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# Asian Mode

## From the Section Chair

Mary Yu Danico

It's mind boggling to think that four months have passed since we last saw each other at the ASA meetings in Boston. As a section, we have been working collectively to think about ways in which we can support each other's research and teaching, encourage new membership, and provide a site where information, advocacy, and mentorship is possible. We are also a vibrant section committed to collaboration and coalition within our association. We started a tradition of co-sponsoring our reception with the Racial and Ethnic Minority section and hope to expand our efforts with inviting others to celebrate our many accomplishments with our colleagues who work across ethnic and racial lines. While our sections continue to provide a forum for shared interest in research, so many of us now are engaged in cross-racial/ethnic sections and with LGBT sections as well. It's an exciting time for us in the ASA, where we cheered on Evelyn Nakano Glenn as the first Asian American president of the association.

From the leadership group, Emily Ignacio had to step down as Secretary/Treasurer due to conflicting demands, but we were so fortunate to have Jiannbin Lee Shiao from Dartmouth step in as an emergency appointment to take over the role. We are all very thankful for his energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to our section. Together with our graduate student representative, Sabeen Sandhu, from UC Irvine, we have a solid team working diligently to get the newsletter and website up and accessible to our members.

Many changes have occurred in our association and section, but more has happened in our domestic and international communities. We made history by electing the very first biracial African American as our 44<sup>th</sup> president. The sentiments of *change and hope* grasped our national imagination, and we appeared more hopeful for change. However, it became ever more glaring that gender politics continue to haunt strong powerful women and that the notion of *separate but equal* lingers in our nation. In California, Arizona, and Florida we saw how rights of Gay and Lesbian citizens could be taken away by the will of the majority, despite the statement of the law or what is socially just and right.

As sociologists, it is an amazing time to follow our economic rollercoaster which transcends the US border to Asia, Europe, Latin America, and throughout the globe and wonder how everyday people in the US and around the globe will cope and work through this *finally declared recession*. The legacy of two wars, and the ongoing acts of violence abroad and at home, keeps many of us busy trying to make sense of our changing world. From natural disasters in Indonesia, civil unrest in Thailand, and the

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## About *Asian Mode*

*Asian Mode* is the newsletter of the Section on Asia and Asian America of the American Sociological Association and is edited by Jiannbin Lee Shiao, Section Secretary/Treasurer, Sociology Dept., 6104 Silsby Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 03755; [Jiannbin.L.Shiao@Dartmouth.edu](mailto:Jiannbin.L.Shiao@Dartmouth.edu); Phone: 603-646-8160; Fax: 603-646-1228. Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome. Previous issues can be found online at: <http://www2.asanet.org/sectionasia/news-archive.html>.

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continued presence of terrorism as demonstrated in Mumbai illustrate how we are all connected and intertwined as a diasporic community who not only look at issues facing us in America but in Asia as well.

What is clear in our section is that we are a community committed to better understand what is happening in our world and are actively working to ask the questions that will hopefully lead to change that is on-going. Despite the harsh realities, we also take pride in celebrating the accomplishments of our members and sharing such information with everyone. If you have news to share whether it's getting tenure or promotion; publishing articles, policy reports, or books; teaching highlights, awards, or travels; and/or highlighting community work, activism, or research please let me know, and I will make every effort to share the great news with folks. We are a section that wants to share information, be in the know, and collectively work toward a shared vision of serving our discipline and supporting our colleagues.

At the August meetings we applauded the works of our colleagues by recognizing them for their scholarship, teaching, early careers impact, and our up and coming graduate students. Our tradition of celebrating the accomplishments of our colleagues will continue in San Francisco so I encourage you to nominate those who should be recognized in a few months.

It is an honor to serve as the chair of this section, and I am thankful for our officers and council members and student representatives for their due diligence and helping our section grow and thrive. I also thank Min Zhou our outgoing chair for her unyielding support and leadership last year. I hope that you enjoy our newsletter and I look forward to hearing from you in the coming months!

