



May

Asian American & Pacific Islander Month

“Since 1990, the U.S. government has designated the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrating the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the United States”

asianpacificheritage.gov



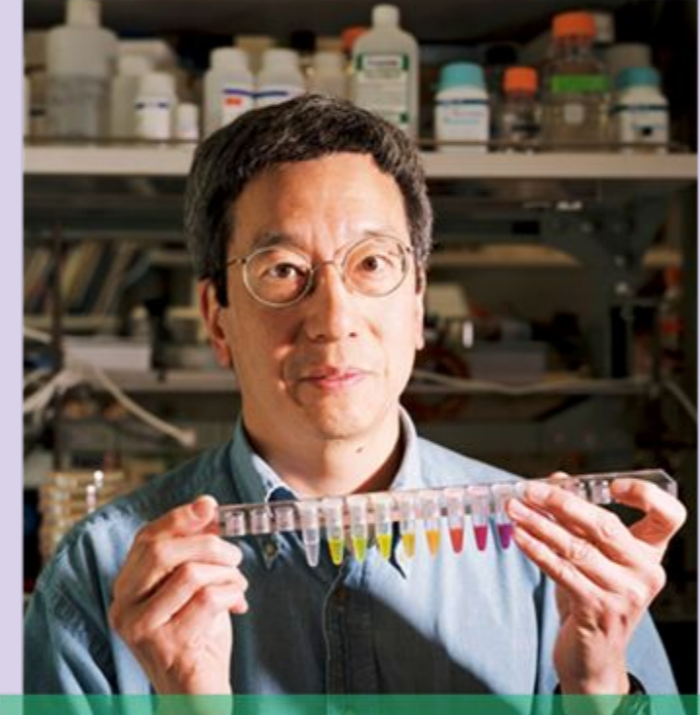
Dr. Thanjavur Santhanakrishna Kanaka
Asia's first female neurosurgeon



Dr. Hyunjune Sebastian Seung
Neuroscientist using multidisciplinary approaches to study neural connectome



Dr. Vidita Vaidya
Neuroscientist studying stress at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai



Dr. Roger Y Tsien
Biochemist who shared 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for research on GFP



Stacey Park Milbern
Korean-American disability justice activist

Featured PIN Community Members



Brian Mathur
(He/Him/His)

*Principal Investigator
Immigrant Family*



Ruchael McNair
(She/Her/Hers)

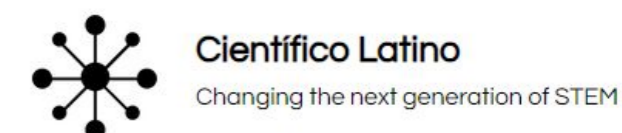
*1st year PIN student
First generation college student*

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Pointers to educate, promote diversity and inclusion, and combat racism

● **Check out [Científico Latino](#)**, a project focused on helping students at all levels have successful careers in STEM by providing “mentorship, open-access resources on scholarships, fellowships and blog posts on professional development.”



● **Read [‘To advance equality for women, use the evidence’](#)**, an article by Dr. Michelle Ryan that outlines “three mistakes universities make when they attempt to improve gender equity”. Dr. Ryan summarizes concrete examples to address gender inequality, “such as prohibiting all-male panels”, “making senior leaders accountable for progress”, and “making research funding contingent on a gender-equality plans in place.”



● **Sign up for [UMB Safe Space](#)**, a training offered virtually and in person by the Intercultural Center. This training “challenges participants to reflect on the identities and lived experiences of gender and sexual minorities while challenging norms related to the gender binary heteronormativity.”



● **Explore [Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth.](#)**, a new exhibit that “profiles the revolutionary profiles the revolutionary men—including Muhammad Ali, James Baldwin, Ta-Nehisi Coates, W.E.B Du Bois, and Kendrick Lamar—whose journeys have altered the history and culture of the country. The achievements of the men are woven within the legacy and traditions of the African American journey—achievements of excellence in spite of society’s barriers.”

● **Watch the [Keynote Address for the UMSOM Class of 2022](#)**, given by the U.S. Surgeon General and first South Asian Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, as he inspires the new doctors to stand up for racial and social injustices.



