U.S. Congress and the namesake for Title IX. A third generation Japanese American from Hawai'i, Mink served for 24 years in the House of Representatives (1965-1977 and 1990-2002) and even ran for the U.S. Presidency in 1972.

This talk, led by Dr. Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, focuses on how her identity as a woman of color from the Pacific shaped her legislative activism. Moreover, it focuses in particular on her efforts to advance feminist legislation in relation to federally subsidized childcare in the late 1960s and early 1970s with her efforts to reform welfare in the 1990s.



REGISTER IN ADVANCE:
[HTTPS://RB.GY/2VUM03](https://rb.gy/2vum03)

Please contact Dr. Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu if you have any questions.



Asian Popular Culture Workshop- Music

- October 13, at 7 pm EST
- Register at: <https://rb.gy/kfsfz2>

Patsy Takemoto Mink: Centering Women of Color Feminism in Congress

- Featuring Dr. Judy Wu
- October 13, 5 pm EST (This event will be recorded)
- Register at: <https://rb.gy/2vumo3>

ACEC/AASU/CCF PRESENTS: APIDAS AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN A CHRISTIAN CONTEXT: FOLLOW UP STUDENT PANEL Thursday, October 15th at 5PM

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://rb.gy/pqzic4>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Questions? Ask Dr. Ha at nha@vt.edu or Anna Tan at anna01@vt.edu



ACEC/AASU/CCF Presents: APIDAS and Sexual Assault in a Christian Context

- Join ACEC, AASU and CCF for a follow up student panel
- October 15, 5 pm EST
- Register in advance here: <https://rb.gy/pqzic4>

The ACEC Celebrates October as Filipino American History Month
POP GOES PILIPINX: FILIPINO AMERICANS IN POPULAR CULTURE
with Trinidad Linares, M.A. in Popular Culture

While our contributions have sometimes been overlooked or forgotten, Filipino Americans have been part of American history and American popular culture. The assimilation of the Philippines by the United States was supposed to colonize us in their image, but instead we developed what Home Shakin calls "Filipinix". Many Filipinx, Pinays, and Pinays would recall at least one U.S. valued (e.g., medical, military) and yet never leave behind our culture and our sense of family and community. From activism to athletics to artsy, Trinidad Linares will discuss the gifts that Filipinx have bestowed upon America throughout the years.

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2020
TIME: 5:00 PM EST
REGISTER IN ADVANCE: [HTTPS://RB.GY/07N67S](https://rb.gy/07n67s)
For questions, contact Dr. Ha at nha@vt.edu

Trinidad Linares (BA, Master's Degree in the Arts) from the Asia Center for East Asian Studies and PhD in Gender Studies for the National Student Center, International Student Center, International Center, and the Center for the Study of the Americas. She is currently a library research at the Asia Center and the National Student Center at Blacksburg State University. She has co-authored a book on Filipinx Americans. She has an M.A. in Popular Culture (2014) and a B.S. in Biology and English (2012) from the University of the Philippines.

Filipino History Month featuring Trinidad Linares

- October 20, 5 pm EST
- Register at: <https://rb.gy/g7mq7s>

ACEC Presents:
Nighttime Guided Meditation
with **Vivek Rajan**
Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 8pm EST
Questions? Contact Dr. Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu.

Vivek Rajan was trained and certified as a meditation teacher at the Art of Living Center in Washington, D.C. in 2009 and has led these programs for hundreds of people nationally.

Zoom link: <https://rb.gy/2b8abo>

Nighttime Guided Meditation


- With Vivek Rajan
- October 22, 8 pm EST
- Zoom link: <https://rb.gy/2b8abo>

Hokie Membership Connect

We are now on Hokie Mentorship Connect! The [APIDA Career Connections Discussion Board Group](#) is a partnership between the Asian Cultural Engagement Center & Career and Professional Development. We are so excited to have joined the [Hokie Mentorship Connect platform](#). We invite you to join our discussion board group to connect with other Hokies interested in career focused mentorship and networking. The purpose of this group is to create community. This discussion board aims to connect

students with VT alumni working in various career fields. It is an opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and engage with industry professionals.

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1. Log into the platform

2. Select the "Group" tab on the home page
3. View available Discussion Board Groups and select our Group from the list of "All Groups"
4. Selecting the button to "Join Group" which will send a request to the College of Science Discussion Board Group admin
5. After being approved you will be a member of our Discussion Board Group and gain access to all of our wonderful content

mentoring.career.vt.edu

Invitation to participate in online brief emotion regulation training program for college students

WHO: The Social Development and I-SPI Labs at Virginia Tech are currently recruiting participants to help us test a 5-week prevention program aimed at improving college students' adjustment and well-being! We are looking for students 18 years or older who are interested in testing an online emotion regulation program.

