2014 Asian Faculty and Staff Fall Reception
Welcome to New Staff
- Jihee Hee Beak, Information Studies
- Thoy Lucky Bouakongxaya, McNair
- Hanu Karunya Lakshmi Dhandapani, Occupational Therapy
- Hyeyoung Oen, Chemistry
- Yuncheng Gan, Foreign Languages and Literature
- Xiaoting Hao, Finance
- Leo S. Hayashibara, Physics
Melika Irannezhad, Marketing
Hongmei Jiang, UITS
Yoko Kawamura, Foreign Languages and Literature
Shin-Ye Kim, Social Welfare
Ahmad Laiq, Mathematical Sciences
Sooyeon Lee, Foreign Languages and Literature
Rajani Madeti, UITS
Junjie Niu, Materials Engineering
Hong Min Park, Political Science
Cynthia D. Petrites, Alumni Relations
Kalyani Rai, Educational Policy and Community Studies
Megha Sehgal, Psychology
Thu Ahn Than, Foreign Languages and Literature
Lingfeng Wang, Electrical Engineering
Qinghai Wang, Finance
Yin Wang, Civil Engineering
Yu Wang, Biological Science
Pahoua Xiong, Undergraduate Admissions
Cheng Zheng, Public Health
Yang Ho, Mathematical Sciences
Prasanna Nanda, Campus Planning
2014 Scholarship Recipients
Ching-In Chen
Doctoral Student in English

My creative dissertation is entitled *Recombinant*, a manuscript inspired by the global history of Asian laborers within a speculative framework and draws upon my research in diasporic literatures, speculative poetries and queer and trans literatures.
Achievement Award: Adam Nto Moo Vue

Undergraduate Student in Philosophy

President of the Hmong Student Association: my goal for this year is "Change," to change the structure, procedures, norms, beliefs and so forth of the views of and towards the Hmong Student Association and its members; a change for the best.
Honorary Award:
Karthik Palaniappan

Doctoral Student in Engineering

Research: Renewable energy and integration of renewable energy into our existing grids and development and understanding of Microgrids in the AC and DC domain.
The AFSA Award
AFSA Award

- The Asian Faculty and Staff Association (AFSA) Award Program was established in spring 2004. It recognizes outstanding Asian and Asian American students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for their academic excellence, as well as their commitment and contribution to the Asian community in the greater Milwaukee area.

- The Program offers awards to currently enrolled Asian and Asian American students. Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply. The recipients will be selected in Spring Semester for the following academic year.
Application Criteria

A student can apply or be nominated for the award. The applicant/ nominee must:

- Be a student of Asian origin.
- Be currently enrolled as a full time student at UWM.
- Demonstrate a 3.25 or higher GPA for two consecutive years at the undergraduate level or 3.5 or higher GPA for one year at the graduate level.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the Asian community.
- Demonstrate personal achievement through participation in community service, extracurricular and other activities.
Application Process

The applicant/nominee must submit:

- A cover letter.
- Two letters of recommendation, one preferably from a UWM faculty, and the other from a community leader. (To be sent directly to committee chair at email address below.)
- An essay that addresses your qualifications and reasons why you should receive the award.
- A UW-Milwaukee transcript.
- Application Deadline: March 30.
- For more information, contact Paru Shah at shahp@uwm.edu or 414-229-3979.
Get to know AFSA!
Mission Statement

The Asian Faculty and Staff Association (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; and faculty, staff and student recruitment and retention issues;
- encourage and reward the scholastic achievement and community participation of UWM Asian students; and
- network and socialize.
Steering Committee

Co-Chairs:
Apama Datey
Paru Shah

Members:
Swamjit Arora
Patricia Goeman
Rina Ghose
Linda Huang
Susie Lamborn
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Gwat-Yong Lie
Karen Miyoshi
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How to get involved:

- Visit [https://www4.uwm.edu/afsa/](https://www4.uwm.edu/afsa/)
- Talk to a steering committee member
Dragon Boat Race

Veterans Park, Milwaukee
July 12, 2014