Featured Members

Contributing to Diversity and Inclusion



Ruchael McNair (she/her/hers), a 1st year PIN student is an African American woman and first generation college student. Ruchael contributes to diversity by joining organizations and committees such as NOVA and the PIN Diversity Committee where she is able to contribute her ideas on events and outreach initiatives. As a PIN and underrepresented student, she is very proud to be able to contribute her ideas to science and the community. She’s most proud of joining Dr. Phil Iffland’s lab, where she studies a topic that is near dear to her: epilepsy.



Brian Mathur (he/his/him), an Associate Professor in the department of Pharmacology, identifies as a father, son, brother, and mentor. He is the son of an immigrant father from India and an American, white mother who was raised in the farm metropolis of Wooster, Ohio. Brian co-founded the PIN Diversity Committee, mandated mentor training, increased diversity in the PIN student body, and in many other ways has advocated for a culture of humanity at UMB. His proudest moment in research was when Mary Patton, Ph.D., the first student in his lab, was awarded an NRSA!



Diversity • Equity • Inclusion: Events, Resources, Opportunities

● May 27, 2022, 4-5 PM Live Event ●
Keswick Multi-Care Center
Thompson Terrace

"Join us as we celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month as Keswick with a Korean Fan Dance & Jindo Drum Dance performance!" [Click Here to RSVP!](#)



● April 8-May 28 ●
Asia North 2022 Exhibition
Remembrance, Resilience, Power + Pride
Stillpointe Theatre & Motor House

"This exhibition provides a healing & empowering space for regional Asian and AAPI artists to express remembrance, resilience, power, & pride within the context of the ongoing triple pandemic of COVID-19; social, environmental, and racial injustice; and economic insecurity."

[Click here for more information!](#)

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● June 05, 2022, 4-5 PM Live Event ●
Motor House
Baltimore 21201

Master Vorayot Suksaichon, a celebrated Thai string master and his wife Kittima Suksaichon will take you to beautiful Thailand through Thai classical music. They will be accompanied by local Thai musicians from the DC metro area. [Click here to RSVP!](#)



ORGANIZATIONS

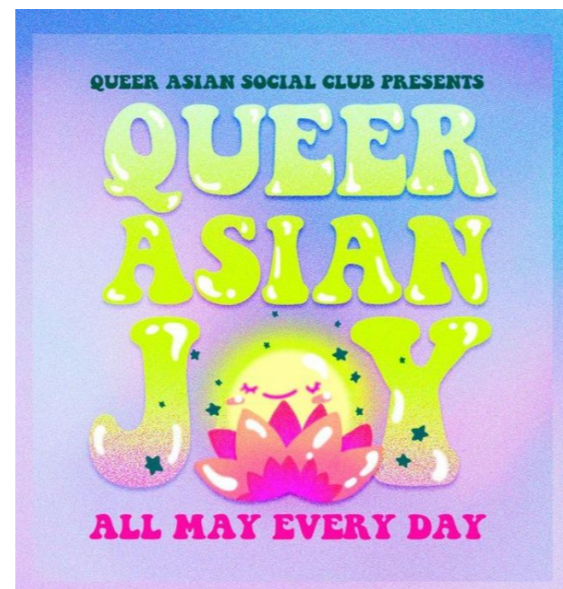


"It is the mission of AMHC to normalize and de-stigmatize mental health within the Asian community." [The Asian Mental Health Collective](#) strives to provide resources and events to share community stories and access to mental health education and therapy.



"We are now the [Queer Asian Social Club](#) focusing on sharing and celebrating stories of individuals and activists in our community through our weekly web-zine DIS-ORIENT, our instagram page, and our podcast the Queer Asian Podcast Club!"

@QueerAsianSocialClub



[Click here for resources and/or sign up for newsletter](#)

"The coalition tracks and responds to incidents of hate, violence, harassment, discrimination, shunning, and child bullying against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Our mission is to advance equity, justice, and power by dismantling systemic racism & building a multiracial movement to end anti-Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) hate."

"[AAPI Women Lead](#) and #ImReady Movement aims to strengthen the progressive political and social platforms of Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the US through the leadership of API women, girls, and gender-expansive communities."



