## Levin College Dean's Forum

in conjunction with a Brown Bag Film Series and Gallery Exhibit throughout the month of May

# AsiaTown & the Asian American Experience

In celebrating Cleveland Asian Festival's 10-year anniversary and National Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, the Levin College has partnered with Cleveland Asian Festival and OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates, Greater Cleveland to present AsiaTown and the Asian American Experience Dean's Forum, Brown Bag Film Series, and Gallery Exhibit.

#### DEAN'S FORUM | THURSDAY, MAY 16 @ 4 - 6 PM

Ohio is home to over 238,000 Asian-Americans with almost 67,000 living in the Cleveland Metropolitan area and over 39,000 in Cuyahoga County. When the first Chinese arrived in Cleveland in 1870, Chinatown formed, relocated twice, and eventually evolved to our present day AsiaTown. For many years, AsiaTown remained a hidden gem that unveiled itself more widely in recent years due in part to the popularity of the Cleveland Asian Festival and the growing Asian Pacific American (APA) community. Regardless of where Asian Pacific Americans live, work, or play they have a connection with Cleveland's AsiaTown. Hear our diverse group of panelists talk about their own personal experiences, perspectives or AsiaTown, and the future of the APA community in Cleveland.

### BROWN BAG FILM SERIES | MAY 1, 8, 22 @ 12 - 1 PM

**May 1** | The Chinese Exclusion Act "Who Is American?: Immigration, Exclusion, and the American Dream | Bonda Board Room, UR 254

May 8 | Oral History - Documentary of Japanese Americans - Cleveland's Japanese American's experience from internment camp to relocating to the City of Cleveland | Bonda Board Room, UR 254

May 22 | OCA Image TV AsiaTown Highlights | Sweet Seminar Room, UR 241

#### GALLERY EXHIBIT | MAY 1 - MAY 31, 2019

"Faces of Chinatown" is an extensive photography exhibit capturing the evolution of the historic neighborhood, Cleveland's Chinatown. The exhibit combines the works of award-winning artists, including Steve Cagan, Luanne Bole-Becker and Bob Becker, and Katie (Major) Melnick.



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