ASIAN CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

ACE Center's Message to its APIDA Community and Allies

On behalf of the Team, I want to thank you for your support, we can not do it alone!

Dear Friends, Allies, Partners, Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Donors, and Supporters, we are pleased to share with you our accomplishments and work in the AAPI community. In the last month, we have been very busy with our students, faculty, staff, and community members. We want to share with you our accomplishments and work in the community.

Please read on to learn about our work in the community. We are proud of our students, faculty, staff, and community members who have been working hard to make our community a safer place for our students and community members. We want to share with you our work in the community. We want to share with you our work in the community. We want to share with you our work in the community

April 2, 2021 Sophomore Student Workshop

April 2, 2021 Open Forum: Sexual Violence Prevention & Response

April 5, 2021 Equity Scholars Mentoring Program

April 6, 2021 Leadership Lunch Series

April 7, 2021 Lessons in Leadership

April 8, 2021 Leadership Lunch Series

April 9, 2021 Leadership Lunch Series

April 9, 2021 Open Forum: Sexual Violence Prevention & Response

April 12, 2021 Equity Scholars Mentoring Program

April 12, 2021 Lessons in Leadership

April 13, 2021 Leadership Lunch Series

April 14, 2021 Leadership Lunch Series

April 15, 2021 Leadership Lunch Series

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CCCs Events and Collaborative Events

Family Fellow Series: Black Culture Center
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 | 12:00 pm
Assistant Director, Kim Thomas of the Office of Academic Affairs, Kim Thomas of the Office of Academic Affairs

Black Culture Center Fellows Program Presents: Black Lives Matter: Black Women Leaders Speak Out
April 14, 2021 | 12:00 pm
Dr. Ashley Nicole Jones, Dr. Kimberly Ellington, Rosalind Hampton, Dr. Ruth Nicole Brown

Black Women Leaders Speak Out: Black Lives Matter
This Black Women Panel will be open to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Black Women Leaders Speak Out: Black Lives Matter will be a discussion with Black women leaders who have been at the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement. Dr. Ashley Nicole Jones, Dr. Kimberly Ellington, Rosalind Hampton, and Dr. Ruth Nicole Brown will discuss the ways in which Black women have been at the forefront of the movement, the ways in which Black women have been marginalized within the movement, and the ways in which Black women have been erased from the movement. Dr. Ashley Nicole Jones, Dr. Kimberly Ellington, Rosalind Hampton, and Dr. Ruth Nicole Brown are all Black women who have been at the forefront of the movement, and they will be joining us to discuss their experiences and perspectives

An array of discussion panels and speakers aim to dive deep into the challenges within families and communities living with the impact of mass incarceration and explore what communities, researchers and advocates can do to be agents of change. Panelists consist of community leaders, social justice activists, justice involved persons and family members, and scholars from the Virginia Tech community as well as other Virginia universities. The virtual symposium will be a high-energy day full of rich discussion and collaboration. Please join us in the spirit of community, translational scholarship, and service.

