Each summer, APIMEDA Program and Services will coordinate an APIMEDA Lunch & Learn summer reading series. We will identify readings that staff and faculty can read, and then come together to discuss the readings, gain further insight, and think about the ways that the reading can better inform the ways that we work to serve our students at UC San Diego.

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An APIMEDA Programs and Services professional development opportunity for UC San Diego staff and faculty.
Much of the literature related to Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern American students is currently emerging. Students currently in higher education and student affairs degree programs are rarely assigned readings about working with APIMEDA students, and if they are, they are usually specific to Asian American students, and rarely discuss with any detail the broad diversity within that population.

The **APIMEDA Lunch & Learn** summer reading series will offer UC San Diego staff and faculty the opportunity to read literature about APIMEDA college students, to come together throughout the summer to discuss the selected readings, and to share ways that this information can be used to support our students. While readings may be related to a specific functional area, the reality that we all interact with our students about multiple parts of their life and college experience means that each reading will be relevant to all of our work.

About the Program

**Here’s how it works:**

- Each summer, APIMEDA Programs and Services will make a selection of readings. Readings will have some sort of progression or theme specific to that summer. Instructions to gain access to each of the readings will be made available through our website, apimeda.ucsd.edu/resources/staff-faculty.html.
- Staff and faculty can review the curriculum and register to attend as many discussions as will fit in their schedules through the link provided with the readings. We recommend that participants attend at least three sessions.
- Staff and faculty will gather on the dates listed in the registration. The sessions will help participants understand the readings and provide a space to discuss the implications for application of the information to our work.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches.

Use the QR Code to view the information on the APIMEDA Programs and Services website.

Why join us this summer?

You’ll get to spend some time taking advantage of the resources that accompany being at a research university with a vast library. Many of the readings are available online because our Library has a subscription that allows anyone to view these works from the comfort of their desks.

You’ll also join a campus community of people invested in learning more and making our campus and resources for students better.

Participants attending a full session will be entered into a drawing for each full session they attend. Drawing will be for items to help them with their professional development, like books or other tools.