The Asian Faculty and Staff Association (AFSA) at UWM was founded in 2002. AFSA seeks to advance the scholastic and civic interests of its members by providing opportunities to work collaboratively across disciplines to plan and conduct research; promote partnerships with community-based organizations for research and evaluation activities; serve as a consultant to the UWM community on academic, sociocultural, climate, and faculty/staff/student issues; encourage and reward the scholastic achievement and community participation of UWM Asian and Asian American students; and network and socialize.

AFSA proudly recognizes the growing number of Asian faculty and staff at UWM and encourages everyone to actively get involved and network with each other.

AFSA is led by a steering committee comprised of staff and faculty (see bottom of last page for a list of committee members). For more information about AFSA, please visit https://www4.uwm.edu/afsa/

The AFSA Award Program, now administered through the UWM Foundation, recognizes outstanding Asian/Asian American students at UWM for their academic excellence, leadership skills, and commitment/contribution to the community. All faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate eligible students. The application deadline is the end of March each year.

Thanks to a generous contribution from the Asian Employee Network at the MillerCoors and faculty and staff donations, we are able to award two achievement and two honorary awards for the 2013-2014 program.

AFSA Award Recipients

In 2012-2013, two $500 achievement awards were given to Vivian Lee (Undergraduate, Nursing) and Leonard Arvisu Cruz (PhD student, Urban Education). Also, Binal Rohit Motawar (PhD student, Health Sciences) received a $100 Honorary Award.

When asked what the award meant to them, two recipients wrote:

“This award has definitely made a significant contribution to my continuing education…I was able to maintain myself while I dedicated my time to studying instead of worrying about school loans. It has also helped me with my educational goals by allowing me to step closer to graduation and my dream career…”

Vivian Lee

“…This award was greatly beneficial for me in completing my PhD in Urban Education with a focus in the Performing and Creative Arts. As a Filipino American, I often struggle with both my Asian and Hispanic ancestry, and my cultural identity as both an artist and a scholar. This struggle informs my artistic work, which focuses on themes of Asian American identity just as much as it celebrates the Filipino cultural traditions…”

Leonard Arvisu Cruz

For a tax-deductible contribution to the AFSA Award Program, please make check payable to “AFSA Award Program” and mail to Linda Huang at Bolton 184.
You may also give to the Program through UWM Gives to UWM.
For more information, please contact Linda at lhuang@uwm.edu.
GRANTS:

**Woosup Choi**, Geography:
US Geological Survey ($34,962) Extramural grant.

**Madhusudan Dey**, Biological Sciences:
NIH from 2011-2012 ($322,000).

**UK Heo**, Political Science:
A 5-year extra mural grant from 2012-2017 ($1,169,482).

**Xiaohua Peng**, Chemistry and Biochemistry:
UWM RGI, Achieving Turnover in DNA-Templated Fluorogenic “Click” Ligation for Sequence-Specific DNA Mutation Detection ($168,930).

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, ROS-Activated DNA Damaging Agents: Targeted Anticancer Drugs from 2012-2016 ($200,000).

**Pradeep Rohatgi**, Materials Engineering:


NSF / Various Industries, NSF-I/UARC, Self Cleaning Materials for Water Industry from 2010-2013($ 91,563.00).

U.S.Army, Large-Scale Manufacturing of Revolutionary Composites and Nanostructured Materials from 2008-2014($995,000).

**Dilano Saldin**, Physics:
NSF, Time resolved protein structure from non-crystallized molecular ensembles from 2012-2015 ($603,000).

UWM RGI, Reconstructing the structure of viruses using an X-ray laser ($127,624).

**Na Jin Seo**, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering: An extramural funding ($662,697).

**Manu Sobti**, Architecture & Urban Planning:
Grant Writers’ Seminars and Workshops, LLC, 2012 ($3,475)

CIE & UWM Undergraduate Overseas Programs Award from 2011-2012 ($2,000).

