

# Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Opening Ceremony

## Asian American Voices, Identities and Activism Lecture by Vivian Louie, Ph.D

This talk will bring into the conversation Asian American voices, identities and activism, with a focus on New York City and New York State. The demographics, contributions and perspectives of Asian Americans are typically not known, even to Asian Americans, despite their significance. This discussion will showcase some key examples of these voices and activism. The discussion will draw on examples from the Hunter College Asian American Studies Oral History Project, which examines the long road to the founding of AAS at Hunter from the 1930s-1993; Compelled To Excel: Immigration, Education, and Opportunity among Chinese Americans, a book featuring the voices of Chinese American students at Hunter and Columbia Colleges during 1998-1999; and Hidden Voices: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in United States History, a recently released teachers' curriculum and resource guide produced by the NYC Department of Education.

**April 3, 2024**

**Wang Center Theater**

**1:00-2:20 PM**

Reception to follow, including food and raffle prizes



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