Best,  
Mary Yu Danico  
California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona

## 2008 Section Award Winners & Honorees

### 2008 Book Award:

#### Co-Winners:

- Monisha Das Gupta. 2006. *Unruly Immigrants: Rights, Activism, and Transnational South Asian Politics in the United States*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Moon-Kie Jung. 2006. *Reworking Race: The Making of Hawaii's Interracial Labor Movement*. New York: Columbia University Press.

### 2008 Research Paper Award:

**Winner:** Kelly H. Chong. 2006. "Negotiating Patriarchy: South Korean Evangelical Women and the Politics of Gender." *Gender and Society* 20: pp. 697-724.

### 2008 Graduate Student Paper Award:

**Winner:** Leslie Kim Wang (University of California, Berkeley). "Multicultural Negotiations in a Chinese State-Run Orphanage." Unpublished manuscript, Department of Sociology, U.C. Berkeley.

**Honorable Mention:** Hae Yeon Choo (University of Wisconsin-Madison). 2006. "Gendered Modernity and Ethnicized Citizenship: North Korean Settler in Contemporary South Korea." *Gender & Society* 20: pp. 576-604.

### 2008 Early Career Award:

**Winner:** Dina Okamoto, University of California, Davis

**Honorable Mention:** Angie Chung, University at Albany

*Congratulations to all of the award winners and honorees!*

## Meet Your Section Officers

**Chair:** Mary Yu Danico, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (2008-2009)

**Chair-Elect:** Yanjie Bian, University of Minnesota (2008-2009)

**Past-Chair:** Min Zhou, University of California, Los Angeles (2007-2008)

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Jiannbin L. Shiao, Dartmouth College (Interim 2008-09)

### Council Members:

Nadia Kim (2008)  
Carolyn Chen (2009)  
Xiaoling Shu (2009)  
Lisa Park (2010)  
Angie Chung (2010)  
Rebecca Kim (2010)  
Xiaogang Wu (2011)  
Yong Cai (2011)

### Student Representative:

Christine Oh (2008)  
Sabeen Sandhu (2009)

### Officers:



**Mary Yu Danico** is Professor of Sociology and the Interim Director of the Michi and Walter Wegyn Endowed Chair of Multicultural Studies at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Her main areas of research include international migration; ethnic and racial relations; Korean American

diaspora, ethnic identity and 1.5 and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation; immigrant families; and Asian American youth. She has published many articles and book chapters, and is the author of *The 1.5 Generation: Becoming Korean American in Hawaii* (University of Hawaii Press, 2004), *Asian American Issues* (Greenwood Press, 2004), and is currently finishing up her co-edited book, *Transforming the Ivory Tower:*

*Challenging Racism, Sexism, and Heterosexism in Higher Education*. Danico is currently working on her 3<sup>rd</sup> book project: *Korean American Diaspora: Constructing Communities and Fluid Transnational Boundaries* and is finishing up her research on low-income Asian Pacific Islander youth in Orange County. She advocates for underrepresented students and junior scholars and is currently working with departments and organizations throughout the nation to participate in a National Campaign to read *Years of Infamy* by Michi Weglyn and participate in a national teach-in on or around the Day of Remembrance, February 19, 2009.



**Yanjie Bian** is Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota, the funding director of the Survey Research Center at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and the co-PI of the Chinese General Social Survey. His areas of research are social stratification and mobility, social networks, economic sociology, and contemporary Chinese society. An author and co-editor of seven books, he has published numerous journal articles and book chapters in English and Chinese. His most recent research is about the roles social networks play in Chinese transitional economy.



