

# ASIAN FACULTY & STAFF ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

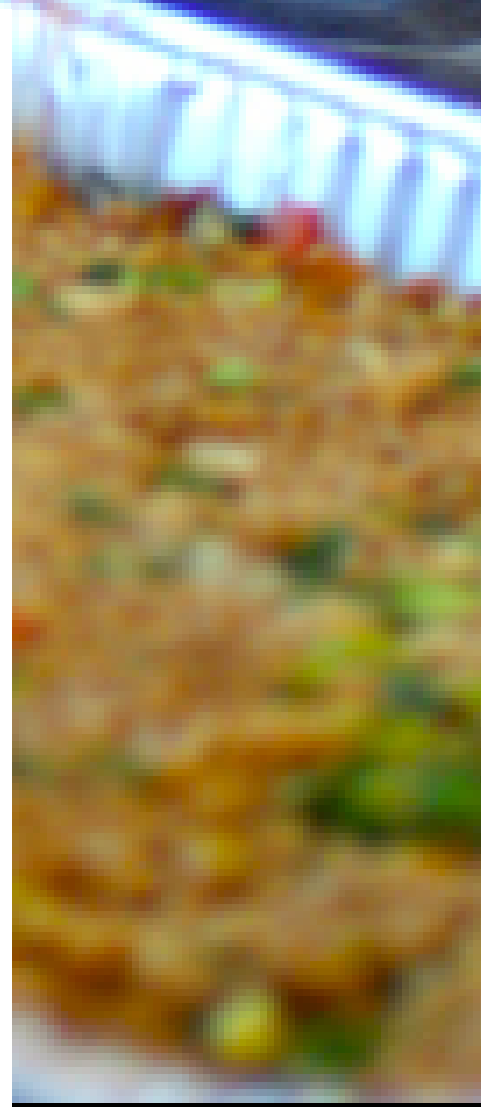
*Welcome to the annual AFSA newsletter and report on Association events and business.*



### Mission

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.



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Year in Review

- Dragon Boat Race
- Collaboration and co-sponsored events with Milwaukee Repertory Theater
- Celeste Ng Book Tour

#### Steering Committee updates

- Outgoing co-chair Vipavee Thongpriwan
- Incoming co-chair Yuko Kojima Wert
- Seeking volunteers!

#### Fall 2018 Reception

- Over \$500 raised for scholarships
- Student scholarship winners Miri Yoon & Mike Visetsouk

#### Looking Forward to 2019

- Collaborations with new Graduate Student Organization of Asian and Pacific Islander Scholars
- Asian Faculty Speaker Series: Seeking speaker nominations
- Fall reception: October 24; Regents Room; 2:00 p.m.

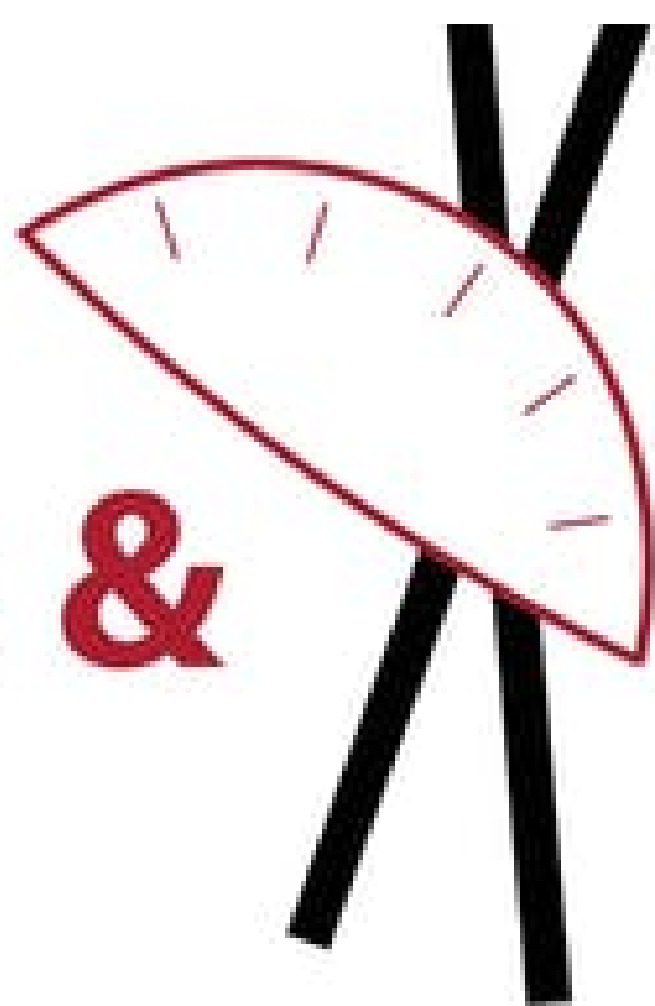


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## Power & Money & Dumplings & Dialogue

a cooking class and dinner conversation



### Milwaukee Repertory Theater: The Chinese Lady

AFSA co-sponsored a special event related to the Rep's February play "The Chinese Lady". At this Dumplings & Dialogue event, attendees learned to make Chinese dumplings while engaging in a riveting discussion of cultural appreciation and appropriation.

