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Join us to explore life as an Asian American in Asia

“My Life as an Alien: Tales of an Asian American Expatriate in Asia,” a talk by Paul Niwa, a journalism professor at Emerson College, will highlight the New England JACL Fall events schedule. The program will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Emerson College in Boston and is free and open to the public. His talk begins at 4:30 pm in Room W233 of Emerson College’s Walker Building, 120 Boylston Street (on Boylston between Tremont and Charles Streets). More details are in the enclosed flyer.

Boston Asian American Film Festival runs through October 26

There’s still time to catch one of the screenings of the 2008 Boston Asian American Film Festival that began on October 18 and continues through Sunday Oct. 26. The Festival is presented by the Asian American Resource Workshop. NE JACL is a co-presenter at two of the Screenings: on Oct. 23 (Immigrant Rights are Human Rights) and Oct. 25 (Vincent Who?). For screening times and locations call AARW at 617-426-5313 or go to: aarw.org/baaff2008. Tickets: \$10 Regular; \$8 Members/Seniors/Students

SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 18	Planet B-Boy
Sunday, Oct. 19	Hollywood Chinese
Monday, Oct. 20	Womyn’s Night
Wednesday, Oct. 22	Kissing Cousins
Thursday, Oct. 23	Immigrant Rights are Human Rights (2 shorts and 1 feature)
Friday, Oct. 24	Good Things Come in Short Packages (9 shorts)
Saturday, Oct. 25	Vincent Who? (matinee)
Saturday, Oct. 25	West 32 nd & Closing Weekend After Party
Sunday, Oct. 26	Santa Mesa

UMass program on Asian American attitudes on immigrants

The Institute for Asian American Studies will present the results from their recently completed study on the attitudes of Asian Americans towards immigrants, immigration and activism on Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 3 to 5 pm at UMass Boston, Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor’s Conference Room, 3rd floor, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston. Public Transportation: MBTA Red Line to JFK/UMass and shuttle bus to campus. Community organizers will offer comments. This event is free and open to the public. For Information contact the Institute at 617-287-5650 or asianaminst@umb.edu or visit www.iaas.umb.edu.

LEAP Leadership Conference in Boston

The first annual Boston Asian American Leadership Conference will be held at Northeastern University on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 am to 5 pm. The one-day conference offers three innovative personal and leadership development workshops, a community roundtable and a film screening. Designed by and for Asian Americans, the workshops will teach participants how to develop their leadership skills and lead community action in the Asian American community and beyond. The conference will be held at Northeastern's Alumni Center, 716 Columbus Avenue, Boston. Early registration: \$10 students/\$25 non-profits/\$40 general. Walk-in Registration: \$15 students/\$30 non-profits/\$50 general. Fees include breakfast, lunch and materials.

Registration: Go to http://leap.org/empower_conference_boston.html

Questions: Contact Albert Chiang at achiang@leap.org

Be a volunteer in the Asian American community

A Volunteer Fair will be presented by the Asian American Resource Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 1 to 3 pm. The location will be announced. Asian American community organizations will be represented and can answer your questions about volunteering opportunities. For more information and to find out where the Fair will be located, contact AARW, 617-426-5313 or email info@aarw.org.

AARW forms a writers' group.

The Writers' Group has been formed by the Asian American Resource Workshop. The group meets to share writing, get and give feedback, and to do writing exercises together. For information contact Pong Louie at p.louie6@rcn.com or call the AARW office at 617-426-5313 and leave a message for Pong with your name, phone number and email address.

Harry Dow Dinner set for December 5

Tina Matsuoka, Executive Director of the National Asian American Bar Association, will be the keynote speaker for the annual Harry Dow Dinner. Harry Dow (1904-1986) was the first Asian American attorney admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1929. He committed his life's work to helping all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, age or gender. The dinner will be held Friday, Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the China Pearl Restaurant, 9 Tyler Street, Boston Chinatown. Tickets are \$125. For tickets and information, contact Zenobia Lai at 857-919-0565 or email her at zeno_lai@yahoo.com.

Check out our web site for chapter news

A reminder to check out our New England JACL web site for pictures from past events, information on upcoming events and general information about our chapter. Go to: www.nejacl.org. The site was created by our Web Master, Chris Martell.