



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

EAST ASIAN STUDIES CENTER

# 2024 THE INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE STUDIES PRESENTS:

## "SURVIVING 'TWIN PANDEMICS': DIVERSE RESILIENCES OF GLOBAL ASIAN IMMIGRANT MOTHERS IN THE US"

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Based on virtual ethnography, interviews, and personal experience narratives collected in 2020-2023, this study examines the stories, experiences, struggles, and resiliences of global Asian immigrant mothers in the US during the "twin pandemics" of Covid-19 and racisms. I explore how these mothers have moved forward by recognizing the breadth and depth of the pandemics' destruction, developing various coping strategies, creating diverse individual and collective forms of resiliences, and advocating for social justice. By examining critical perspectives on the concepts of resiliences in diverse fields, including folklore studies, ecology, psychology, ethnomusicology, and public health, I integrate individual, cultural, and political resilience frameworks to illustrate how diverse forms or resiliences have been cultivated and played roles in constituting global Asian immigrant mothers' national, racial, ethnic, and gendered subjectivities and agencies. This study also helps us rethink how we could carry on and live meaningful lives in the face of trauma, loss, hatred, tragedy, and absurdity.



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3:00-4:30pm  
Pomerene Hall 150**