

Spring 2023 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (Nov 2022 draft)

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies

Dr. Peter Kiang **Class # 8440** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **W-1-064**

This course connects students with the interdisciplinary approaches and resources of Asian American Studies at UMass Boston through explorations of relevant issues, themes, and activities on campus and within local community contexts.

AsAmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.

Ms. Kim Soun Ty **Class # 8439** **TuTh 11:00am -12:15pm** **W-1-064**

This multi-disciplinary course examines the social, historical, and structural contexts defining the past, present, and future experiences of Asians in the US. Topics include migration, labor, race relations, stereotypes, international politics, and local/global diasporic communities.

AsAmSt 225L Southeast Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Shirley Tang **Class # 10191** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **W-1-063**

Focusing on post-war experiences of Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Hmong and ethnic Chinese in the U.S. since 1975 with a focus on local communities such as Dorchester, Revere/Lynn, and Lowell. The course addresses refugee resettlement, trauma, community cultural development, generational change, and local/global connections.

AsAmSt 226 Becoming South Asians

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 10099** **Mondays 4:00-6:45pm** **remote**

This course explores the histories, identities, and contemporary concerns of global diasporic communities formed by people with homeland origins from South Asia, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

AsAmSt 250G Intermediate Seminar: Rise Up! Asian American Leadership and Social Change

Mr. Pratna Kem **Class # 7951** **MW 5:30 -6:45pm** **W-1-063**

This intermediate seminar discusses the legacy of the Asian American movement since the 1960s, and the present activities, directions, and perspectives of Asian American leaders and organizations. Students will learn basic theories and models of leadership and organization within the context of social movements and Asian American history.

AsAmSt 294 Resources for Vietnamese American Studies

Ms. Linh-Phuong Vŭ **Class # 9200** **Wednesdays 4:00-6:45pm** **W-1-064**

This course connects students to theories, methods, resources, and voices related to the migrations and reconstructions of identity, culture, and community for Vietnamese in the U.S. and their diasporic relationships to Viet Nam. The course includes presentations by local Vietnamese American researchers, writers, and community leaders.

AsAmSt 353L Community Economic Development in the US: Class, Race and Ethnicity

Dr. Chi-kan Richard Hung **Class # 9208** **TuTh 2:00-3:15pm** **M-2-423**

This course provides a framework to understand local economic development issues and resources central to sustainable community economic development, such as physical capital, business development and entrepreneurship, financial capital, social capital, household asset accumulation, education, and workforce development. Special attention is given to challenges and opportunities of local economic development among low- and moderate-income, racial minority, and immigrant groups in urban communities.

AsAmSt 370 Asian American Media Literacy

Dr. Shirley Tang **Class # 9201** **TuTh 12:30-1:45pm** **W-1-063**

This digital storytelling in AsAmSt course enables advanced Asian American Studies students to develop a critical eye toward popular media representations and to create alternative media products based on their own real life real stories.

AsAmSt 375L Indian Cinema

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 10100** **Mondays 7:00-9:45pm** **remote**

This course provides an introduction to Indian cinema and to Indian culture and society through the study of films. The Indian film industry is the largest producer of feature films in the world. We examine these films as entertainment as well as cultural narratives and commentaries on society, exploring themes such as social change, the family and gender.

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For information about classes, curriculum resources, alumni and community networks, a six-course program-of-study or 10-course individual major, and graduate program opportunities, contact the Asian American Studies Program in W-2-097 or via peter.kiang@umb.edu; also see: www.umb.edu/asamst and <http://www.facebook.com/UMB.AsAmSt>

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AsAmSt 390 Asian American Community Internships I

Dr. Peter Kiang

Class # 10101

Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm

W-1-064

This 3-6 credit course supports internships and direct engagement with local Asian American community organizations or agencies serving local Asian American populations and issues. Prior experience in Asian American Studies is expected.

AsAmSt 479 Independent Study 1-3 credits by arrangement Kiang (#7284) Srinivas (#7281) Tang (#7282) Ty (#7283)

*** * * SPECIAL COURSE OPPORTUNITY * * ***

PolSci 377 Special Topics: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in US Politics

Dr. Nicole Filler

Class # 9713

MWF 12:00-12:50pm

Y-4-4100

This course explores race, ethnicity, gender, and their intersections in American politics historically and today. Our primary focus is the status, treatment, and struggles for equality and social justice among Asians in the U.S. across ethnic origins, genders, and other dimensions of social and structural inequality. Major topics include political and social construction, intersectionality as a normative and empirical research paradigm, citizenship, immigration, social movements, political participation, political representation, and coalition building.

Asian American Studies at UMass Boston – celebrating 35+ years of campus/community impact

Since 1987, the Asian American Studies (AsAmSt) Program has offered intellectually-challenging, emotionally-engaging, culturally-responsive instruction in the classroom with holistic practices of mentoring, community-building, service-learning, and advocacy to address the academic and social needs of students as well as the critical capacity-building needs of local Asian American communities.

The AsAmSt Program is open to students from any UMass Boston college and provides relevant preparation for professionals and practitioners in education, counseling, health, community development, business, and other fields affected by Asian American demographic growth.

Graduate students from any area who have Asian American Studies interests can serve as teaching/research assistants, mentors to undergraduates, and project developers for the program.

The program offers the most Asian American Studies courses, faculty, and community linkages of any university in New England, and includes core and affiliated faculty who have earned UMass Boston's highest honors for both distinguished teaching and service.

Our alumni include highly-respected teachers, social workers, health care providers, business entrepreneurs, and leaders of local Asian community organizations.

By grounding our curriculum, teaching, and applied research in the local/global realities of metro Boston's communities and by respecting the knowledge and bilingual/bicultural skills that students bring to the classroom, the AsAmSt Program creates powerful learning environments for all students to gain critical understandings of the historical experiences, voices, contemporary issues, and contributions of diverse Asian populations in the U.S.

Drawing on the practices, capacities, and innovations of the Asian American Studies Program, UMass Boston is the only research university in New England designated and funded by the U.S. Department of Education since 2010 as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI).

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