RASO is a student organization that aims to create an outlet for Asian Studies majors to converse with professors as well as connect students across the major. RASO serves as a link between Asian Studies on campus and Asian resources in Houston and seeks to increase visibility of the major as well as provide guidance within it.

**Rice Asian Studies Review (RASR)**

Members of RASO manage the *Rice Asian Studies Review* (RASR), an undergraduate Asia-focused academic journal with articles authored by Rice undergraduates.

**Asia Across the Disciplines Speaker Series**

In this speaker series, Rice professors speak on the benefits and limits of studying Asia through their respective field of study.

- **Dr. Steven Lewis**: Asia through Political Science (March 7)
  - Topic: Understanding Political Reform in China: The End of Decentralization and Chinese Federalism?
- **Dr. David Cook**: Asia through Religious Studies (April 13)
  - Topic: Challenge of Salafi-jihadism in Asia

**Career Speaker Series**

We invite speakers to discuss the importance of studying Asia and how they have been able to use Asian Studies in their career.

- **Julie Kavanagh**, US Foreign Service Officer and Diplomat in Residence for Texas (March 20)
  - Topic: The Practice of Diplomacy: Real-Life Experiences from China, Russia, and Around the World
- **Diane and Willet Feng**, Burger-Chan Owner and Asian Studies Alumni (April 4)
  - Topic: Your Major Doesn’t Define Your Future, but It Helps Pave the Way

**Other Activities**

- Asian Studies Focus Group (March 2)
- Asia Pub Night (March 30)
- RASR Release Party (April 20)
- RASO Finals Study Break (End of April)
- RASO T-Shirts and Water Bottles