



Upcoming Events & Updates!

Asian Cultural Engagement Center

May 2022 Achievement Ceremonies

To register for any CCC Achievement Ceremony:

<https://ecc.vt.edu/calendar/ceremonies.html#dac>

To register for the APIDA Achievement

Ceremony: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6MQMloPH3zPaAm-OSFqqrAT9aevku5TeR1fWG66vn-H6aQ/viewform>

The APIDA Achievement Ceremony will be held on May 11, 2022, in Owens Dining Ballroom.

The ceremony is from 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM followed by a reception. Everyone is invited!

Please register as an attendee and/or a graduating student!!

APIDAHM Events for the Week of April 18-22, 2022



APIDAHM PRESENTS
**(REVISITING) APIDA
 EXPERIENCES IN
 AGRICULTURE AND
 NATURAL RESOURCES**

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 | 6 PM-7:30 PM EST
 ACEC (Squires, Room 140) and Zoom

Although APIDAs tend to be over-represented in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields overall in the US, this group is under-represented in Agriculture and Natural Resources. The panelists will describe their career trajectories, discuss their experiences with stereotypes and discrimination, and answer questions from the audience.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3qStlua>

Refreshments will be served in accordance with Covid-19 health guidelines.



MEET THE PANELISTS



Elizabeth Tsang

Her research for the Dayer Lab led to her first publication in 2021. Since the fall of 2019, Tsang has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a natural resource specialist in both Colorado and Montana.



Dr. Kang Xia

The Associate Director for the Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture (CAIA) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, her research focuses on understanding the occurrence, fate, and environmental impact of organic compounds.



Dr. Arvind Bhuta

He has worked for the USDA Forest Service for almost eight years; first in Oregon as a forester/biometrician, then as an Ecologist in Alabama, and now as a natural resources specialist at their Washington, D.C headquarters



Dr. Jim Tokuhisa

He has over 40 years of experience in the laboratory conducting discovery research on the biochemistry, molecular biology and physiology of plants. His research has focused on how plants adapt to environmental stresses.



Eric Lin

He is the Principal of The VIE Group, a business development and real estate consulting firm in Richmond. Prior to his current role, Eric was the Owner and Director of Operations of Sunrise Enterprises, the mid-Atlantic's largest wholesale orchid nursery

Questions? Contact Dr. Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu



CRAIG SANTOS PEREZ

ZOOM READING

APRIL 20, 7 PM

[VIRGINIATECH.ZOOM.US/J/83470851016](https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/83470851016)

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WRITERS' SERIES AND THE ASIAN CULTURAL
ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Craig Santos Perez is a Professor in the English Department at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, where he teaches creative writing, eco-poetry, and Pacific literature. He is affiliate faculty with the Center for Pacific Islands Studies and the Indigenous Politics Program.

Craig is the author of two spoken word poetry albums, *Undercurrent* (2011) and *Crosscurrent* (2017), and five books of poetry: *from unincorporated territory [hacha]* (2008), *from unincorporated territory [saina]* (2010), *from unincorporated territory [guma']* (2014), *from unincorporated territory [lukao]* (2017), and *Habitat Threshold* (2020). His work has been translated into Chinese, Japanese, French, and Spanish.



APIDAHM Presents: Nighttime Guided Meditation

Thursday, April 21, 2022 | 8pm EST



Vivek Rajan was trained and certified as a meditation teacher at the Art of Living Center in Washington D.C. in 2009 and has led these programs for hundreds of people nationally.



Register Here!



Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3L9IzYO>

For accommodations and/or questions, contact Dr. Nina Ha at nha@vt.edu.

WOMEN'S CENTER
AT VIRGINIA TECH



APIDAHM PRESENTS: #WeToo Movement



Dr. erin Khuê Ninh

Associate Professor in the Department of Asian American Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"More than Consent: Beyond a Neoliberal Framing of Sexual Agency"



Dr. Juliana Hu Pegues

Associate Professor at Cornell University in the Department of Literatures in English, the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program, and the Asian American Studies Program.

"Rape Is/Not a Metaphor"

This panel will address violence against women of marginalized communities, particularly those in the APIDA and Native American/Indigenous communities. "#WeToo critically invokes the now mainstreamed global #MeToo movement, though refuses those bourgeois white carceral feminist politics." #WeToo also centers APIDA voices as well as those in the margins. Thus, this event promotes intersectional dialogue and conversation about challenging topics while providing support to communities that so often are silenced. Join us in creating a community of care and understanding.

Light refreshments will be served.

**April 22, 2022
12 - 1:30 PM EST
Hybrid / ACEC,
Squires, Room 140**

**Please Register
in Advance!**

**[https://bit.
ly/3wzQtXj](https://bit.ly/3wzQtXj)**



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APIDA/AM Presents

APID ALUMNI SOCIETY CAREER PANEL

April 25, 2022 | 7 PM EST

The purpose of this career panel is to showcase APIDA alumni in various career fields and to connect them with current students. Topics include, but are not limited to, experiences working as an APIDA, changing career tracks, pursuing graduate school, and general career development advice. This will be a **virtual event** so make sure to register to receive the Zoom link!



