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# Asian Mode

## Building a Community

Mary Yu Danico, Section Chair

The global economic downfall is no longer a site to examine as sociologists, but a harsh reality of how it can impact our respective institutions. Specifically, our students, research, teachings, and community work. More alarmingly for ethnic specific departments and programs, it has become a situation where we have to justify our place in the academy. Not different from the ethnic studies struggles of the 60s or the on going student protests, we are faced with speaking up, making waves, and strategically holding our own. Asian Studies and Asian American studies hold a different place card in the academy, but both of our fields are still perceived to be “foreign” and in some cases unnecessary. I have heard from various universities expressing deep concern over the possibility of their programs getting cancelled, consolidated, or minimized. What do we do? What can we do as a section to not only engage in intellectual discourse, but also regain our agency as significant participants in the academy?

As a collective body of faculty, students, and administrators, we need to share our information, stories, resources, and networks so that we can support each other. While the ASA currently holds an advocacy committee, we as a section are also in need of developing an advocacy committee that speaks to our section. As our institutions tout diversity and a colorblind initiative, what is lacking is a consciousness that recognizes that we do not want our “color” to be invisible. While the colorblind argument may seem idyllic, the reality is that that our programs, majors, and departments may

be seen as unnecessary and no longer valid. Many of us have recognized that such sentiments existed and worked to address this. However, in light of the budget pitfalls across the nation, there will be a call to reconfigure and reexamine the “critical necessity” of the mission of the university. That is why; it is imperative that we stand united.

My intent is not to flame the fears and create more anxiety. But my intent is to state clearly what is out there and that we are desperately in need of thinking outside the box to advocate for each other. I hope that I can gather your input in the coming months before our meeting in San Francisco so we can think of ways to approach these challenges together.

I realize that in my last term as the section chair that we need to work together to create a stronger community. Being a part of this section alone does not establish a community, but we need to work toward establishing a space where our members feel welcomed, informed, connected, and valued. We have done a great job of reaching out and collaborating with some sections, but we can do more to reach out to our own members.

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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, Department of Sociology, 1291 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1291; [JShiao@UOregon.edu](mailto:JShiao@UOregon.edu); Phone: 541-346-5366; Fax: 541-346-5026.

Contributions to the newsletter are very welcome, though “Notes” of appropriate length are greatly appreciated. Previous issues can be found online at:

<http://www2.asanet.org/sectionasia/news-archive.html>.

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Graduate students and junior faculty in particular have asked consistently for “tricks of the trade” sessions. I find these sessions to be extremely valuable, but what would jump-start and sustain relationships are informal meetings and opportunities. In the coming months, I will ask who is interested in participating in a virtual mentoring program. If we can get key people to think about how we can structure such a program it would be a great start.

We also need to celebrate our accomplishments. Modesty aside, we should share our successes (promotion, tenure, publications, awards, etc.); share opportunities that may be out there (fellowships, employment, grants, etc.); and share obstacles (cancellation of programs, developing programs, etc.) so that we can be of support to each other and stay connected.

This year’s meeting in San Francisco is the perfect setting to examine where we are and where we would like to be. Our membership is stable, but we have potential for growth. If we were to have a slight increase (25 members) in the coming year we would be able to host 3 panels instead of 2 at the next ASA meetings. Our members also help determine the panels and roundtable during our business meetings and communication via email. So your voice has impact! Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, is our section’s day of panels, roundtable and business meetings. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a joint reception with SREM (Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities) at an offsite location. It is sure to be an exciting meeting. I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco and hope to hear from you in the coming months so that we can effectively use our time in August to strategize, mobilize, and unite.