**Min Zhou** is Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her main areas of research include international migration; ethnic and racial relations; ethnic entrepreneurship, education and the new second generation; Asia and Asian America; and urban sociology. She has published more than 100 refereed journal articles and book chapters, some of which have translated and published in Chinese, Korean, Spanish, French, and Portuguese. She is the author of *Chinatown: The Socioeconomic Potential of an Urban Enclave* (Temple

University Press, 1992), *The Transformation of Chinese America* (Sanlian Publishers, 2006), and *Contemporary Chinese America: Immigration, Ethnicity, and Community Transformation* (Temple University Press, 2009); co-author of *Growing up American: How Vietnamese Children Adapt to Life in the United States* (1998); co-editor of *Contemporary Asian America* (New York University Press, 2nd ed., 2007) and *Asian American Youth: Culture, Identity, and Ethnicity* (Routledge, 2004). Zhou is currently working on two book projects: *Chinatown, Koreatown, and Beyond: How Ethnicity Matters for Immigrant Education* (Blackwell, forthcoming) and *Los Angeles' New Second Generation: Mobility, Identity, and the Making of a New American Metropolis* (with Jennifer Lee).



**Jiannbin Lee Shiao** is Associate Professor of Sociology at Dartmouth College. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. His research interests are in interracial intimacy, genomics, racial-ethnic identity, transracial adoption, and organizational diversity policy. He published his book, *Identifying Talent, Institutionalizing Diversity: Race and Philanthropy in Post-Civil Rights America* (Duke University Press) in 2005 and has published articles in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Asian American Policy Review*, *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, and *Race and Society*.

#### Council Members (in alphabetical order):



**Yong Cai** is Assistant Professor of Sociology at University of Utah. His research interests range from social demography, comparative sociology, to sociology of health, with a strong empirical focus on

China. He is currently working on a project aimed at facilitating China's transition away from its "one-child" policy by examining the social and economic implications of below replacement fertility in a global context.



**Carolyn Chen** is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and the Program in Asian American Studies at Northwestern University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2002. Her research interests include religion, immigration, race and ethnicity. She recently published her book, *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Conversion* (Princeton, 2008).



**Angie Y. Chung** is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University at Albany. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles in 2001 and has served as Visiting Professor at Yonsei and Korea University. Her areas of expertise include immigration and the second generation, community and urban sociology, race and ethnicity, Asian American studies, qualitative methods, and gender and family. She recently released her book *Legacies of Struggle: Conflict and Cooperation in Korean American Politics* (Stanford University Press, 2007).



**Nadia Kim** is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Loyola Marymount University. She received a doctorate in sociology at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 2003 and was a faculty member at Brandeis University until 2007. Her research interests are "race"/ethnicity/nation, immigration/transnationalism, gender and intersectionality, and social movements. Her book was recently published in 2008: *Imperial Citizens: Koreans and Race from Seoul to L.A.*

(Stanford University Press). She has also won paper awards, been an ASA Minority Fellow, and an SSRC Summer Institute participant.



**Rebecca Y. Kim** is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Pepperdine University. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles in 2003.

Her research interests are in immigration, the second-generation, and religion. She recently published her book, *God's New Whiz Kids? Korean American Evangelicals on Campus* (NYU Press, 2006). She is currently the director of the ethnic studies program at Pepperdine University.



**Lisa Sun-Hee Park** is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota. She received her doctorate in sociology from Northwestern University. Her areas of research and teaching include immigration, environmental justice, urban social policy, and Asian American Studies. In addition to journal articles and book chapters, she has published two books: *Consuming Citizenship: Children of Asian Immigrant Entrepreneurs* (Stanford University Press, 2005) and *Silicon Valley of Dreams: Immigrant Labor, Environmental Injustice, and the High Tech Global Economy* (co-authored with David N. Pellow, NYU Press, 2002).



**Xiaoling Shu** is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Davis. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1997.

Her research interests include social stratification, gender, quantitative

methods, life course, social demography, and comparative studies. She has published in *Social Forces*, *Sociology of Education*, *Social Science Research*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* and *Social Science Quarterly*. Her current research focuses on the impact of globalization and marketization on gender inequalities and value orientations in urban China.