WHAT: BERT is an online brief emotion regulation training for college students. We are exploring a new approach to improving adjustment and well-being by targeting emotion regulation, or ways to manage emotions. You will learn more about your emotions, mental wellness, and overall well-being in the process of participating in this 5-week intervention. All activities will be completed online at your convenience.

WHERE: Online!

WHEN: Over the course of 5 weeks you will complete a series of program activities and surveys. Every Monday you will fill out a brief survey to keep track of how things are going for you. Monday through Thursday you will complete short activities about emotion regulation. We'll do a brief emotion survey once a day to check-in on how your emotions are changing on a daily basis. You will fill out three long surveys (30 to 60 minutes) to keep track of any changes in adjustment and well-being as a result of this program, and you may also choose to complete a follow-up survey 3 months after completing the program.

WHY: To better understand your own emotions and psychological functioning while contributing to research on how to promote adjustment and well-being for college students.

COMPENSATION: A \$10 Amazon Gift Card or 5 SONA credits

CONTACT: If you're interested in participating you can fill out the following to determine if you are eligible: https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6gSFquO4dfWs5QF
You can contact Alyssa Gatto at BERTstudyVT@gmail.com or sign up through SONA for more information!

VIRGINIA TECH.
Research study on learning to manage emotions
We're recruiting participants to test out BERT, an online brief emotion regulation training program for college students.



Participants will be enrolled in an experimental 5-week program consisting of a series of surveys and activities that can be done on your phone or computer. Must be 18 years old to be eligible. You will receive a \$10 amazon gift card for your participation.

To sign up complete the following survey
https://virginiatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6gSFquO4dfWs5QF
You can also access this link using the QR code →
For more information contact Alyssa Gatto at BERTstudyVT@gmail.com
This study has been approved by the institutional review board: IRB #20-018



Non-ACEC Events



LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 1ST
REPRESENTATION MATTERS?: POLITICS AT THE INTERSECTION OF BLACKNESS & QUEERNESS W/ HARI ZIVAD
 6-7:30PM EST - REGISTER TO ATTEND
 Co-sponsored by Black Cultural Center & LGBTQ+ Resource Center

OCTOBER 5TH
DEE REE'S PARI/AH (2011) FILM DISCUSSION W/ UJIMA
 5PM EST - OPEN TO UJIMA STUDENTS ONLY
 Co-sponsored by Ujima & LGBTQ+ Resource Center

OCTOBER 7TH
PATHOLOGICAL PERCEPTIONS: WHERE SOCIETY WENT WRONG WITH THE QUEER COMMUNITY W/ DR. JESS WESTCOTT
 6-7:30PM EST - REGISTER TO ATTEND
 Co-sponsored by Cook Counseling Center & LGBTQ+ Resource Center

OCTOBER 13TH
QUEER INDIGENOUS AND TWO-SPIRIT PEOPLES: WE COME OUT OF THE CUPBOARD, NOT THE CLOSET W/ DR. CHRIS FINLEY
 6-7:30PM EST - REGISTER TO ATTEND
 Co-sponsored by American Indian and Indigenous Community Center & LGBTQ+ Resource Center

OCTOBER 15TH
DIGGING IN THE CRATES VOL. 20 GENDER & HIP HOP FT. DR. SHANTE PARADIGM SMALLS
 7-9PM EST - HOSTED VIA ZOOM
 Co-sponsored by University Libraries, Black Cultural Center & LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Know from whence you come. If you know whence you come, there are absolutely no limitations to where you can go.
 ~James Baldwin
 American novelist, playwright, essayist, poet, & activist

OCTOBER 19TH
LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTER AWARENESS DAY
 10AM-4PM EST - SQUIRES 227
 Sign up to tie-dye a Resource Center shirt. For this event, participants will have to wear a mask and gloves while remaining at least 6 feet from all others.