- Program Highlights
  - Keynote Speaker:
  - Mrs. Kemba Smith Pradia. Kemba Pradia is a formerly incarcerated person who was pardoned by President Clinton and founded the Kemba Smith foundation. The work of the foundation is centered on community education and advocacy around incarceration and reentry, public health (e.g. drug abuse, domestic violence), and providing resources and counseling for families of the incarcerated.
  - Please see https://www.sentencingproject.org/stories/kemba-smith/ and https://www.kembasmith.com/
  - Policy Facilitator:
  - Dr. Larry Terry.
  - Dr. Terry is the Director of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia (UVA) and Lecturer of Public Policy. Prior to joining UVA, Terry was the Director of the Urban SERCH Institute at the University of North Texas at Dallas. A member of the Virginia State crime commission, Dr. Terry is a leader in community engagement and currently works with state legislators on identifying best practices and strategies for criminal justice reform. Dr. Terry holds a Ph.D. in public affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas, an MPA in public administration from San Diego State University, and a BA in Black Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara.
  - Please see https://coopercenter.org/
  - Discussion Panels:
  - The Effects of Mass Incarceration on Families examines the consequences of incarceration on children and families. The panel will consider the implications of the growing number of women in the criminal justice system as well as the challenges of parental imprisonment for children.The Community and Family Reentry Panel explores community and state programs addressing the process of reentry. The panel will discuss challenges to reentry as well as how best to support previously incarcerated persons as they reestablish family ties and attempt to establish themselves as healthy and productive citizens in their communities. The Restore, Reform, and Rebuild Panel considers legislative reform and socio-political developments that impact the scope and nature of corrections and the lives of those confined within prisons and jails. Challenges and promising antidotes related to racial and health inequality, drug policy and prisoners' rights will be discussed as well as how best to change the course of mass incarceration.
  - Symposium participants are coming from all over the state and representing diverse organizations such as Assisting Families of Inmates (Richmond, VA); Bridging the Gap (Richmond, VA); Friends of Guest House (Northern Virginia transitional facility for women); Interfaith Action for Human Rights (Northern Virginia); The Legal Aid Justice Center (Charlottesville, VA); and the Virginia ACLU (Richmond, VA).
- Lead Contact
  - Joyce A. Arditti, Ph.D., Professor of Family Studies, HDFS; Virginia Tech; arditti@vt.edu; 540-231-5758
- Lead Sponsors
  - Equity and Social Disparity in the Human Condition Destination Area; Department of Human Development and Family Science; College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences;
- Additional Sponsors
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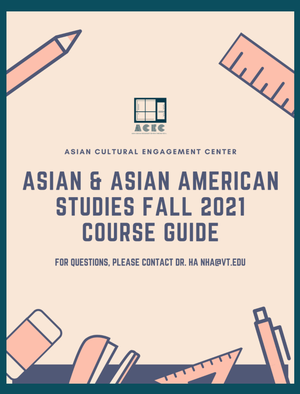
- Visit https://www.cpe.vt.edu/mis/ for more information.
- Link: https://www.cpe.vt.edu/mis/registration.html

Fall 2021 Course Brochure



CHN 3474 - TOPICS IN CHINESE CINEMA: CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS FILM

Critical issues in the history of modern and contemporary China through martial arts film. Interactions between major political and historical events and social and cultural movements in China. Chinese martial arts film in the broader contexts of Chinese cultural history and Chinese society. Interpretation of intercultural experiences from different vantage points.

Ming Chew Teo | mcteoevt.edu | pathways course | M/W 4:00-5:15 pm

ENGL 4674 - STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE: "ASIANS IN POPULAR CULTURE: FROM VIRUS TO GOING VIRAL"

This course examines Asian and Asian American representation in contemporary literature, film, television, and popular culture. We will read and view a variety of texts, including Amy Tan's 1989 novel, The Joy Luck Club and the 1995 film by the same name; Cathy Park Hong's essay collection Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning (2020); and many more.

S. Moon Cassinelli | smooncassevt.edu | M/W 4:00-5:15 pm

ENGL 5624 - INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

ENGL5624 takes a theoretical approach to examine communication and the construction of meaning more generally as it takes place between and across cultures. In other words, we will consider how rhetoric and culture are interconnected through a focus on the processes by which language, texts, and other discursive practices like performance, embodiment, and materiality create meaning.

Jennifer Sano-Franchini | sanojennevt.edu | M 4:00-6:50 pm

HIST 1354 - CONFLICT SECURITY IN EAST ASIA

Explore the causes and consequences of war, colonization, nationalist movements and the implications for contemporary regional and global relations in Modern East Asia. This course emphasizes cultural concepts, social relations, political ideologies, and historical conflicts as background to current security concerns.