**Xiaogang Wu** is Associate Professor of Social Science at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He received his Ph.D. in

Sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles in 2001, and spent two years at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor as an Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow (2001-2003). His research interests include social stratification and mobility, labor markets and economic sociology, and quantitative methodology. He has published in *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, and *Demography*. He has received the prestigious National Academy of Education/Spencer Post-doctoral Fellowship (2006), the Best Paper Award on Asia (2006) and the Asian and Asian American Early Career Award (2007) from the American Sociological Association.

**Student Representative:**



**Christine Oh** is a Post-doctoral Research Associate in the Graduate Studies of Education and Information Studies at the University of

California at Los Angeles. She recently received her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California at Irvine in 2008. Her research interests are in immigration, the second generation, the sociology of education, and mental health. She is currently leading an evaluative California Statewide Study on high school afterschool programs

that help students of color academically navigate through school.



**Sabeen Sandhu** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Irvine. She is presently an

adjunct instructor at Santa Clara University and Las Positas College. Her soon to be completed dissertation explores the culture of success among Asian Indian elites in California's Southland and the Silicon Valley.

## Call for Submissions for the 2009 ASA Meeting in San Francisco

*The Submission System is now open. The deadline for all paper submissions is Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 3:00pm EST.*

**Section Session: Political and Civil Engagement in Asian American Communities (open submission)**

- Organizer: Mary Yu Danico, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona [[mkydanico@csupomona.edu](mailto:mkydanico@csupomona.edu)]

**Section Roundtables: Asia and Asian America: Issues, Challenges, and Prospects (open submission)**

- Organizer: Yanjie Bian, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities [[bianx001@umn.edu](mailto:bianx001@umn.edu)]

*Please Also Note...*

**Full Submission Information:**  
[http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/meetings/2009\\_call\\_for\\_papers](http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/meetings/2009_call_for_papers)

**Section Session: China after 30 years of reform: Findings from Chinese GSS (invited speakers)**

- Organizer: Yanjie Bian, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

**Regular Session: Asians and Asian Americans (open submission)**

- Organizer: Wenquan Charles Zhang, Texas A&M University

## Call for Nominations for the 2009 Section Awards

*The deadline for all 2008-09 award nominations is March 31, 2009.*

### Book Award

The Asia and Asian American section invites nomination letters and materials for the Asian and Asian American Section book award. Each year we rotate the nominations between books on Asia and books on Asian America. This year the award will go to **the most outstanding book on Asia**. Eligible books must be published during either 2007 or 2008.

Please send a nomination or a self-nomination letter along with a copy of the book to each of the Book Award Co-Chairs:

**Professor Xiaoling Shu (Co-Chair)**

Department of Sociology  
University of California, Davis  
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**Professor Zhenchao Qian (Co-Chair)**

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### Research Paper Award

Nominations (including self-nominations) are invited for the Section's Research Paper Award. Each year we rotate the nominations between papers on Asia and papers on Asian America. This year we plan to give the award for **an outstanding paper on Asia**. Eligible papers must be published during either 2007 or 2008. Nomination and self-nomination letters should be no more than 2 pages stating the significance and innovations of the paper.

Send one copy of the paper along with nomination letter(s) to the Research Paper Award Chair:

**Professor Yong Cai (Chair)**

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University of Utah  
380 S 1530 RM 301  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112  
Email: [yong.cai@soc.utah.edu](mailto:yong.cai@soc.utah.edu)

### Graduate Student Paper Award

The section will award a prize to the best graduate student paper addressing **any topic in the sociology of either Asia or Asian America**. The winner receives a cash prize of \$300 at the annual meeting. Entries should be double spaced with 12 point font and not exceed 30 pages in length (including all references, tables, and figures). Papers may be published, under consideration for publication, or accepted for a panel at the ASA. Papers may be co-authored, but the student should be the lead author. Papers may be submitted by students or by professors on behalf of their students.