OCTOBER 21ST
BECOMING A RADICAL GARDENER: BUILDING QUEER ROOTS & RESILIENCE THROUGH CHICANX AND INDIGENOUS HISTORIES W/ ROB NELSON
 6-7:30PM EST
 REGISTER TO ATTEND
 Co-sponsored by American Indian and Indigenous Community Center, El Centro, & LGBTQ+ Resource Center

OCTOBER 28TH
THE LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTER PRESENTS: QUEER JEOPARDY HOSTED BY GERLYN MURRELL
 6-7:30PM EST
 REGISTER TO ATTEND

OCTOBER 29TH
Q*NNECTION LUNCH & LEARN: INTERNATIONAL GAY RIGHTS W/ DEAN LAURA BELMONTE
 12-1PM EST - REGISTER TO ATTEND
 Co-sponsored by College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences & LGBTQ+ Resource Center

FOR INFORMATION OR ACCOMMODATIONS, CONTACT ANIB@HUMANITIES.VT.EDU OR (405)233-3553

LGBTQ+ History Month Events

- Learn more about the upcoming events here: https://ccc.vt.edu/calendar/LGB_T_History_Month.html



Ascend **Freddie Mac**
 "We make home possible"

FREDDIE MAC CASE COMPETITION

BROUGHT TO YOU BY ASCEND AT VIRGINIA TECH

WHAT IS IT?
 THE 2021 FUTURE OF HOUSING RESEARCH COMPETITION IS PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT CHAPTER OF ASCEND AT VT IN COLLABORATION WITH FREDDIE MAC. PARTICIPATING TEAMS WILL PRESENT SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS SPECIFIC CHALLENGES WITHIN THE MORTGAGE AND HOUSING INDUSTRY. THEY WILL ALSO COMPETE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW FOR A FREDDIE MAC ANALYST POSITION.

SIGN UPS ARE EXTENDED! APPLY NOW!

SIGN UP NOW AT: FORM.JOTFORM.COM/202497020337147

Freddie Mac x Ascend at Virginia Tech: Case Competition

- Sign up at: form.jotform.com/202497020337147



MEET NOAH.

RA
 Noah Haefner | Senior
 Major in Mechanical Engineering
 3rd year RA in Slusher Hall

"I decided to become an RA to help show others what makes Virginia Tech Home. I became an RA to help people, to let them know there would always be someone looking out for them, someone they could talk to, someone to be with them through the good times and the bad. I became an RA to foster a community where everyone has a place and feels welcomed."

HOUSING.VT.EDU/RA #WhyRA

HRL RA recruitment

- Featuring Noah Haefner
- Go to housing.vt.edu/ra for more information



Indigenous Peoples' Day
 October 12, 2020
 Featured Events

Native after VT: Alumni Panel
 Join us for a conversation with our Native alumni community as we catch up, reminisce on their VT experience, and gain critical insights on serving Native communities and students.
 10am Live Release | Free and open | [Access Video](#)
 Sponsored by Alumni Relations and the AIICC

Performance or Progress?
 In this featured Indigenous Peoples' Day talk, Dr. Theresa Rocha Beardall and Dr. Theresa Ambo evaluate settler land acknowledgements at public land-grant universities.
 1:00pm | Free and open | [Register](#)
 Sponsors: AIICC, OI, School of Education

Indigenous Spotlight: Kelly Holmes of Native Max Magazine
 Celebrating Indigenous contributions to the arts and popular culture, we sit down for an interview with Kelly Holmes, founder and editor-in-chief of Native Max magazine.
 5:00pm | Free and open | [Register](#)
 Sponsors: AIICC, OI, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

AND SO WE WALKED: An Artist's Journey Along the Trail of Tears
 In an exclusive event for the Moss DeLanna Studi performs excerpts from the play and engages in a conversation with Dr. Mae Hey, assistant professor of American Indian Studies at Virginia Tech.
 7:30pm | Free for VT students | \$10 for faculty/staff/public | [Get Tickets](#)
 Sponsored by Moss Arts Center

For questions or more information, please email: missy86@vt.edu

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Indigenous People's Day

- For the calendar events go here: https://ccc.vt.edu/calendar/Indigenous_Peoples_Day.html

NYU Reading of Aadeba Talukder's Shahr-e-jaanaan: the City of the Beloved

Kundiman & the NYU Creative Writing Program present
**A Virtual Reading to Celebrate
 Adeeba Shahid Talukder's
 'Shahr-e-jaanaan: the City of the Beloved'**

Winner of the
 Kundiman
 Poetry Prize

Friday, October 9th
 8:00 PM EST



r. erica doyle José Angel Araguz Adeeba Shahid Talukder

NYU ARTS & SCIENCES Creative Writing Program KUNDIMAN

- October 9, 8 pm EST
- Come celebrate Adeeba Shahid Talukder's Kundiman Poetry Prize-winning collection, Shahr-e-jaanaan: The City of the Beloved on October 9th! Authors r. erica doyle & José Araguz will join us.
- [RSVP](#), & order a copy of [Adeeba's collection](#).

