ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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COURSE OFFERINGS – SPRING 2015

AAST-A 101 Introduction to Asian American Studies
Notes: 3 cr.
   IUB GenEd S&H Credit
   COLL (CASE) S&H Breadth of Inquiry Credit
   COLL (CASE) Diversity in U.S. Credit

Class # 33293 / MoWe 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. / Instructor: Lisa Kwong

Examines the histories, experiences, and cultures that shape the Asian American community. Through articles, books, and film, this course explores the commonalities and the diversity of experiences among Asians in the United States, with particular focus on such issues as immigration, education, community, and identity.

AAST-A 201 Asian Diaspora Experience
Notes: 3 cr.
   IUB GenEd World Culture Credit
   IUB GenEd A&H Credit
   COLL (CASE) A&H Breadth of Inquiry Credit
   COLL (CASE) Global Civic & Culture Credit

Class # 30030 / TuTh 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. / Instructor: Jordache Ellapen

The South Asian Diasporic Experience in Hemispheric America and Beyond

This course introduces students to the experiences of South Asians who have migrated to various parts of the world during different historical moments. We will begin with an examination of the colonial labor migrations of the 1800s to the present. Although our primary geographic focus is hemispheric America (the United States and The Caribbean), we will also examine South Asian communities in Britain, South Africa, Uganda, and Australia. The course covers topics related to indenture servitude, early South Asian immigration and assimilation as well as the migration of post 1963 highly skilled professionals to the US, Afro-Asian (dis) connections, twice migrants, race and the War on Terror, Bollywood and diasporic identification, orientalism, to name a few. We will pay particular attention to South Asian racial formations at specific historic moments as well as the different forms of labor and nationalisms that have shaped the lives of South Asians in various diasporic locations. The course also introduces students to the imagined worlds of South Asian diasporic communities. By analyzing various films and documentaries we will examine how culture, for example, can and does serve as one means through which people imagine their lives, often resisting and revising forms of oppression to create alternative community and cultural formations.

Students will be introduced to the field of Asian American Studies, and some of the major concepts, terms, categories, and thematic concerns. Together we will learn how to use an interdisciplinary approach and methodology to Asian American Studies and will engage with developments and interaction in multiple and through varied objects of study.
AAST-A 495 Independent Readings and Research in Asian American Studies  
Notes: 3 cr.  
   Class Requires Authorization from the Program Director  
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AAST-A 499 Capstone Seminar in Asian American Studies  
Notes: 3 cr.  
   Class Requires Authorization from the Program Director  
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