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# THE SLANTS



**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

**Noon - 1pm**

## **Portland Building 2nd Floor Auditorium**

**The Slants** are known as the first all-Asian American dance rock band in the world. The band was founded by Simon Tam in 2006 in Portland, Oregon. Often compared with 80's synth-pop bands such as Depeche Mode, New Order, and Joy Division, as well as modern acts such as The Killers and The Bravery, the band often refers to their sound as "Chinatown Dance Rock." All five members of the current lineup are of Asian Pacific Islander descent and they are well known for their involvement with the Asian American community, often playing at large cultural festivals and anime conventions, and fighting racist ideas/stereotypes.

**Simon Tam will be speaking about the legal case regarding The Slants' name and its implications in terms of systemic racism, equity, and issues of identity in the Asian community. The Slants will also be performing music.**

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