



New Lunar Year, New Newsletter!

Welcome to ASAG’s inaugural newsletter! In this pandemic era it is more important than ever to connect with others as we remain physically apart, which is why we decided to create a newsletter.

ASAG serves Northwestern’s APIDA staff members as a place to build community, provide personal and professional development, and support racial and social justice initiatives by ensuring APIDA perspectives are being represented.

Please give suggestions for anything you want to see from ASAG [here](#). Remember to join our [teams channel](#) if you have not yet and please forward to any staff all are welcome. We hope to see you at future programs, and hope everyone has a happy and safe new year.

- The ASAG Executive Board

Staff Spotlight

Name: Cherrie Angeles (she/her/hers)

Department: Alumni Relations & Development

Tell us about your APIDA identity: I am Filipino. Both of my parents were born in the Philippines and emigrated to the States in the 1980s. I was born in Seattle and lived there until the age of 18. Since then I’ve lived in France, London, North Carolina, and NYC...to a certain extent, my APIDA identity has evolved depending on time and space.

I was one of a few Filipinos in my predominantly white middle and high school and was my friends’ one Asian friend. When I went to NYU, all my friends were Asian and it was the best. I finally discovered what it felt like to be able to just be completely yourself, comfortable, and unfiltered (outside of my family) and where that understanding between friends was just naturally there.

Favorite Quarantine Hobby: I picked up writing because I found that some blogs needed more content by women of color, and unexpectedly, I found writing to be therapeutic. [8 Ways to be Actively Anti-Racist in Your Daily Life](#) is the first article I published. I’ve been reading more, too – the book I’ve enjoyed most recently is Austin Channing Brown’s *I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*.

In 2020 I Accomplished... I’m proud of starting my team’s Anti-Racism Learning Group. We’ve been meeting regularly since June and are currently finalizing our team’s DEI Goals & Action Items which we will revisit regularly. I’ve already noticed some changes in the way we think and am excited to see what else will come out this shift.

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Upcoming Events

Lunar New Year

February 12, 2021

[Learn more about the Lunar New Year](#)

Quali-Tea Time with ASAG!

February 25, 2021

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST

[Register Here](#)

Recommendations

To Watch

- [Minari \(dir. Steven Yeun\)](#) will be released on-demand February 26

- [White Tiger \(dir. Ramin Bahrani\)](#) now streaming on Netflix

To Listen

- [Lectures in History: Asian Immigration and Angel Island](#)

To Read

- [Why aren’t more Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Biden’s Cabinet?](#)

- [Kamala Harris’ Historic Inauguration fills South Asian Community with Pride](#)

Any Feedback?

Fill out this [form](#) to be featured in or to nominate someone to be featured in our next ASAG spotlight!