**Asian American Literature Today:
 Monique Truong & Rick Barot
 moderated by Jason Oliver Chang**



Monique Truong Rick Barot

Thursday, October 15th
 6 PM EDT

Asian Pacific American Center

MAS (MUSEUM OF ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES)

KUNDIMAN

Asian American Literature Today with Monique Truong & Rick Barot

- October 15th, 6 pm EST
- Novelist Monique Truong and poet Rick Barot will read from their new books *The Sweetest Fruits* and *The Galleons*, moderated by Jason Oliver Chang as part of the Asian American Literature Today series at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center.
- Register [here](#).

VAALA PRESENTS

VIET BOOK FEST

VAALA presents: Viet Book Fest by Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Association

- Join VAALA for the inaugural Viet Book Fest! Spotting Vietnamese voices and stories in children's literature throughout October 2020.
- Tickets are \$5 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vaal-a-presents-viet-book-fest-tickets-121875564093?aff=efbneb>

ASIAN AMERICAN FEMINIST WRITING WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 2021-MAY 2021

Apply from October 1st-November 1st
kundiman.org/feminist-writing

Join us to engage with and take inspiration from Asian American feminists who came before us while we write our own stories to create a brand-new zine

KUNDIMAN



KUNDIMAN: Apply to the Asian American Feminist Writing Workshop with AAFC!

- This new program celebrates the rich history of Asian American feminist writers and activists through workshops and small group writing sessions, as well as a final collaborative zine. Applications are open today through November 1st [here!](#)

CLUSA presents: Young

CLUSA PRESENTS:
YOUNG LEADERS FOR AMERICA
SUMMIT 2020

CAREERS IN
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WEBINAR SERIES (Part 5 of 5)

OCTOBER 10, 2020
10AM (PDT) / 1PM (EDT)

featuring Keynote Speakers:



ERIC ZHANG
ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU
DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
PUBLIC WORKS



KATHERINE TOTH
POLICY DIRECTOR, U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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- Korean American Student Association
 - Big/Little Week 30 September - 10 October
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 - Big/Little Reveal 17 October
 - 3rd General Body Meeting 21 October 7 PM
 - Pumpkin Patch Event 24 October
- Vietnamese Student Association
 - Big/Little Mingle Week 5 October - 9 October
 - Big/Little Clue Week 12 October - 16 October
 - Big/Little Reveal 16 October - 17 October
 - Battle of the Families 24 October 5PM
- Japanese Cultural Association
 - Big/Little Week 11 October - 16 October
 - Speed Dating 11 October 5PM
 - Cooking Stream 12 October 7PM
 - Star Gazing at the Duck Pond 13 October 7PM
 - Jackbox Game Night 14 October 7PM
 - 3rd General Body Meeting 15 October 7PM
 - Virtual Painting 16 October 7PM
 - Sushi Factory Fundraiser 19 October
 - Big/Little Clue Week 19 October - 23 October
 - Pumpkin Patch Event 23 October 12 PM
 - Big/Little Reveal 25 October
- Chinese American Society
 - Big/Little Mingle Week 12 October - 16 October
 - Big/Little Clue Week 19 October - 23 October
 - Big/Little Reveal 25 October
- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers
 - SASE National Conference 2020 Collegiate Track 9 October - 10 October
 - SASE National Conference 2020 Career Fair 16 October - 17 October
 - Mentor/Mentee Week 12 October - 16 October
 - Speed Dating 12 October 7PM

- ProDev Tips with the Exceleration Center 13 October 6:30PM
 - Mentor/Mentee Dinner 14 October 7PM
 - Study Night/Academic Support 15 October 7PM
 - Game Night 16 October 7PM
 - Mentor/Mentee Clue Week 18 October - 22 October
 - Mentor/Mentee Reveal 23 October
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APIDA Caucus Updates

- The APIDA Caucus serves as an advocacy and support group for all VT faculty/staff/graduate students and Blacksburg community members who identify as APIDA, and their allies. Please be on the lookout for upcoming details for our next meeting (mid-October). For more information, please email smooncass@vt.edu to be added to the email listserv google group, and follow us on Twitter @VTAPIDACaucus!
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