Send three copies of the paper with all identifying information to the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee:

**Professor Carolyn Chen (Chair)**

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Clearwater Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong  
Email: [sowu@ust.hk](mailto:sowu@ust.hk)

### Outstanding Teaching Award

The Asia and Asian American Section invites nominations for the Outstanding Teaching Award for a scholar who teaches courses in the Sociology of Asia or Asian American communities. A nomination letter of no more than 2 pages should address the nominee's qualifications for the award and highlight the contributions of the scholar's work.

Please direct three copies of the nomination letter and the nominee's curriculum vitae to the Teaching Award Committee Chair:

**Professor Min Zhou (Chair)**

Department of Sociology  
University of California, Los Angeles  
264 Haines Hall, 375 Portola Plaza  
Los Angeles, Ca 90095-1551  
Email: [mzhou@soc.ucla.edu](mailto:mzhou@soc.ucla.edu)

### Early Career Award

This award recognizes a scholar in the early stage of her/his career (no more than 10 years post Ph.D. award date) and who is conducting exemplary research on the sociology of Asia or Asian American communities. A nomination letter of no more than 3 pages should address the nominee's qualifications for the award and highlight the significance of the scholar's work.

Three sets of the nomination letter and the nominee's vitae should be sent to the Early Career Award Committee Chair:

**Professor Mary Danico (Chair)**

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Pomona, CA 91768  
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# Selected Opportunities

*Announcements of jobs and other opportunities can be found on the section homepage at:*

<http://www2.asanet.org/sectionasia/index.html>.

## Fellowships

**The UCLA Institute of American Cultures**, in cooperation with UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, offers a fellowship to postdoctoral/visiting scholars to support research on Asian Americans. The 2009-10 fellowship includes a stipend that ranges from \$32,000 to \$35,000, up to \$4,000 in research support, and health benefits. Appointments are for a 9-month period beginning on October 1, 2009. The fellow/scholar is expected to devote full time to study and research and accept no other form of employment. The fellow/scholar will also teach a 10-week undergraduate OR graduate seminar based on his or her research with the Department of Asian American Studies. Applications are due by **January 16, 2009**.

- **Full information:** <http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/iacweb/postdoc.pdf>.

**The Asian American Studies Program (AASP) at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign** seeks two postdoctoral fellows for the 2009-2010 academic year. Applicants should conduct research germane to Asian American studies. Proposed research projects should have the potential to make a significant contribution to the field. The stipend for 2009-2010 year will be \$42,000. In addition, \$5,000 will be provided for research, travel, and related expenses. Full fringe benefits will be available during the 12-month appointment period. The program will provide the fellow with office space and

routine office support for photocopying, faxing, mailing, etc. To guarantee full consideration, application materials should be submitted to the AASP office by 5:00 p.m. on **February 27, 2009**.

- **Full information:** <http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu/news-0910postdoc.html>.

## Calls for Papers

**AAPI Nexus** will publish a special issue on Asian American and Pacific Islander K-12 Education, in Winter/Spring 2009. Professor Peter Kiang, University of Massachusetts, Boston, is the consulting Guest Editor working with the editorial staff on this volume. If you are interested in submitting a manuscript, please send or email a letter of intent with the title and a very short descriptive paragraph of the proposed paper to the editors for review. If you have a prepared paper, you may also submit the paper at the same time. Deadline for Letter of Intent: **December 31, 2008**. Deadline for Manuscript Submissions: **March 31, 2009**.

- **Full information:** <http://www.aasc.ucla.edu/archives/nexuscall2.htm>.

**The University of Chicago's Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, and the Lesbian/Gay Studies Project of the Center for Gender Studies** invite paper proposals for a symposium on Asian American sexualities to be held on March 7, 2009, and which will become a special issue of *Amerasia Journal*, the core journal in the field of Asian American Studies for the last 40 years. We welcome paper proposals on any aspect of sexuality among Asian American subjects or communities, both historically and in the present, from any disciplinary or interdisciplinary perspective. Proposals should be sent electronically by **January 7, 2009**. Paper proposals should not be more than two single-spaced pages and should be accompanied by a short two-page resumé. All travel and accommodation expenses will be paid by the University

of Chicago for those presenters selected for the symposium.