Best,  
Mary Yu Danico  
California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona

## 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:**  
Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University (2009)

Xiaoling Shu, University of California, Davis (2009)

Angie Chung, University at Albany (2010)

Rebecca Kim, Pepperdine University (2010)

Lisa Park, University of Minnesota (2010)

Yong Cai, University of Utah (2011)

Xiaogang Wu, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2011)

**Student Representative:**  
Sabeen Sandhu, University of California, Irvine (2009)

## 2009 Section Election Results

**Chair-Elect:** Mia Tuan, University of Oregon (2009-2010)

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Jiannbin L. Shiao, University of Oregon

**Council Members:**  
Monisha Das Gupta, University of Hawai’i  
Sunaina Maira, University of California, Davis

**Student Representative:**  
Susan Hong, Lehigh University

### Orientation for New Section Officers

- Mon, Aug 10 - 8:30am - 10:10am, Hilton San Francisco

*Congratulations to the new section officers!*

## Section Activities at the 2009 ASA Meeting in San Francisco

### Section on Asia and Asian America Council Meeting

- Sun, Aug 9 - 6:45am-8:00am, Parc 55 Hotel

### Section on Asia and Asian America Paper Session. Political and Civic Engagement in Asian American Communities

- Sun, Aug 9 - 8:30am - 10:10am, Parc 55 Hotel
- Organizer: Mary Yu Danico, California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
- Presider & Discussant: Dennis Loo, California State Polytechnic University-Pomona

“Beware of the Red Hand: Political Antagonisms in the Reform of a Community Based Organization”  
Ligaya Rene Domingo, University of California-Berkeley

“Electoral Politics for Asian Americans in a Post-racial Immigrant America”  
Linda Trinh Vo, University of California-Irvine

“The Interlock of Ethnicity: Identity Reconciliation Work in Panethnic Asian American Social Movement”  
Dana Y Nakano, University of California-Irvine

**Section on Asia and Asian America  
Invited Session. China after Three  
Decades of Reform: Findings from  
the CGSS**

- Sun, Aug 9 - 10:30am - 12:10pm,  
Parc 55 Hotel
- Organizer & Presider: Yanjie Bian,  
University of Minnesota
- Discussant: William Parish,  
University of Chicago

“Family and Market Effects on  
Nonagricultural Employment in Rural  
China”  
John R. Logan, Brown University;  
Jing Song, Brown University

“‘Sent Down’ in China: System Shocks  
and Individual Well-Being”  
Zhenchao Qian, Ohio State  
University; Randy Hodson, Ohio  
State University

“Happiness in China: An Age-Cohort-  
Period Analysis of Data from the  
Chinese GSS”  
Xiaoling Shu, University of  
California Davis; Yifei Zhu,  
University of California, Davis

“Socialism, Industrialization and  
Market Transition: Trends in  
Intergenerational Social Mobility in  
China”  
Xiaogang Wu, Hong Kong University  
of Science and Technology

**Section on Asia and Asian America  
Roundtables**

- Sun, Aug 9 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm,  
Parc 55 Hotel
- Organizer: Yanjie Bian, University  
of Minnesota-Twin Cities

**Table 01. Publish or Perish: Tricks of  
the Trade**

Organizer: Mary Yu Danico, California  
State Polytechnic University –  
Pomona

Panelist: Grace Jeanmee Yoo, San  
Francisco State University

Panelist: John Lie, University of  
California, Berkeley

Panelist: Linda Trinh Vo, University of  
California, Irvine

Panelist: Grace Kao, University of  
Pennsylvania

Panelist: David T. Takeuchi, University  
of Washington

**Table 02. Asian Americans and  
Generational Issues**

Presider: Rebecca Y. Kim, Pepperdine  
University

“Bengali ‘Nerds’: Second Generation  
Bengali-Americans in the San  
Francisco Bay Area”  
Sanghamitra Niyogi, University of  
California, Davis

“Racializing Masculinity: Second  
Generation Korean American and  
Korean Canadian Male Accounts”  
Marianne S. Noh, The University of  
Akron

“An Exploratory Study of Social  
Connections and Drug Usage among  
Filipino Americans”  
Vincent Jefferson Laus, University of  
California, Irvine

“Generational Differentials in  
Socioeconomic Attainments among  
Asian Americans and Non-Hispanic  
Whites”  
Isao Takei, University of Texas at  
Austin; Arthur Sakamoto, University  
of Texas-Austin

**Table 03. Determinants of Assimilation  
in Asia and Asian America**

Presider: Kiat-Jin Lee, National  
University of Singapore

“Patterns of Contemporary Asian  
Americans’ Assimilation Compared  
to Patterns Envisioned by Classical  
Assimilation Theory”  
Pyong Gap Min, Queens College and  
the Graduate Center, CUNY.

