

Spring 2022 — Asian American Studies at UMass Boston (Nov 2021 draft)

AsAmSt 200 Introduction to Asian American Studies

Dr. Peter Kiang **Class # 8664** **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 220 Special Topics in AsAmSt: Culture, Communication, Interaction (FYS pilot) * New Course !! *****

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 13346** **MW 4:00-5:15pm and Mondays 3-4 pm** **online**

Structured as a beta-test for a future first-year seminar in AsAmSt, topics will include cultural differences in communication, language as culture, cultural hegemony, stereotypes, hybridity and language innovation, challenges, miscommunication and misunderstanding, interpersonal communication and facework. Through exploring these topics, we will work toward self-reflection, hands-on experience of our social world and seek to understand of how communication works in connection to broader social structures.

AsAmSt 223L Asians in the U.S.

Ms. Kim Soun Ty **Class # 8663** **TuTh 12:30 -1:45pm** **W-1-034**

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 223L Asians in the U.S.

Dr. Denise Khor **Class # 8892** **MWF 2:00-2:50pm** **Y-4-4170**

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 226 Becoming South Asians

Dr. Lakshmi Srinivas **Class # 13347** **Mondays 5:30-8:15pm** **online**

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 228L Asian Women in the U.S.

Ms. Ngoc-Tran Vu **Class # 13345** **Wednesdays 5:30-8:15pm** **online**

This multi-disciplinary course presents the experiences, voices, and contributions of Asian women in the US, including their transformation of cultural roles and media stereotypes; intersectional identities and resistance to race, gender, class, and LGBTQ oppression; and local/global family/community contexts for health, well-being, leadership and activism.

AsAmSt/Psych 238L Asian American Psychology

Dr. Karen Suyemoto **Class # 9027** **TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm** **W-1-063**

This course examines theories, practices, and community resources in Asian American psychology and mental health related to racial identity formation, refugee trauma and resilience, and immigrant acculturation.

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

Mr. Pratna Kem **Class # 8083** **TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm** **W-1-064**

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 Vũ **Class # 10363** **Thursdays 5:30-8:15pm** **W-1-060**

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.

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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 350L Asian American Literary Voices

Ms. Susan Tan

Class # 11745

TuTh 11:00am-12:15pm

M-2-419

An advanced study of poetry, fiction, drama, and autobiography by Asian American writers to explore the complex interplay between constructions of ethnic identity and literary expression. Students will engage with the highly diverse face of contemporary Asian America, probing its literature for emerging themes like diaspora, transnationalism, and sexuality and analyzing their impact on the US literary landscape.

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

*****New Course!*****

Dr. Chi-kan Richard Hung

Class # 10372

TuTh 4:00-5:15pm

W-1-034

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 # 10364

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 391 Asian American Community Internships II

Dr. Peter Kiang

Class # 10366

TuTh 4:00-5:15pm

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 397 Applied Research in Asian American Studies I - BIPOC Storytelling

GISD 697 Special Topics: Digital Storytelling Praxis

Dr. Shirley Tang

Class # 8665

Tuesdays 4:00-6:45pm

W-1-063

This combined course open to advanced undergraduates and graduate students will develop and connect critical themes, biographies, and pathways to support individual practices and collective commitments to BIPOC storytelling across a range of formats and multimedia.

AsAmSt 479 Independent Study 1-3 credits by arrangement Kiang (#7344) Srinivas (#7341) Tang (#7342) Ty (#7343)

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

The Asian American Studies (AsAmSt) Program offers 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 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.

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