

# Asian Pacific American 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

[“Living In The Margins: A National Survey of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Asian and Pacific Islander Americans”](#) – National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

[“Family and Coming Out Issues for Asian Pacific Americans”](#) – HRC

[“Religion and Coming Out Issues for Asian Pacific Americans”](#) – HRC

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

[“Society and Coming Out Issues for Asian Pacific Americans”](#) – HRC

[“Making Queer and Trans Asian American Identities Visible”](#) – Sarah Burke

[“Asian Pacific Islander Resource Kit”](#) – GLAAD

[“That’s Not Who I Am: Calling Out and Challenging Stereotypes of Asian Americans”](#) – Whitney

## Videos

[“Our Families: LGBT Asian and Pacific Islander Stories”](#) – BasicRight

[“Unspoken: Asian Americans on Coming Out to Immigrant Parents”](#) – Patrick G. Lee

[“Poetry and Trans Politics: Darkmatter”](#) – The Laura Flanders Show

[“3<sup>rd</sup> Gender”](#) – Kit Yan

## Books

Bao, Quang, Timothy Liu, and Hanya Yanagihara (eds.) *Take Out: Queer Writing From Asian Pacific America*. Asian American Writers’ Workshop. 2000.

Kumashiro, Kevin K. (ed.) *Restoried Selves: Autobiographies of Queer Asian Pacific American Activists*. Routledge. 2004.

Piepzna-Samarasinha, Leah Lakshmi. *Bodymap*. Mawenzi House Publishers Ltd. 2015.

Piepzna-Samarasinha, Leah Lakshmi. *Dirty River: A Queer Femme of Color Dreaming Her Way Home*. Arsenal Pulp Press. 2015.

Shraya, Vivek. *She of the Mountains*. Arsenal Pulp Press. 2014.

jia qing wilson-yang. *Small Beauty*. Metonymy. 2016.

## 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."



## Organizations

### On-Campus

#### **UA Queer and Trans People of Color & Two-Spirit Discussion Group**

Contact the LGBTQA+ Resource Center for this semester's meeting schedule

#### **LGBTQA+ Support Group**

When: Tuesdays from 4-5:30 pm

Where: SUMC 412

Free and confidential

For more information, contact Martie van der Voort at [mvanderv@email.arizona.edu](mailto:mvanderv@email.arizona.edu) or 621-3334.

#### **Gender Spectrum Support Group**

When: Mondays from 3-4:00 pm

Where: Administrative Conference Room C312, Third Floor Campus Health

Cost: \$5 each week (can be billed to Bursar's.) Please check in at CAPS.

### Tucson

#### **Thornhill Lopez Center on Fourth**

<https://www.lgbtcenters.org/LGBTCenters/Center/6882/Thornhill-Lopez-Center-on-4th>

### National

#### **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>

#### **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](http://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.ngapia.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>