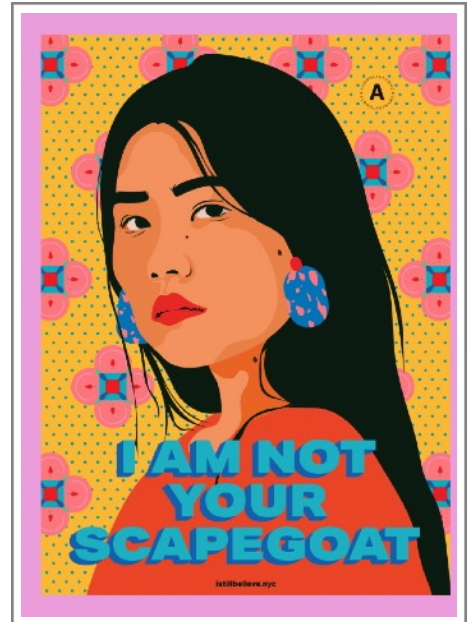


# ASIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2021 @ LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## “Asian American Communities in NYC in the Pandemic Era”

With an invited talk by Carmelyn Malalis, Commissioner of NYC Commission on Human Rights



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### Asian Heritage Celebration 2021 Virtual Mini-Conference

Date: Thursday, May 6th, 2021 (10:30am-2:00pm)

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/LG-AHC2021>

LaGuardia Community College has been celebrating the Asian Heritage Celebration (AHC) in May every year. AHC is an annual event of LaGuardia featuring various cultural, philosophical, and linguistic heritages from Asian countries. This year's celebration focuses on Asian American's experience during the COVID-19 pandemic with featured talks and panels by our own faculty and students, the NYC Commission on Human Rights, Asian American Federation, and CHAAYA. See more information at the AHC website at <http://laguardia.edu/ahc> or our Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/LaGuardiaCCAHC/>.

### OTHER ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS IN SPRING 2021

Date	Event	Contact	Links
on-going	Asian American Voices (student journal)	Anita Baksh	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021a">http://bit.ly/AHC2021a</a>
on-going	COVID-19 Oral History Project	Tomonori Nagano & Thomas Cleary	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021c">http://bit.ly/AHC2021c</a>
Every Wednesday	Asian American Wellness Group	Stacy Chen and Shirley Chen	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021w">http://bit.ly/AHC2021w</a>
Fri, April 16, 2021	Teaching While Asian	John Gunn	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021t">http://bit.ly/AHC2021t</a>
Mon, April 26, 2021	Asian American Town-hall meeting	James Salnave	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021d">http://bit.ly/AHC2021d</a>
Wed, May 5, 2021	Anti-Asian Violence: Coping with Trauma	Sumanth Inukonda	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021v">http://bit.ly/AHC2021v</a>
Thur, May 6, 2021	Asian Heritage Celebration Mini-conference	Anita Baksh	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021m">http://bit.ly/AHC2021m</a>
Fri, May 7, 2021	Anti-Racist Pedagogy Teach-in	Rachel Boccio	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021i">http://bit.ly/AHC2021i</a>
Mon, May 10, 2021	WLGR: "Asian Americans during the pandemic"	WLGR	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021r">http://bit.ly/AHC2021r</a>
Tue, May 11, 2021	Asian American Town-hall meeting 2	James Salnave	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021d2">http://bit.ly/AHC2021d2</a>
Wed, May 12, 2021	"I am not a virus" Workshop	Robin Kietlinski	<a href="http://bit.ly/AHC2021n">http://bit.ly/AHC2021n</a>

Visit Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/LaGuardiaCCAHC/>) for more information about events during the Asian Heritage Month.



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### Program

#### 10:30am - 11:30am

*Carmelyn P. Malalis, Commissioner of NYC Commission on Human Rights*

The New York City Commission on Human Rights has been at the forefront of combatting anti-Asian discrimination in COVID-19 era. Claims of anti-Asian discrimination and harassment have greatly increased amid the coronavirus pandemic. Commissioner Carmelyn P. Malalis will speak about initiatives to encourage more reporting of discriminatory acts and to educate the public against such bias. A Q&A session will follow providing students with the opportunity to ask questions.



#### 11:30am-11:45am Intercession

The Asian Proverb Project will display proverbs from different areas in Asia.

#### 11:45am - 12:45pm

*Grassroots Responses to Covid-19: Community Activism Panel*

A roundtable "Grassroots Responses to Covid-19: Community Activism," will feature representatives from Chhaya (a housing and economic justice organization) and Jahajee Sisters (a gender-justice organization). Speakers will address how the pandemic has affected Asian American communities and the ways in which non-profit organizations have responded to community needs including collaborations across race and class. Ways students can get involved in these efforts and careers in the nonprofit sector will also be considered. A Q&A session will follow providing students with the opportunity to ask questions.



#### 12:45pm-1:00pm Intercession

The Asian Proverb Project will display proverbs from different areas in Asia.

#### 1:00pm - 2:00pm

*Asian American Voices Journal and COVID-19 Oral History Project*

In Part I of this session, students published in the Asian American Voices journal will present their creative work, critical essays, and/or reflections. In Part II of this session, faculty and students will introduce and discuss the Oral History Project. Some videos of the oral histories will be featured.

#### Asian American Voices Student Journal

Asian American Voices aims to celebrate and showcase the diversity of Asian and Asian American heritage at LaGuardia. Inaugurated in 2019, one of the main purposes of the journal is to document diverse stories and narratives that critique popular representations of Asians and Asian Americans as a monolithic homogeneous entity. The journal publishes work by LaGuardia students: critical essays, term papers, reflective essays, creative fiction, poetry, recipes, art (photos, drawing, graphic art etc.), interviews or digital materials that showcase their culture, identity, and heritage, and/or that address themes and literary/visual work related to Asian American Studies.



#### COVID-19 Oral History Project

The COVID-19 Oral History Project is a collection of images, essays, and video recordings documenting the experience of LaGuardia Community College students, especially those of the Asian descent, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of this project is to collect, analyze, exhibit, and preserve over 50 videotaped interviews of Asian and Asian American New Yorkers. This project aims to document and recognize the diverse experiences of Asian and Asian Americans at LaGuardia Community College and its surrounding communities in Queens during COVID-19.