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The story of Danny Chen, a homegrown NYC Chinatown boy who died in Afghanistan

<http://nymag.com/print/?/news/features/danny-chen-2012-1/> **(hold CTRL key down and left click on your mouse.**

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The City University of New York is seeking job applicants for the **CUNY Thomas Tam Visiting Professorship** for the 2012-2013 academic year. Applications are due Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

The Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professor will be based at one of the four CUNY campuses participating in the search, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, Queens College or the Graduate Center. He or she will teach one class a semester at that campus and will engage with students and faculty members during the appointment. The Dr. Thomas Tam Visiting Professor will participate in public events designed to raise the visibility of scholarship in Asian American studies.

This distinctive position presents an opportunity for a leading scholar to work in New York City's diverse and dynamic environment while also working with AAARI and CUNY faculty to develop and enrich the CUNY research agenda in Asian American studies.

Qualifications: An earned terminal degree is required. Demonstrated teaching, and substantial research experience, expertise and publications on the Asian American experience are required. Areas of focus may include: trends and evolution of Asian American communities, civic and political engagement, entrepreneurship and economic development, religious and ethnic identity, gender and sexuality, intergenerational relations, critical race theory, Diaspora and transnational experiences and communities and others.

For more information on how to apply for the CUNY Thomas Tam Professorship, please visit <http://is.gd/4SJ1KF>

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One of our own makes good. In case you haven't read about him recently, the new phenom for the NY Knicks is Jeremy Lin.

<http://www.usatoday.com/sports/basketball/nba/story/2012-02-09/Lins-third-career-high-in-a-row-leads-Knicks-past-Lakers/53045018/1>

MISCELLANEOUS

Here's an interesting look at the Chinatowns all over the world.

http://www.chinatownology.com/chinatowns_of_the_world.html **(hold CTRL key down and left click on your mouse.**

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The Changing Face of America's Chinatowns

<http://www.npr.org/2011/12/31/144516153/the-changing-face-of-americas-chinatowns>

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The various Asian New Years....

Chinese New Year, also known as the **Spring Festival**, celebrates the coming of happiness, wealth, longevity, luck, and prosperity over a two week period. Before the arrival of Chinese New Year's, families focus on cleaning the house to sweep away all ill-fortunes away to make way for incoming good luck. On Chinese New Year's Eve, large family reunion dinners are held with foods served representing wealth, happiness, and good fortune.

Tết, the **Vietnamese Lunar New Year**, is prepared with the cooking of special holiday foods like *Banh Chung* and displaying kumquat trees or flower branches for good luck. People visit relatives and neighbors to bring good wishes and children get *Li Xi* (red envelopes with lucky money) from elders. While the other 11 zodiac animals are the same between the Chinese and Vietnamese Lunar New Year, the Vietnamese zodiac uses the "cat" rather than the "rabbit" symbol for this year.

The **Korean New Year**, known as **SoInal**, is celebrated as a three day family-oriented holiday. Individuals travel to their hometowns to visit their family members and to conduct memorial services for their ancestors, *charye*, to celebrate family-ties. Many people drink *gui balki soo*, a special liquor that is thought to help you hear clearly all year long.

The **Tibetan New Year**, **Losar**, is celebrated anywhere between 1-15 days. Monasteries prepare for the New Year by cleaning and put up their finest decorations. On the dawn of Losar, a 'sacrificial cake', tor ma, is offered to the highest power of Dharma protectors, the goddess Palden Lhamo.

The **Mongolian Lunar New Year**, **Tsagaan Sar**, is often celebrated in the home dwelling of the eldest in the family. Homes and barns are cleaned on Bituun, the day before Tsagaan Sar, in order to meet the New Year fresh. On the day of Tsagaan Sar, a lavish feast is held, often requiring preparation of days in advance.

Lunar New Year is an important holiday for many cultures to bring family together, push out the ill fortunes, and bring in good luck.