Asian Pacific American LGBTQ+ Resource Guide

Content Warning: Some of the following resources contain discussions of White Supremacy, racism, colonialism, xenophobia, harassment, violence, hate crimes, homelessness, mass incarceration and policing, deportation, depression and suicide

Articles

- “Being Asian/Pacific Islander & LGBTQ: An Introduction” – HRC
  https://www.hrc.org/resources/being-asian-pacific-islander-lgbtq-an-introduction

  http://www.thetaskforce.org/static_html/downloads/reports/reports/api_living_in_margins_r.pdf

- “Family and Coming Out Issues for Asian Pacific Americans” – HRC

- “Religion and Coming Out Issues for Asian Pacific Americans”

- “Society and Coming Out Issues for Asian Pacific Americans”

- “Making Queer and Trans Asian American Identities Visible” – Sarah Burke

- “Asian Pacific Islander Resource Kit” – GLAAD
  https://www.glaad.org/publications/apikit

- “That’s Not Who I Am: Calling Out and Challenging Stereotypes of Asian Americans” – Whitney

For more information on race, religion, and LGBTQ+ identity, check out the Religion Resource Guide.
Videos

- “Our Families: LGBT Asian and Pacific Islander Stories” – BasicRight
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJMqIEBf2fY

- “Unspoken: Asian Americans on Coming Out to Immigrant Parents” – Patrick G. Lee
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHih2ArX2Xg

- “Poetry and Trans Politics: Darkmatter” – The Laura Flanders Show
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNtYIBI3BFc

- “3rd Gender” – Kit Yan
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-TGpMbz7c

Films

- **Coming Out Coming Home: Asian and Pacific Islander Family Stories**
  "Through interviews with individuals and families, "Coming out, coming home" (c1996) describes efforts of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual Asian-Pacific Islanders and their families to find support, overcome homophobia, and improve their family relationships. "There is no name for this" (c.1997) features interviews with Asian and Asian-American gays, lesbians, and bisexuals about coming out to their families in the face of cultural and language barriers, and about the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance participation in San Francisco's annual Lunar New Year parade.”

- **Tales of the Waria** (2005, documentary)
  "While many in the Western world view Islam as socially repressive, in Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim country, exists a community of biological men who live openly as women-- the warias. As four warias strive to find romance, intimacy, and acceptance, they encounter unique obstacles that force them to make extraordinary sacrifices to keep the ones they love.”

- **I AM** (2011, documentary)
  "I Am chronicles the journey of an Indian lesbian filmmaker who returns to Delhi, eleven years later, to re-open what was once home, and finally confronts the loss of her mother whom she never came out to. As she meets and speaks to parents of other gay and lesbian Indians, she pieces together the fabric of what family truly means, in a landscape where being gay was until recently a criminal and punishable offense.”
- **China Dolls** (1998, documentary)
  “Aussie boys of Asian descent candidly discuss their status as a ‘minority within a minority’.”

- **The Aggressives** (2005, documentary)
  “An insightful exposé on the subculture of lesbian butches and their "femme" counterparts who tow the line between gender definitions. Filmed over five years in NYC, the featured "Aggressives" share their dreams, secrets and deepest fears.”

**Books**


**Organizations**

- **UA Queer and Trans People of Color & Two-Spirit Discussion Group**
  Contact the LGBTQ+ Resource Center for this semester’s meeting schedule

- **Banyan Tree**
  “The Banyan Tree Project is a national community mobilization and social marketing campaign to end the silence and shame surrounding HIV/AIDS in Asian and Pacific Islander (A&PI) communities.”
  [http://www.banyantreeproject.org](http://www.banyantreeproject.org)
DESI LGBTQ Helpline for South Asians (deQH)

“A South Asian LGBTQ-focused helpline run by a trained staff of volunteers. They include people from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Burma, the Maldives and Tibet, as well as diaspora/immigrant communities all over the world.”

www.deqh.org

National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)

“The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance is a federation of LGBTQ Asian American, South Asian, Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander organizations. NQAPIA seeks to build the capacity of local LGBT AAPI organizations, invigorate grassroots organizing, develop leadership, and challenge homophobia, racism, and anti-immigrant bias.”

http://www.nqapia.org

Trikone

“Trikone offers a supportive, empowering and non-judgmental environment where LGBTQ South Asians and their allies can meet, make connections, and proudly promote awareness and acceptance of their sexual identity.”

http://www.trikone.org/mission-statement