- **Full information:** <http://csrpc.uchicago.edu/resources.shtml>.

**The Race & Ethnic Studies Institute at Texas A&M University** (<http://resi.tamu.edu/>) convenes a symposium every other year, and the proposed theme for the 2008-2009 year is *Shifting Terrains: Inequalities in the 21st Century*, and the symposium itself is to focus on Race, Ethnicity, and (New) Media. The explosion of work on New Media (including the Internet, mobile devices, Web 2.0) and the juxtaposition and overlap between 'old' media (radio, television, film, and mass-print media) and New Media is a rich field of cultural production and scholarly research in which scholars of race and ethnicity have not been particularly well-represented. However, there are cutting edge scholars who do indeed explore various aspects of race/ethnicity and (New) Media (including audience/fan studies, representations of racial and ethnic identities in a variety of media, identity-focused online communities, etc.). We invite such scholars to submit papers with the intention of presenting work that deals with these topics during a 2 1/2 day interdisciplinary symposium, with several keynote speakers, including Dr. Lisa Nakamura and Dr. Henry Bial. We intend that a number of these papers will be compiled into an edited volume intended for publication, and that all papers and participants will have the opportunity to upload their papers on our developing interactive website for scholarly exchange on working papers. **Submissions:** 500 word abstracts or full papers of no more than 8000 words (including notes and references) should be submitted to: [gatson@tamu.edu](mailto:gatson@tamu.edu) and [resi@tamu.edu](mailto:resi@tamu.edu) by **December 31, 2008**.

- **Full information:** <http://resi.tamu.edu/symposium.php>

# Years of Infamy National Reading Campaign

Mary Yu Danico  
Interim Director, Michi and Walter  
Weglyn Endowed Chair of Multicultural  
Studies, California State Polytechnic  
University, Pomona

The year 2009 marks the 10-year anniversary of Michi Weglyn's passing. In tribute to her life and commitment to social justice and peace, I ask you to join me in the national campaign to read *Years of Infamy* and hold a national teach-in on or around the Day of Remembrance (February 19, 2009). Weglyn's seminal writing challenged us all to challenge and reexamine social injustices facing disenfranchised and silenced communities. Phil Nash, an ardent supporter of civil rights and close friend of Michi and Walter Weglyn, wrote about the role *Years of Infamy* had on the redress movement. He wrote,

*By the time Years of Infamy was published in 1976, piecemeal activities to redress the unjust wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans had already taken place. What the movement for redress still lacked, however, was a clear refutation of the claim, made by President Roosevelt and other military and civilian officials in 1941, that a "military necessity" had existed for the mass detention of Japanese Americans. Several wartime Supreme Court decisions, an official Pearl Harbor inquiry, and other governmental actions made the camps seem justifiable in the minds of Japanese Americans and many other Americans. As Weglyn herself said in the Preface to her book, "With profound remorse, I believed, as did numerous Japanese Americans, that somehow the stain of dishonor we collectively felt for the treachery of Pearl Harbor must be eradicated, however great the sacrifice, however little we were responsible for it....In*

*an inexplicable spirit of atonement and with great sadness, we went with our parents to concentration camps.*

*The release of Years of Infamy in 1976 finally gave redress advocates the facts they needed to press their righteous claims in the courts and in Congress. The redress movement's efforts led to a 1988 law giving \$20,000 per former internee, and it was research done by Weglyn and other activist-scholars such as Aiko Yoshinaga-Herzig that made the difference for Congressional skeptics and critics. Weglyn also was a key backer of the William Hohri et al. versus United States class action redress lawsuit in the 1980s and the Heart Mountain draft resisters, who refused, on principle, to be drafted to fight for freedom when they themselves were living behind barbed wire. Until just weeks ago, she served as a resource person for Japanese American railroad workers, Japanese Latin Americans, and anyone else who had been denied redress compensation for any reason. (Asian Week, Vol. 20, No. 35. Thursday, April 29, 1999)*

The meticulous documentation of wrongdoings done to Japanese Americans echo the reality of continued injustices that haunt many people living in the U.S. *Years of Infamy* is often used and referred to when teaching classes or topics on social movements, post-9/11 issues, Guantanamo Bay, same-sex marriage discrimination, and more.