For questions or accommodations, please reach out to Dr. Ha at nha@vt.edu



Register Here

<https://bit.ly/3wH8IdA>

Events and Opportunities

SAVE
THE
DATE



APRIL 23
5TH ANNUAL SPRING
POWWOW

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia
GRAND ENTRY 12 PM

**Native at Virginia Tech
Spring Powwow**

GLC Lawn

**Rain Location: GLC Multipurpose Room
290 College Ave.**

MC: Amelia Kay Oxendine

Head Lady: Alicia Aldaz

AD: Joey Crutchfield

Head Man: Salvador Aldaz

Northern Drum: Soap Stone

Southern Drum: Zotigh

LinkedIn



Tuesday, March 29th from 12pm to 1pm
AND
Wednesday, April 20th from 10:30am to 11:30am
AT THE SMITH CAREER CENTER

Edited photos will be returned about 2 weeks later

First come, first-served.
If you need an accommodation to attend this event,
please contact: arianard@vt.edu

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Featured Halal Meals from Dish, Variabowl, Tazon, and Breakfast from Sweets are available in the Grab & Gobble cooler at Owens Food Court.

RAMADAN

Takeaway Dishes

April 1st - May 1st

GRAB &
GOBBLE

OWENS
FOOD COURT

My name is Trinidad Linares. I am a popular culture scholar looking at the experiences of Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans. My current research is on how weddings for APIDAs are more of an adaptation of cultural traditions rather than exact replication of them. I am looking for anecdotal responses, as a bride, or groom, member of the wedding party, or guest. This is just a survey, not a clinical study, so I will not use an identifier for each responder. You can respond anonymously. If there are any aspects of the APIDA wedding I do not cover, but you would like to discuss, please feel free to write about it. Here is the link to the form:

<https://forms.gle/cAxz63hqERVkVPCH7> My email is tlinare@bgsu.edu. Thank you.





MAKE SONGS IN THE STUDIO

Did you know there's a studio in Newman Library that's free and accessible for anyone to use? Join us on Friday, April 22nd to learn about using the Media Recording Studio!

If you're an aspiring singer, rapper, producer, or musician of any kind - beginner to experienced - we introduce you to the studio and how to use it to make your music!

MAKING MUSIC:

An Intro to the Media Recording Studio

April 22 3:30-5:00pm Newman Room 209

Register: bit.ly/makingmusic422

If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please email library-event-accessibility-g@vt.edu prior to the event.



Hello folks!

I'm reaching out to request your help in finding student applicants for our Engagement Ambassador team, which is a great opportunity for students looking to develop their teamwork, communication, and leadership skills in an empowering work environment while helping student organizations & students looking to get involved!

Thanks in advance for your help getting the word out & don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions. See below for information to share with students and/or colleagues

If you'd like to share information directly with students, here's a blurb...

Are you interested in helping Hokies find their home on campus? Would you like to use your leadership experience to support the student organization community?

If yes, you should consider applying to become an **Engagement Ambassador**! Student Engagement and Campus Life is now hiring Engagement Ambassadors for the Fall 2022 semester. This paid position requires students to work 8-10 hours per week and interested students must be able to begin working August 15th. Engagement Ambassadors are essential to running [The Source](#), our student organization resource center, and providing valuable support to students looking to get involved through Involvement Advising.

Full position details and instructions for applying are available on Handshake here: <https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/6250879>

Information sessions are being offered throughout this month and are [listed here on GobblerConnect](#). Applications are due by April 18, 2022 at 11:59pm.

If you'd like to share this information with colleagues so they can share it with students in their network, here's a blurb...

Student Engagement and Campus Life is currently seeking student applicants for our Engagement Ambassador position for the Fall 2022 semester. If you know students with a passion for community building, an interest in supporting others, and an ability to work both independently and as part of a team – we'd love for you to encourage them to apply!

This paid position requires students to work 8-10 hours per week and interested students must be able to begin working on August 15th. Engagement Ambassadors are essential to running [The Source](#), our student organization resource center, and providing valuable support to students looking to get involved through Involvement Advising. Full position details and instructions for applying are available on Handshake here: <https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/6250879>

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Please let me know if you have additional questions!

All the best,

Volunteer for our Reading of the Names Ceremony - April 28th, 2022



We hope whoever is reading this is safe and healthy in this unprecedented time.

For the past several years, Hillel at Virginia Tech has hosted a Reading of the Name Ceremony for victims of the Holocaust on Virginia Tech's campus. Thank you for volunteering last year to hand out roses and/or read names for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). We are back this year on the Chapel roof, Pylons, on April 28th from 9 AM - 5 PM, safely, in-person.

We are looking for volunteers to help out by either reading names or safely placing flowers on a table for passersby to take. To sign up and read names for 10 minutes please visit <https://bit.ly/vfrotn22>. We hope that volunteering will provide an opportunity for people around Blacksburg to contribute something meaningful and powerful in this time of uncertainty and anxiety. It is of utmost importance in times like these to come together as a community and raise our voices for those who cannot speak. We hope leaders from the Virginia Tech administration, faculty, and staff can sign up to model the way we hope to see from students.