Several UWM Asian faculty were panelists for a post-show discussion of Orientalism: Sukanya Banerjee (English), Ying Wang (Asian Art), Chia Vang (History).



### Steering Committee Updates

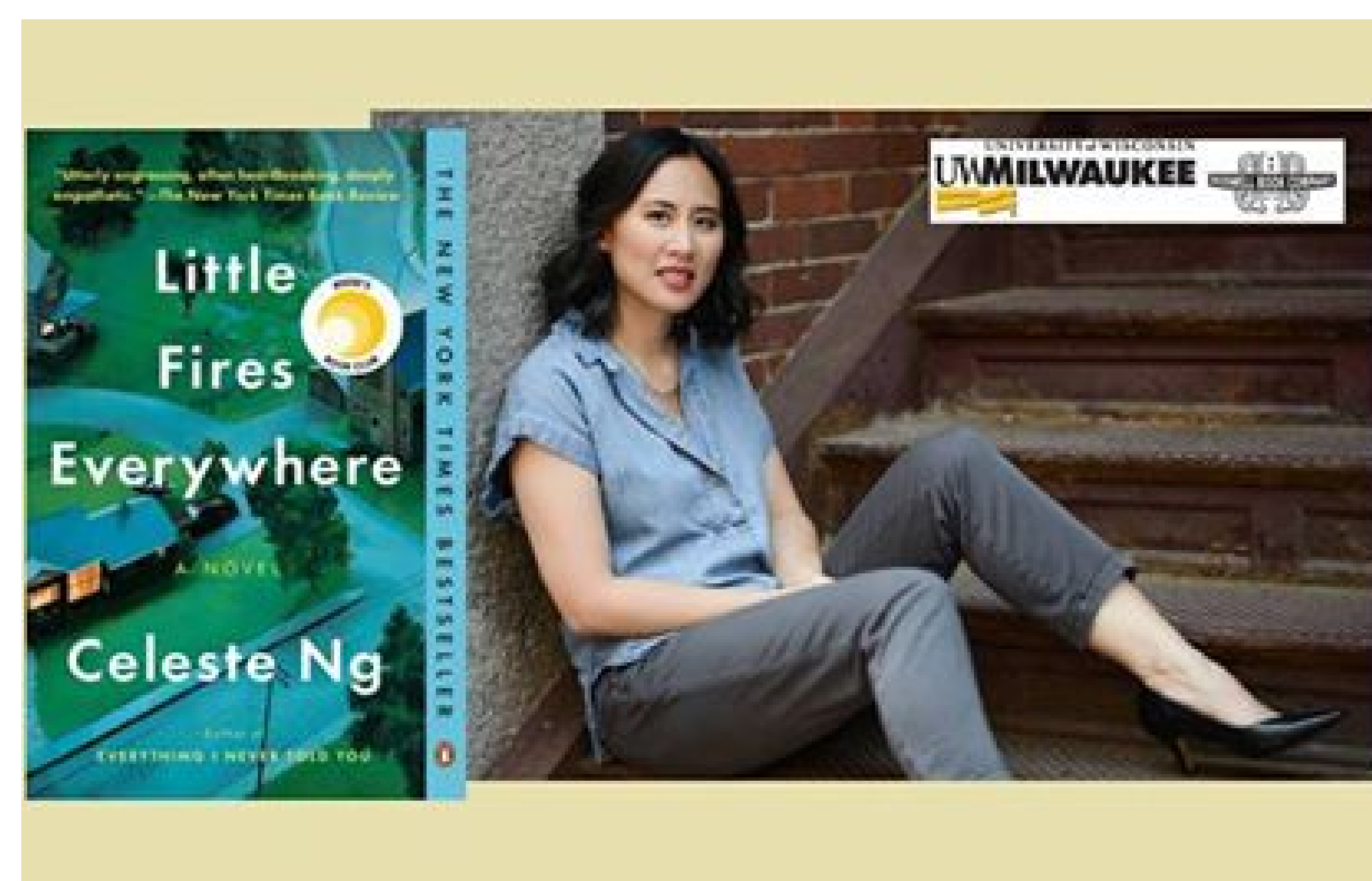
Thank you to Vipavee Thongpriwan (R; College of Nursing) for three years of leadership and dedication as co-Chair of AFSA, serving alongside Karen Miyoshi (L; College of Health Sciences). We welcome Yuko Kojima Wert (Foreign Languages & Literature) as new co-Chair.