Helen M. Schneider | hmsevt.edu | pathways course | M/W/F 1:24-2:15 pm

HIST 2104 - ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY

This course focuses on the histories of Asian/Pacific Americans in the United States. Groups to be examined include Korean, Filipino, South Asian, Southeast Asian, Pacific Islander, Chinese, and Japanese Americans. By beginning in the late eighteenth century and looking beyond the official national borders of the United States, the course will trouble the traditional American immigrant narrative and the model minority myth.

Allan Lumba | lumbaevt.edu | pathways course | TH 9:30-10:45 am

HIST 2355 - HISTORY OF CHINA TO 1800

The history of China from prehistory, Imperial China to the sixteenth century with special attention to political, social, economic, and cultural developments.

Helen M. Schneider | hmsevt.edu | M/W/F 10:10-11 am

HIST 3664 - REVOLUTIONARY CHINA

Ideological and institutional development of the Chinese Communist movement since 1920; emphasis on problems of historical change in modern China.

Helen M. Schneider | hmsevt.edu | M/W 4:00-5:15 pm

HIST/RLCL 2384 - GODS AND KINGS IN INDIA

History of India from pre-historical times to approximately 1700, with particular focus on the interplay between religion and politics. Emphasis on sources for and interpretations (historiography) of early Indian history. Literary versus archaeological record of pre-historic India, the earliest empires and rulers, and impact of the Islamic and wider world on India. Legacies of ancient and medieval India in the contemporary world.

Peter Schmitthenner | peschmittevt.edu | pathways course | M/W/F 10:10-11 am

PSCI 3584 - GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICS OF ASIA

This is essentially a comparative course that addresses countries in East and Southeast Asia. I usually consider mainly China and Hong Kong, South and North Korea, Indonesia, and Myanmar, but may modify this to take into account major political events.

Deborah Milly | djmillyevt.edu | online course | M/W 2:30-3:45 pm

*** PSCI 4514 - SENIOR SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

Advanced studies on immigration and citizenship across countries. Advanced readings in common and individual student research projects. Mentoring will occur through all stages of the process. Allows an individual research option focused on Asian-Americans in the US or specific nationality groups in an East Asian country.

Deborah Milly | djmillyevt.edu | online course | M/W 5:30-6:45 pm

RLCL 1904 - RELIGION AND CULTURE IN ASIA

Historical and geographical overview of diverse religious/cultural traditions in Asia, such as Hindusm, Buddhism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Daoism, and Shinto. Investigation of the categories "religion" and "culture" and their interactions in Asia. Examination of different methodological and interdisciplinary approaches and their integration, with emphasis on critical thinking about the complexities of studying religion and culture in Asia. Asia on a global stage, including Western views of Asia and Asian views of the West.

Ananda Abeysekara | anandaevt.edu | pathways course | TH 11:00-12:15 pm

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MS Shajahan | muhammedshahaevt.edu | pathways course | TH 8:00-9:15 am

RLCL 3214 - RELIGION AND CULTURE IN INDIA

Interdisciplinary examination of the genealogy of Indian religions (including Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism) through anthropological, literary, historical, and textual source materials. Colonial construction and reform of these religions according to modern, universal European ideas of religion; how European notions of the modern nation-state, law, and religious tolerance, and European concepts of self, autonomy, community, (unvoiced) language, and multiculturalism impacted Indian religions. Pre-modern versus modern notions of tradition and power in Indian religions. Concepts of secularism, gender, race, conversion, caste, and religious-political identity.

Peter Schmitthenner | peschmittevt.edu | pathways course | M/W/F 2:30-3:45 pm

*** WGS 1824 - INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES**

This introductory course takes an interdisciplinary and transnational approach to understanding the social construction of sex, gender, and sexuality. Through our readings and course discussions, we'll examine how understandings of gender have emerged historically in the U.S. and how they differ across multiple social and cultural contexts.

Suchitra Samanta | ssamantaevt.edu | pathways course | TH 2:00-3:15 pm

* These courses include elements of, but are not solely focused on, Asian/Asian American studies.

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