Thank you for your dedication to remembrance and education and your consideration of this important event.

Sincerely,

Hillel at Virginia Tech Holocaust Remembrance Week Committee
Samantha Levy ('22)
Phoebe Schroeder ('25)
Grant Bigman - Associate Director, Hillel at Virginia Tech

Join Hillel at Virginia Tech and Ask Big Questions as they read the names of Holocaust victims during Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, at the Pylons on Thursday, April 28th. They are looking for volunteers to read the names aloud otherwise you are

welcome to observe in silence. Volunteer using this link - <https://bit.ly/vtrotn22>. For more information please contact office@hillelvt.org.

IRB-21-798



Move Your Body, Train Your Brain

GROUP TOGETHERNESS ACTIVITIES FOR AUTISM

Join Dr. Julia Basso and The Embodied Brain Lab in a Virginia Tech Research Study for a 4-week study (2x/week for 1.5hrs/session) where you will be randomized into a group movement or movie watching experience. You will answer a series of questions and have your brain activity recorded before and after the intervention. You will receive up to \$165 in compensation. Eligibility: Adults aged 18-45; English comprehension; and Physical Activity Readiness

For more information:
email: danceforASD@gmail.com



We are looking for participants for an upcoming research study (IRB-21-798), focusing on individuals (ages 18+) diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, level 1 (or equivalent). Participants will be randomly assigned to either participate in 4 weeks of a group movement class or movie watching experience. These sessions will occur biweekly (twice per week) for a duration of 90 minutes. You will answer a series of questions and have your brain activity recorded before and after the study. You will receive up to \$165 in compensation.

If you are interested, please fill out this screening questionnaire: <https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/t/AU1c8ZsAUB>
If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Julia C. Basso at danceforASD@gmail.com

We're hiring! Come join our innovative, flexible, energetic, and collaborative team in the COE Dean's Office!

As I transition into a role that is more focused on supporting our faculty's sponsored research I am excited to announce this opportunity for a [Program Manager in the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies](#) in the College of Engineering Dean's Office. This position will work with Dr. Holly Matusovich, Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Studies, COE Graduate Directors, and COE Graduate Coordinators from each department to support the college's strategic plan.

Please take a look at the posting and feel free to share it with someone you know.

Best,
Nicole

I am a master's student at Virginia Tech conducting a research study to better understand how to support Black, Asian, and Latinx folks' participation in outdoor recreation and environmental civic engagement (IRB 22-113). I am looking for potential participants to interview as part of this study. I would greatly appreciate it if you could forward this email to your email list to help with this effort.

Understanding what initiates and supports Black, Asian, and Latinx people's participation in outdoor recreation can help park managers, environmental educators, and other practitioners create more inclusive, supportive, and culturally relevant programs. Additionally, encouraging and supporting Black, Asian, and Latinx people in civic engagement will help empower these groups to make environmental decisions for themselves and their communities.

I am looking for interview participants who:

- Spend time in nature,
- Are 18-25,
- And are Black, Asian, or Latinx.

All participants will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 digital gift card, with a 1 in 6 odds of being selected. If you're interested in joining me for a 30-45 minute virtual interview as part of this research, please [click here](#) to learn more and answer some initial screening questions, or email me at aidabagheri@vt.edu.

Thanks so much for your help,

Aida

The Student Life Council at Virginia Tech serves as an advisory group for Student Affairs. The Student Life Council (SLC) is led by a student chair and consists a diverse committee of up to 20 students. The SLC meets twice monthly to discuss relevant student issues, provide input on emerging projects important to campus life, and offer counsel related to policy, practice, and the aspirations for student learning. In addition, since Student Affairs co-chairs the Virginia Tech/Town of Blacksburg “Town-Gown” committee with the Blacksburg Deputy Town Manager, SLC members participate in monthly Town-Gown Meetings as part of their membership on the SLC.

In consultation with the student chair, the Chief of Staff for the VP for Student Affairs appoints council members for an academic year (May to May). The Council meets twice a month; once on selected Thursday afternoons from 5:30-7:00 pm and on Thursdays at 5:00 pm for the monthly Town-Gown meeting from 6:00-7:30. Since the primary purpose of the Student Life Council is advisory, there is minimal time commitment beyond the required meetings described above. Council members, however, will be frequently informed of optional activities where student input is needed.

Students interested in serving on the 2022-2023 Student Life Council should submit an application [via GobblerConnect](#). The application deadline is April 18, 2022. Interviews will happen between April 19th and April 22; decisions will be sent out by April 27th.

Students must be in good standing with Virginia Tech and the application involves a check of academic and conduct standing. Interested students must have a robust interest in strengthening campus life at Virginia Tech, and commit to being available during the times outlined above for a period between August 2022 and May 2023. Questions about the Student Life Council can be directed to Frances Keene, fbabb@vt.edu, 231-8056.



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