

AAJA Family Style Newsletter— Issue No. 35



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Moment of reflection during challenging times

From “Everything Everywhere All at Once” winning seven Oscars to Iwen Chu being elected as one of the first Asian American women in the New York Senate, our community is making history in 2023.

But these successes and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month also come at a fraught moment of rising anti-Asian hate crimes. Two years after the Atlantic spa shootings, we’ve seen back-to-back mass shootings in California earlier this year and the Texas outlet mall shooting on Sunday.

As an AAPI journalist covering underrepresented communities in the United States, I often find these moments hard to process in the newsroom—and I know others have expressed similar feelings. With that in mind, the AAJA-NY board has been working to offer a safe space for members to connect with mental health experts.

We’ve launched a [mental health series](#) to hold conversations about showing up in the world as Asian Americans. We hope you find support and community in these challenging times. The theme for this year’s AAPI month is “Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity.” For many of us in the media industry, the sweeping job cuts have left us with uncertainty, but I am happy to see that many of you have used our Slack group to support your fellow AAPI journalists and offer job opportunities. We will continue to highlight noteworthy jobs in our jobs section of this newsletter.

As always, I hope to see many of you at our events. Feel free to reach me at

aaianychapter@gmail.com if you'd like to connect or have a brilliant idea for our next event in New York.

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Announcements



TONIGHT: Final chance to get tickets

In partnership with Asia Society, we're excited to present an all-star lineup of national political reporters TONIGHT for a panel discussion on the 2024 election. The event starts at **6 p.m. tonight at Asia Society**. Use the code **ASAAJA** to [register for your free ticket](#).

AAJA-NY is taking over Barclays Center!

You're invited to join the chapter at an upcoming New York Liberty game at Barclays Center, where AAJA-NY will be honored as the **nonprofit of the game** with an on-court recognition!

It's all part of the team's AAPI Night on Saturday, May 27. The game starts at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$44.52 and can be purchased [here](#).



Just announced: Rooftop mixer in June

Come and celebrate the warmer weather at a summer rooftop party. We will be joining forces with the **Asian American Writers' Workshop** and the **AAPI community at Red Ventures**.

The [Asian American Writers' Workshop](#) is a literary arts organization founded in 1991 to support Asian American writers, literature and community.

Red Ventures is a global media company spanning a diverse range of businesses including CNET, Bankrate, The Points Guy, Lonely Planet and Best Colleges.

Please [RSVP on Eventbrite](#) and join us at Red Ventures' office next month for an evening of community with writers and journalists. Refreshments will be served.

Space is limited so we ask that only those who plan to attend the event RSVP.

Don't forget: #AAJA23 registration ends this month

AAJA's national convention in Washington, D.C., is a little over two months away and early bird registration closes on May 31. **Member rates at this time are \$315** and will rise to \$415 once early bird registration ends.

Purchase your early bird registration for #AAJA23 [here](#).

Dinah Eng Leadership Fellowship

The Dinah Eng Leadership Fellowship widens opportunities for mid-career AAJA members pursuing the strategies and skills needed to enter news management and advance within its ranks.

Fellows receive up to \$1,000 for any leadership or management development, including AAJA's Executive Leadership Program and Catalyst. The fellowship money can be used for registration fees, tuition and expenses such as transportation, meals and hotel stays.

Applications are accepted **year-round on a rolling basis**. They must be received at least three weeks before payment is due for the expense the fellowship funds will cover. Apply [here](#).

Don't forget: Renew your membership dues!

Has your membership lapsed? We have special rates that apply to current students, retired journalists, and allies who support AAJA. **Visit [here](#) to renew your membership** and don't miss out on future events.



What We're Reading

- *[M] Billboard: Ballad, Trot, OSTs and More: Get to Know Other Genres Big in Korea*
- *Axios: The Little-Known Asian American History Preserved on Angel Island*
- *Washington Post: Asian Americans Are Changing the Face of Evangelism*

- *New York Times*: For Helen Park, 'KPOP' Nod 'Feels Like an Encouragement to Continue'
- *NBC News*: The Chronically Online Third Culture Is Redefining Asian America
- *CNN*: Why Some Have Mixed Feelings About the Terms Asian American and AAPI

Note [M]: "Family Style" is now accepting member submissions for featured work. Click [here](#) to share an article you wrote, or one that you liked!

Job Openings

Christian Science Monitor: Associate Multimedia Producer

Condé Nast: Video Director

CyberRisk Alliance: Staff Reporter

WHEC: Assignment Editor

Salon: Editor, Science & Health

Wirecutter: Audience Development Manager, Social Video

Politico: New York Playbook Writer

Check out the [AAJA Career Center](#) to share your resume with prospective employers and for more job postings!

Member Highlight

Member Highlight: Lawrence Wu

Audio Producer (NPR's radio and podcast show Throughline)



AAJA member since: 2017

A memorable AAJA experience: Meeting and working with my VOICES cohort for the Philly convention!

Favorite assignment you've worked on: This episode on [the rise of Korean culture](#) (hallyu) around the world.

One person you'd like to thank career-wise: Shoutout to Frank Shyong who was my VOICES mentor—one of the most chill and down-to-earth person. Also made him cry (but in a good way) so you can ask him about it.

One food you're craving: curry fishballs

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