I will be updating our website in the coming months to include all universities engaged in this campaign to read and then discuss *Years of Infamy* on or around the Day of Remembrance (February 19 2009). I will also establish a list to keep you all updated on the national campaign. I look forward to our collective action to address and challenge social injustices facing all groups in the US and globally. I look forward to your participation. Please email me directly to confirm your participation in the

National Reading Campaign honoring our activists, scholars, and community leaders on the Day of Remembrance.

Please provide the following information:

- Name:
- Institutional Affiliation:
- Department:
- Class or community site where the reading will be assigned:
- Website or other links where you may publicize this event:

If you would like to share this information with other groups who may want to participate in the campaign, feel free to forward this information along. Please join this national reading campaign!

## Notes on Section Members

**Angie Chung** was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University at Albany.

**Mary Yu Danico** was recently promoted to Full Professor and appointed as the Interim Director of the Michi and Walter Weglyn Endowed Chair of Multicultural Studies at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

**Pawan Dhingra** published "Committed to Ethnicity, Committed to America: How Second-Generation Indian Americans' Ethnic Boundaries Further Their Americanisation" in *Journal of Intercultural Studies* (2008, 29(1): pp. 41-63) and also "Trying to Be Authentic, But Not Too Authentic: Second Generation Hindu Americans in Dallas, TX" in *Immigrants Outside Megalopolis: Ethnic Transformation in the Heartland* edited by Richard C. Jones (Lexington Books, 2008). In addition, he has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Asian American Studies* (JAAS), the official

journal of the Association for Asian American Studies.

**Nadia Kim** published *Imperial Citizens: Koreans and Race from Seoul to L.A.* (Stanford University Press, 2008). Through a multi-site case study of South Koreans and Korean Americans this book analyzes how, owing to US global power, immigrants do not just face American racial structures and ideologies in the States but face them in their home country long before they arrive, yielding a more historical and transnational racial process.

**Rebecca Chiyoko King-O'Riain** published "Target Earning/Learning, Settling or Trampolining?: Polish and Chinese Immigrants in Ireland" in *Irish Geography* (2008, 41(2): pp. 211-223) and also "Making the Perfect Queen: The Cultural Production of Identity in Beauty Pageants" in *Sociology Compass* (2008, 2(1): pp. 74-83). Her book, *Pure Beauty* (University of Minnesota Press, 2006), was recently reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology* and *JAAS*.

**Pyong Gap Min's** book, *Ethnic Solidarity for Economic Survival: Korean Greengrocers in New York City* (Russell Sage Foundation Publications, 2008), was reviewed in *The New York Times* "City Room" blog on September 2 and the Metro section of the *NYT* on September 5. See: <http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/09/02/in-the-produce-aisle-solidarity-for-korean-grocers/>.

**Dina Okamoto** was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at the University of California, Davis.

**Michael Omi** published "Asian-Americans: The Unbearable Whiteness of Being?" in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (2008, 55 (5): p. B56). Just as previous "outsiders" have been incorporated into our collective notions of who is white, the commentary considers whether Asian Americans are following such a trajectory of inclusion under an expanded definition of "whiteness."

**Eileen Otis** published "Beyond the Industrial Paradigm: Consumer Markets and the Gender Politics of Labor in China's Globalized Service Workplaces" in *American Sociological Review* (2008, 73:15-36). The article develops a framework for the analysis of global services by comparing ethnographic cases of labor in two global, luxury hotels in two Chinese cities.

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