@aapiwomenlead

BOOKS & MOVIES

Turning Red



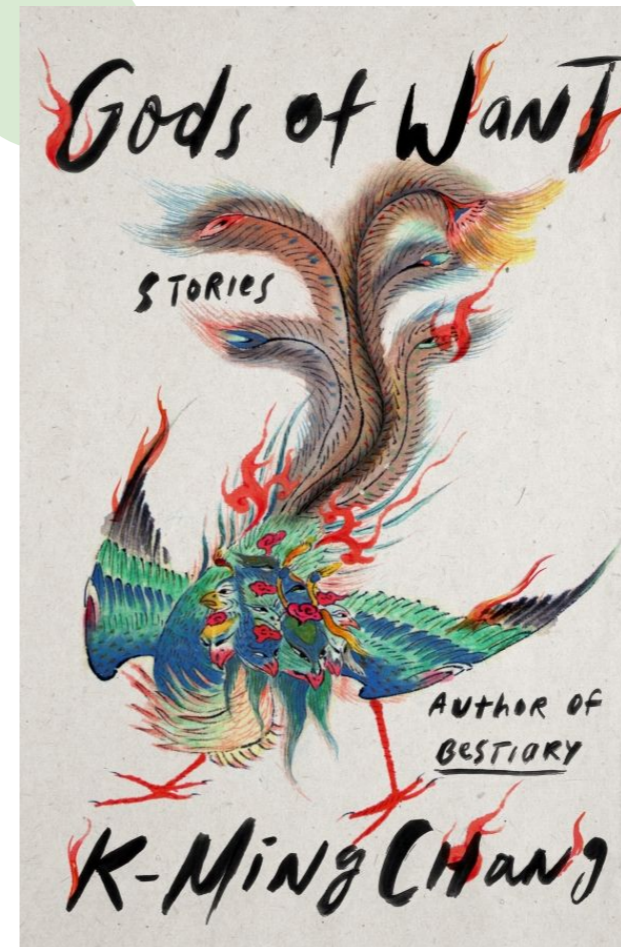
"Underneath the humor and fantasy of the film is a story about the relationship between a mother and her daughter and the struggles Meilin feels between being a dutiful daughter while experiencing the disarray of adolescence." Writer & director Domee Shi created Turning Red with an all-women team of writers.
Brahmjot Kaur

The Joy Luck Club



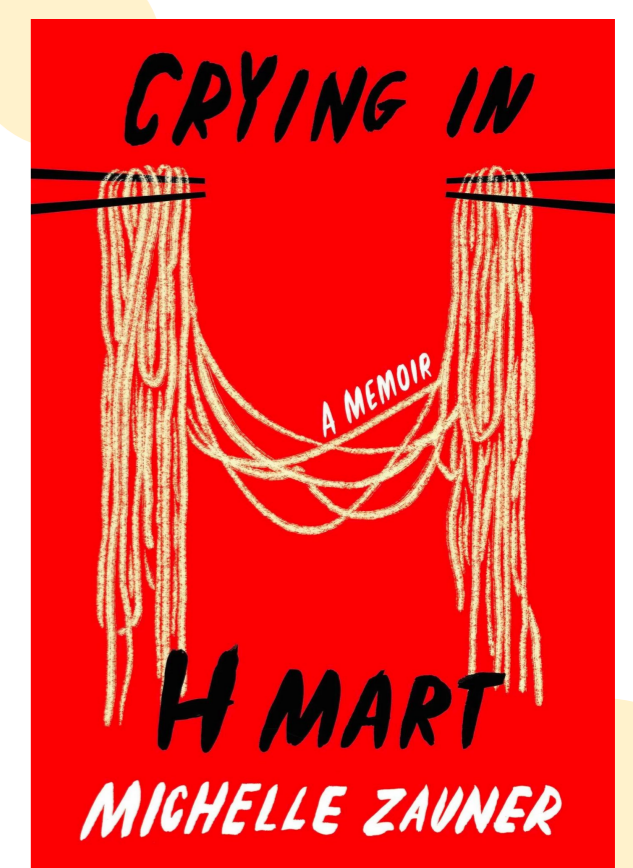
"Through a series of flashbacks, four young Chinese women born in America and their respective mothers born in feudal China, explore their past. This search will help them understand their difficult mother/daughter relationship."
Robert Pare

Gods of Want: Stories



"...Wise, energetic, funny, and wild, Gods of Want displays a boundless imagination anchored by the weight of ancestors and history. These stories sing, a true force to behold."
Kali Fajardo-Anstine, author of Sabrina & Corina and Woman of Light

Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner



"Crying in H Mart is a wonder: A beautiful, deeply moving coming-of-age story about mothers and daughters, love and grief, food and identity. It blew me away, even as it broke my heart."
Adrienne Brodeur, author of Wild Game: My Mother, Her Lover, and Me