# THE BIG IDEA SPRING 2025 ASIAN STORIES FROM THE HEARTLAND

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Dr. Aileen Wang, Curator, Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University.



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