

Lifting Up Asian American and Pacific Islander Staff Voices



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Favorite Book: Frederick Douglass Speeches and Writings

Favorite Food: Anything Thai

Favorite Song: The songs that I can belt into a karaoke microphone, such as "Total Eclipse of the Heart".

Favorite Movie: Parasite



"I immigrated to the US from the Philippines at the age of 3. My parents left to get away from the authoritarian Marcos regime. It was a struggle to navigate who I was, having 2 cultures and the inevitable generational issues that accompany that. But now, looking back, I consider myself so lucky for having the benefit of those experiences. They made me a stronger person, more empathetic, and a clearer critical thinker.

"Food is the basis for all my family's traditions. One of our favorites is a Filipino dessert called espasol: a kind of coconut mochi made from toasted glutinous rice flower and coconut milk. After decades of testing out endless proportions, we have perfected it."