



ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE



The Office of Multicultural Affairs is committed to recognizing the histories, cultures, experiences, and contributions of diverse populations. Through cultural heritage month programming, OMA supports the University of Dayton's academic mission by providing educational opportunities that assist students in exploring new experiences while also enhancing their understanding of their cultural identity. In collaboration with faculty, staff, students, and the Dayton community, OMA seeks to provide thought-provoking co-curricular programming that supports the personal development of all students, while also influencing the campus climate.

**Please join the University of Dayton and the Office of Multicultural Affairs in celebrating
*Asian and Pacific American Heritage.***

Educate, Empower, Engage

Open Programs – *Please attend these events at your discretion:*

Visit the Dayton Art Institute for their *Decked Out!* Display: Featured permanent collection objects in *Decked Out!* include portraits, textiles, Asian belt buckles, Byzantine rings, African bracelets, European lace and Asian fans. Costumes from the Wright State Theater Department will be displayed alongside artists' installations and hands-on gallery activities for all ages, preschool to adult. *BodyMod*, designed by Dayton Early College Academy students, will connect visitors to the fascinating history of make-up, tattooing and body shaping. Young learners will delight in puppets, books about dress, manipulatives and a dress-up chest of costumes.

**All UD Students are free with their student I.D.
The Display is open to all and runs through [April 12](#).**

Visit Kennedy Union Dining every [Tuesday](#) from **11:00 a.m.** until **2:00 p.m.** for Authentic Chinese Cuisine. All faculty, staff and students are welcomed.

Tuesday, April 7: Chinese Economic Reform and Its Impact to Everyone: The unprecedented Chinese revolution in 1949 and the economic reform started from 1978 have greatly changed many people's life trajectories. The economy reform, in particular, is to fundamentally transform China to a major powerhouse in the world in terms of economy and technology. In the next five to ten years, a more confident Chinese economy will deliver opportunities to everyone from

Africa to America, from Siberia to Australia. For UD students, exploring these opportunities may become a career option worth serious consideration.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the **Kennedy Union RM 222**
Sponsored by the Chinese Culture Club and the School of Business Administration

Wednesday, April 8: OMA Day Lunch – Asian and Pacific American Theme: Join the Office of Multicultural Affairs in celebrating the cultures of Asia and the Pacific by dining in fellowship. This lunch is free and open to all students, faculty and staff.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the **Office of Multicultural Affairs - Alumni Hall Room 101**
Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE)

Wednesday, April 8: Friends of Asia: Meet students, faculty and staff with an interest in or affiliation to Asia. Enjoy good food, fun company, and cultural entertainment. You don't want to miss out!

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in **Kennedy Union Torch Lounge**
Sponsored by the Center for International Programs, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Thursday, April 9: Lecture 1: Taking Back the History of the Vietnam War: On the eve the 4th anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam War, which resulted in the largest exodus of the Vietnamese people leaving their country in its history, there has been stealth attempts by power holders in the U.S. and Vietnam to rewrite the war's history. Dr. Kieu Linh Caroline Valverde (Associate Professor of Asian American Studies at the University of California Davis) critically examines the motivations behind such endeavors and what this new narrative of the war looks like, while offering alternative models for understanding the legacy of this time period.

11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. at **Wright State University - Millett Atrium**

Sponsored by Wright State University's Asian/Hispanic/Native American Center
For more info call 937.775.2798

Thursday, April 9: Asian and Pacific American Heritage Celebration Dinner in Dining Halls: Join UD's Dining Services in celebrating Asian and Pacific American heritage by offering a host of traditional dishes from Asia and the Pacific.

Cost is \$5.00 which includes: 1 entree, 2 side items, a drink and dessert

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in **Kennedy Union**

Sponsored by UD's Dining Services

Thursday, April 9: Lecture 2: Transnationalizing Vietnam: Community, Culture, and Politics in the Diaspora: Dr. Kieu Linh Caroline Valverde (Associate Professor of Asian American Studies at the University of California Davis) will discuss the dynamic and long-standing connections between Vietnam and its diaspora in the United States. These links are especially astounding considering the many decidedly anti-diasporic elements in not only the home and host countries, but also the ethnic community itself.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at **Wright State University - Millett Atrium**

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Thursday, April 16: Myths and Misperceptions in Chinese History: How does our view of the past shape the way we see China today? As China becomes an increasingly important part of and presence in our contemporary world, it is more important than ever that we become more familiar with its past. This talk will discuss the history of myths and misperceptions of the Chinese past that continue to influence the way we view the China of today: from the Great Wall to Kungfu Panda, from Mao's revolution to Starbucks, this talk aims to create a more fruitful (and historical) dialogue about our shared past.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the **Kennedy Union RM 331**

Sponsored by the Chinese Culture Club and the History Department

Thursday, April 16: Tea Ceremony: Join UD professor Suki Kwon for a demonstration focusing on traditional Asian Tea ceremonies. Come and learn about the history, the symbolism and the practice of this ancient tradition.

6:00 p.m. in the **Office of Multicultural Affairs - Alumni Hall Room 101**

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Monday, April 20: Fresh Off The Boat Screening and Talkback: Join us as we watch a couple of episodes of a new sitcom on ABC, "Fresh Off The Boat," the first sitcom to feature an Asian American family since Margaret Cho starred in "All-American Girl" which lasted only one season back in 1994. After the screening, share your reactions to the show with other attendees as we have a facilitated discussion about how Asian Americans are portrayed on the show, and in different media at large.

About the show:

It's the '90s and 12 year old, hip-hop loving Eddie just moved to suburban Orlando from DC's Chinatown with his parents. It's culture shock for his immigrant family in this comedy about pursuing the American Dream.

6:00 p.m. in the **Office of Multicultural Affairs - Alumni Hall Room 101**
Sponsored by the University Libraries and the Office of Multicultural Affairs

Wednesday, April 22: REAL Topics – Asians DON'T All Look the Same: When you hear the word “Asian,” what images come to mind? Where do these images come from? Are there negative stereotypes associated with these perceptions or do you feel there are advantages? Come and discuss answers to these questions and also other questions you might have about the many different dimensions of Asian identity. We will also examine the recent lawsuit against some prestigious Universities and the notions that Asians are overrepresented in Colleges and Universities and should thus be required to have higher standards for admission.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the **Office of Multicultural Affairs - Alumni Hall Room 101**
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For more information about these and other Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month events please call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 229-3634 or visit <http://oma.udayton.edu>.