“Determinants of Marital Assimilation  
among the Southeast Asian Refugee  
Groups”  
Carl L. Bankston III, Tulane  
University

“Opportunity Horizons and  
Assimilation Trajectories among  
LA’s Second Generation”  
Jennifer Lee, University of California,  
Irvine

**Table 04. Socioeconomic Attainment of  
Asian Immigrants and the Second  
Generation**

Organizer: Julie Park, University of  
Maryland, College Park

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“Family Influences on Asian American  
Achievement in Higher Education”  
Lynne Taguchi, University of  
Washington

“What’s Behind the Model Minority  
Image? Examining Returns to  
Education for Chinese and Whites  
Using the ACS”  
Ying Wang, University of Maryland-  
College Park

TBA  
Arthur Sakamoto, University of  
Texas-Austin

**Table 05. Challenges and Inequality in  
East Asia**

Presider: Wei Zhao, University of North  
Carolina-Charlotte

“Market Reform and Housing  
Inequalities in Contemporary Urban  
China”  
Wei Zhao, UNC-Charlotte

“Trends of Intergenerational Class  
Mobility in Socialist China”  
Maocan Guo, Harvard University

“Contextualizing Trust in Government:  
Explaining Contemporary Social  
Cleavages in South Korea”  
Chan S. Suh, Cornell University; Paul  
Yunsik Chang, Stanford University;  
Yi Sook Lim, Yonsei University

“Two Nationalisms among Half Nation  
in One Country”  
Min Yim, Purdue University

**Table 06. Educational Opportunity in  
East Asia**

Presider: Angie Y. Chung, University at  
Albany

“Do Multi-phased High School  
Entrance Program Affect the Equity  
of Educational Opportunity?”  
Jeng Liu, Tung-hai University

“Lessons from School, Lessons for Life:  
Education of an “Invisible” Minority  
in Japan – The burakumin”  
Christopher S. Bondy, DePauw  
University

“Earnings of Asian Immigrant  
Computer Scientists: the Effect of the  
Degree Origin”  
Yu Tao, Georgia Institute of  
Technology

“A Multilevel Analysis of Chinese  
Adolescents’ Dynamic Patterns of  
Time Use”  
Hongwei Xu, Brown University

**Table 07. Changing Values and Behaviors in China**

Presider: Yifei Zhu University of California, Davis  
 “Changes in Sexual Attitudes in China, 1995-2001: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis”  
 Yifei Zhu, University of California-Davis; Xiaoling Shu, University of California-Davis  
 “Rising Divorce and Risk Factors in China from 1980 to 2000”  
 Hongyun Han, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Lingyun Nie, University of California-Berkeley  
 “Judicial Inputs and Crime Prevention: What Can We Learn from China”  
 Shuo Chen, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong  
 “Structural Constraints On Legitimation Of Inequality: New Evidence from Transitional Urban China”  
 Jun Li, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

**Table 08. Transnational and Undocumented Asian Immigrants**

Presider: Lisa Sun-Hee Park, University of Minnesota  
 “Path to America: A Portrait of Recent Undocumented Migration from China to the United States”  
 Miao David Chunyu, University at Albany, SUNY  
 “Revisiting the Role of Place of Education: A Consideration of Visa Type”  
 Lulu Chen  
 “Movement in Spaces of Liminality: Chinese Dance and Transnational Immigrant Identities”  
 Hui Niu Wilcox, College of St. Catherine  
 “An exploration of forced migrant characteristics in a comparative perspective”  
 Elizabeth Miller