UWM C21 Collaborative Trans-disciplinary Research Award, Escaping Flatland: (Re)Writing the Histories and Geographies of Borderland Ecologies of Water”, with Tim Ehlinger & Ryan Holifield, Center for 21st Century Studies at UWM 2011-13 ($300,000).

**Chia Youyee Vang**, History:
Graduate School Research Committee Award, Research in SE: Book project on War and Memory.

A photo of the plain of jars where research was conducted by Chia Y. Vang

PUBLICATIONS

**Woosup Choi**, Geography:


**Madhusudan Dey**, Biological Sciences:


**Chuan Goh**, Economics:


**Weon Shik Han**, Geosciences:


**Susie Lamborn**, Psychology:


**Hur-Li Lee**, Information Studies:

**FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, cont. 2012-2013**

**VISHNUTEJA NANDURI**, Engineering:

**ANJALI RAMESH BABU**, Doctoral Student, Psychology:

**PRADEEP ROHATGI**, Materials Engineering:

**NA JIN SEO**, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering:

**MANU SOBTI**, Architecture:

**LEADERSHIP, INSTRUCTIONAL, SERVICE AND OTHER AWARDS**

**Public Service Awards:**
ARORA, SWARNJIT, Letters & Science, $14,993.
BABU, RAKESH, Information Studies, $15,020.
LIE, GWAT-YONG, Social Welfare, $1,441,713.
RAI, KALYANI, ASUNCION ELVIRA, Continuing Education, $230,500.
YUAN, YINGCHUN, Mechanical Engineering, $300,029.

**Instructional Awards:**
AMANO, RYOICHI, Engineering and Applied Sciences, $47,900.
PRASAD, VELAGAPUDI, Business Administration, $46,608.
RAI, KALYANI, ASUNCION ELVIRA, Continuing Education, $300,000.
VENUGOPALAN, DEVARAJAN, Engineering and Applied Sciences, $2,000.

**Other Awards:**
NANDURI, VISHNUTEJA, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering: College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Teaching excellence Award.
SEO, NA JIN, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering: Graduate School/UWM Research Award University of Wisconsin Libraries Research Fellow Hugh Kelly Research Fellow.

To access a complete list of research, instructional, and public service awards for FY 2012, please visit https://www4.uwm.edu/afsa/
NEW ASIAN FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

DATEY, APARNA  Student Service Coordinator, Center for international education; GOPALAKRISHNAN, SANDEEP Lecturer, Nursing; GUO, LAODONG Professor, Freshwater Sciences; HATTORI, YOKO  Associate Lecturer, Visual Art; HSIEH, PHIL SUYUEH  Power Plant Operator, Facility Services; HUANG, XIN  Visiting Assistant Professor; KIM, JUN  Adjunct Assistant Professor, Music; LEE, SOOYEON Associate Lecturer, Linguistics; LO, ALINE Associate Lecturer, Ethnic Studies; NGUYEN, JACQUELINE Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology; PERERA, SURANGI  Research Specialist, Public Health; PINEDA, KRISTINE  Associate Advisor, Financial Aid; SANDERS, MARC  Associate Lecturer, Educational Psychology; AKI ROBERTS, Assistant Professor, Sociology; SONG, SOOHO  Assistant Professor, Foreign Language & Literature; THAO, GWAUB  Lecturer, Ethnic Studies; VANG, KABBAUJ  Medical Assistant, Student Health; VANG, MAY  Food Service, Restaurant Operations; WANG, CHENG  Assistant Scientist, Biological Sciences; WATSON, GRIFFITH  Student Service Specialist, Athletics.

Welcome to UW-Milwaukee

2013 Steering Committee at your service:
Channy Rasavong (Chair), Swarnjit Arora, Patricia Goeman, Linda Huang, Mukta Joshi, Susie Lamborn, Gwat-Yong Lie, Karen Miyosi, Paru Shah, Vipavee Thongpriwan, Hanh Quang Trinh

AWARD PRESENTATION, FOOD, & NETWORKING

2012 AFSA RECEPTION