

# Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Resource Toolkit 2021

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. The National Women's History Museum celebrates AAPI women who have made, and are making, history as trailblazers, leaders, storytellers, and artists, both nationally and around the world. This toolkit, curated by the National Women's History Museum, offers a variety of resources to use throughout this month and beyond, including biographies, events, and programming. Happy Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month!



## May 3–7

### May 3

**Read about the origin of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month!**

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### May 4

**#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!** Learn about the life and work of trailblazing physicist Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu.

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### May 5

**Enjoy** an exciting evening from *Talk Stories: An Asian American/Asian Diaspora Storytelling Show!* The virtual event is a collaboration with the Chinese American Museum of Chicago, HANA Center, Japanese American Service Committee, National Cambodian Heritage Museum, and OCA Chicago.

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### May 6

**Join the Library of Congress** to celebrate the life work of DC Comics' chief creative officer & publisher, Jim Lee! Lee will be joined by illustrator Bernard Chang ("Generations Forged") and writers Sarah Kuhn ("Shadow of the Batgirl") and Minh Lê ("Green Lantern: Legacy") on a panel moderated by former National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Luen Yang ("Superman Smashes the Klan").

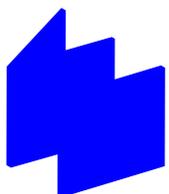
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### May 7

**#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!** Discover the entrepreneurial talent of Toni Ko, named one of *Forbes* magazine's "Richest Self-Made Women."

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## May 10–14

### May 10

**Register** to attend an event in the 2021 Legislative Leadership Summit of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies! Sessions during the four-day summit include a panel on “Realizing the Power of Representation: AAPI Women Elected Officials.”

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### May 11

**#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!** Learn about the life and work of war internee and artist Miné Okubo, who depicted Japanese and Japanese American internment during World War II.

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### May 12

**Join the Chinese Historical Society of America** for a community roundtable on how we remember, preserve, and celebrate shared history.

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### May 13

**Read about Anandibai Joshee**, the first Indian woman to earn a medical degree in western medicine in the United States!

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### May 14

**Check out Heritage iRL**, a web series engaging Asian American heritage administered by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center.

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## May 17–21

### May 17

**Don't miss *Question 27, Question 28***, a play written by Chay Yew and directed by Jully Lee to tell the experiences of Japanese American women during the World War II concentration camps. This presentation has been shortened and edited for families.

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### May 18

**#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!** Learn about Anna May Wong, the first Chinese American film star in Hollywood.

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### May 19

**Listen to a conversation with Mai Nguyen**, an innovative grain farmer in California and co-founder of the Asian American Farmers Alliance, in this podcast episode from Cal Ag Roots.

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### May 20

**#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!** Read about Patsy Mink, the first woman of color elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and the first Asian American woman to serve in Congress.

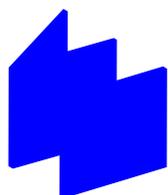
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### May 21

**Learn about Queen Mele Le'iatu Tuiasosopo Muhammad Ali**, an award-winning American Samoan film director working to combat negative images and stereotypes of original people.

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## May 24–31

### May 24

Watch **AFTEREARTH**, a 14-minute short film by director Jess X. Snow that features the stories of women like Hina Wong-Kalu, Isabella Borgeson, Kayla Briët, and Wang-Ping Oshiro fighting to preserve the land for future generations.

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### May 25

**#KnowHerName and #KnowHerStory!** Learn more about Hawaii's last reigning monarch, Queen Lili'uokalani.

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### May 26

Join researcher **Najiba Choudhury** & filmmaker **Mika Yatsunami** as they discuss the legacy of Yamanaka & Company, founded by Japanese American art dealers who endured discrimination and forced sales of their property during World War II. The event, hosted through the Asian Art Museum, will also include a screening of Yatsunami's short film, *An Uninterrupted View of the Sea*.

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### May 27

Tune in to the **National Book Festival Presents series** for a discussion with Cathy Park Hong (*Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*) and novelist Wayétu Moore (*The Dragons, the Giant, the Women*) as they discuss how their memoirs, both nominees for the 2020 National Book Critics Circle Award in Autobiography, give voice to history and speak to the present moment.

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### May 28

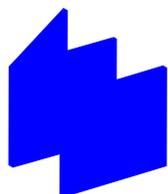
**Celebrate** South Asian American women's stories with this article from the South Asian American Digital Archive!

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### May 31

**Learn about Cristeta Comerford**, one of the most revered Filipino chefs in the world! She became the first woman and first Asian American to serve as White House executive chef in 2005.

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