**Table 09. Exploring Innovative Research Methods in Asian and Asian American Studies**

Presider: Edith Wen-Chu Chen, Cal State University at Northridge  
 “Using Social Digital Media to Preserve Community History: Japanese Americans in the San Fernando Valley”

Edith Wen-Chu Chen, Cal State University, Northridge.  
 “Needs and Capacity Assessment Research in the Burmese and Chinese American Communities”  
 Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University  
 “Unconventional methods for studying the effects of new media on underserved populations”  
 Roy Eric Xavier, University of California, Berkeley

**Table 10. Globalization, Development, and Transnational Nations in Asia**

Presider: Emily Noelle Ignacio eignacio@u.washington.edu University of Washington, Tacoma  
 “Industrial Catch-up and Holding: Comparison of Shipbuilding Industries between China and Korea”  
 Hang Young Lee, Duke University  
 “Investigating the Constitutional Promise of Development: Some thoughts on law and socio-economic development in India”  
 Modhurima Dasgupta, Lewis Clark College  
 “Transnationalism from Within: The Rise of Transnational Nations and Internal Transnationalization”  
 Ku-Sup Chin, McPherson College

**Table 11. Indian Americans and Diasporic Identities**

Presider: Sabeen Sandhu, University of California, Irvine  
 “They are Just Curious,’ Indian American Responses to Questions about Ethnicity”  
 Cynthia B. Sinha, Georgia State University  
 “Going back to where it all began’: Second-generation Indian Americans and the desire to ‘return’”  
 Sonali Jain, Boston university  
 “Rethinking Identity as ‘Transnationals’ - A case of Immigrant and Returnee Asian Indian Entrepreneurs”  
 Manashi Ray, Michigan State University

**Table 12. Korean American Lives**

Presider, Jiannbin Lee Shiao, University of Oregon  
 “The Cultural Capital of Korean American College Students: A Double-Edged Sword”

Christine Jin Oh, University of California, Irvine  
 “Social Cognitive Change Toward the Poor: Korean-Americans’ Attributional Processes Within Religious Contexts”  
 Jennifer Jungmin Kang, University of Notre Dame  
 “The Ethnic Identities of Adult Korean Adoptees”  
 Jiannbin Lee Shiao, University of Oregon; Mia Tuan, University of Oregon

**Table 13. Political Economy and Social Change in China**

Presider: Xiaogang Wu, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
 “From Job Search to Hiring to Advancement: The Labour Market Experiences of Ethnic Minorities in Beijing”  
 Reza Hasmath, University of Cambridge  
 “Symbolic Domination in a Circular State -- Pension disputes of the state workers in central China”  
 Xiuying Cheng, University of California, Berkeley  
 “Let us help the countless earthquake orphans’: Evolution of a frenzy after China’s Sichuan earthquake”  
 Xiaojiang Hu, Beijing Normal University; Miguel A. Salazar, Beijing Normal University  
 TBA  
 Ningxi Zhang, Cornell University

**Table 14. Sex and Marriage in Asian America**

Presider: Nadia Y. Kim, Loyola Marymount University  
 “Asian American Adolescents’ Self-Efficacy for Birth Control”  
 Wei-Ting Lu, City University of New York- Graduate Center  
 “Japanese/Japanese-white intermarriage levels and warbrides”  
 Hiromi Ono, Washington State University; Justin Allen Berg, Washington State University  
 TBA  
 Christina Chin, University of California, Los Angeles  
 TBA  
 Amy Yuan Zhou, University of California, Los Angeles



**Table 15. Social Networks and Social Capital in Asia**

Presider: Yong Cai, University of Utah  
 “Centralization and Institutionalization: Social Networks in Korean Women's Movements”

Myeongjae Yeo

“Neither Traditional nor Modern: Emergence of Hybrid Social Network in Korea”

Joonmo Son, National University of Singapore

“Gender, Citizenship, and Leadership: Applying Intersectionality in Bangladesh”