**Seeking new members:** Interested in serving on the Steering Committee or the sub-committee to plan the Fall Reception? We welcome any contribution from our many Asian faculty and staff on campus.



### Dragon Boat Race Team

Congratulations to the crew for a strong showing in August's 2018 Dragon Boat Festival at Lakeshore Park! This is always one of the most fun, spirited events of the summer, with faculty, staff, students, and UWM community members from all backgrounds rowing to the beat of a drum. We will not have a team in 2019 but look forward to finding a new captain to lead the team in 2020!



### Celeste Ng Book Tour Stop

On May 15, Boswell Books invited Celeste Ng to Milwaukee to discuss her New York Times Bestseller, "Little Fires Everywhere". AFSA co-sponsored this event along with the UWM Department of English, Creative Writing Program, and Humanities Division. There were over 250 individuals in attendance and it was beautifully moderated by Bonnie North of WUWM's Lake Effect.



## Fall Reception: A Celebration of Food, Students, and New Traditions

The 2018 Fall Reception held November in the Regent's Room was well-attended, with delicious food catered by Jackie's Cafe (3902 N. 76th Street) and additional items from Bombay Sweets, Pacific Product, and UWM Catering. Speakers included Dr. Joan Prince (Vice Chancellor of Global Inclusion & Engagement) and Provost Johannes Britz.

This year's silent auction raised \$526, all of which will go to student scholarships in 2019. Watch for the call for 2020 scholarships to come out in February and alert all students of this opportunity!

We began a new tradition of collecting donations for the UWM Food Pantry, which is available to all students on campus. They often request ethnic foods to serve our diverse and international student body, so bring your donations next year or consider dropping goods in any of the Food Pantry collection bins across campus. Their list of requested items can be found here: <https://uwm.edu/studentassociation/uwmfcp/>

Looking ahead to next year's reception, we are seeking suggestions for talented students or faculty/staff to share their musical, artistic, and otherwise creative talents on stage! Please contact reception coordinators Natalie ([chinn@uwm.edu](mailto:chinn@uwm.edu)) or Yuko ([kojima@uwm.edu](mailto:kojima@uwm.edu)) if you are interested in volunteering for the reception or donating an item for the silent auction.

### Scholarship Recipients



(L) Miri Yoon, Nursing, Dr. Swarnjit Arora Scholarship Award recipient

(R) Mike Visetsouk, Biological Sciences, Student Achievement Award recipient

*Congratulations to Mike and Miri on their accomplishments.*

*Each year, AFSA relies on donations to provide student scholarships. You can direct your gift to AFSA at <https://uwm.edu/give/>*



## Save the Date: 2019 Fall Reception

October 24 ~ 2:00 pm ~ Regents Room



## Introducing: Graduate Student Organization of Asian and Pacific Islander Scholars

Faculty advisors and AFSA steering committee members Chia Vang (History) and Jackie Nguyen (Educational Psychology) are thrilled to support this new student organization. AFSA looks forward to collaborating with the graduate student members on a speakers series!

## Call for Speakers

In our effort to unite campus in scholarly activities and showcase the incredible accomplishments of our Asian faculty and staff, we are currently seeking nominations for a speakers series to begin this academic year.

Please contact Karen Miyoshi (kmiyoshi@uwm.edu) if you are interested or would like to nominate a speaker.

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## 2019-2020 AFSA Steering Committee

- Yuko Kojima-Wert, Co-Chair Foreign Languages
- Karen Miyoshi, Co-Chair, Health Sciences
- Natalie Chin, Student Affairs
- Janey Christoffersen, Registrar's Office
- Lingqian (Ivy) Hu, Urban Planning
- Susie Lamborn, Educational Psychology
- Dawn Lee-Vue, Office of the Provost, Academic Affairs
- Gwat-Yong Lie, Social Welfare
- Pachoua Lor, Southeast Asian American Student Center
- Jacqueline Nguyen, Educational Psychology
- Channy Rasavong, Office of Central Advising
- Paru Shah, Political Science
- Vipavee Thongpriwan, Nursing
- Hanh Trinh, Health Sciences
- Chia Youyee Vang, History & Hmong Diaspora; Global Inclusion & Engagement

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Linda Huang, Emerita  
Swarnjit Arora, Emeritus