Fauzia Erfan Ahmed, Miami University

TBA

Lijun Song, Vanderbilt University

**Section on Asia and Asian America Business Meeting**

- Sun, Aug 9 - 1:30pm - 2:10pm, Parc 55 Hotel

**Joint Reception: Section on Asia and Asian America and the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM),** followed by a SREM-sponsored performance at 8:30pm

- **Mon, Aug 10 - 6:30pm - 8:15pm , Mama Calizo's Voice Factory,** 1519 Mission Street, San Francisco ([www.voicefactorysf.org/location.html](http://www.voicefactorysf.org/location.html))
- The following **Section on Asia and Asian America Awards** will be given at the reception:

1. The 2009 Book Award
2. The 2009 Research Paper Award
3. The 2009 Graduate Student Paper Award
4. The 2009 Outstanding Teaching Award
5. The 2009 Early Career Award

*Please Also Note...*

**Thematic Session. Racial Formation: Conflict and Coalition Building in Asian, Latino and African American Communities**

- Sat, Aug 8 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm, Hilton San Francisco

**Thematic Session. Asian-American Movements, Identities, and Politics: A New Racial Project in the Obama Years?**

- Sat, Aug 8 - 4:30pm to 6:10pm, Parc 55 Hotel

**Regular Session. Social and Economic Inequalities in Asian Countries**

- Mon, Aug 10 - 10:30am to 12:10pm, Parc 55 Hotel

**Author Meets Critics Session.**

*Legacies of Struggle: Conflict and Cooperation in Korean American Politics* (Stanford University Press)

- Mon, Aug 10 - 10:30am to 12:10pm, Hilton San Francisco

## 2009 Section Award Winners & Honorees

**2009 Book Award:**

**Co-Winners:**

- Nadia Kim. 2008. *Imperial Citizens: Korean and Race from Seoul to LA*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press.
- Wang Feng. 2007. *Boundaries and Categories: Rising Inequality in Post-Socialist Urban China*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press.

**2009 Research Paper Award:**

**Co-Winners:**

- Ho-fung Hung. 2008. “Agricultural Revolution and Elite Reproduction in Qing China: The Transition to Capitalism Debate Revisited.” *American Sociological Review*. 73: 569-588.
- Ethan Michelson. 2007. “Lawyers, Political Embeddedness, and Institutional Continuity in China's Transition from Socialism.” *American Journal of Sociology* 113:352-414.

**2009 Graduate Student Paper Award:**

**Winner:** Lijun Song (Duke University) for “Cultural Revolution Depressed Education Homogamy in Urban China”

**2009 Early Career Award:**

**Winner:** Pawan Dhingra, Associate Professor, Oberlin College

**Honorable Mention:** Wei-hsin Yu, Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Austin

**2009 Outstanding Teaching Award:**

**Winner:** Bandana Purkayastha, Associate Professor, University of Connecticut

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

## News

**The Center for Korean Studies at the University of Pennsylvania** will sponsor a conference on “The Contours of Korean Education: Education Challenges of Recent Economic and Demographic Changes” on August 3, 2009 (8:30 am - 5:30 pm) in the Historical Lounge College Hall, University of Pennsylvania. For more information, please contact Hyunjoon Park ([hyupark@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:hyupark@sas.upenn.edu)).

## Selected Opportunities

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

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

**Jobs**

**The School of Humanities and Social Science at Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU), China,** is inviting applications to fill out several newly created positions in the Department of Sociology. Under the new deanship, Professor Yanjie Bian, the School will be reoriented toward a teaching and research program under the principle of theoretically-guided empirical research in humanities and the social sciences. The newly created positions in sociology are open to all areas of specialization. Applicants who have demonstrated training and achievements in teaching and research in the following specialties are mostly welcomed: (1) theory construction; (2) research design; (3) advanced social statistics; (4) social network analysis; and (5) economic sociology.

XJTU is one of the top ten universities of China, is one of the very first institutions of higher education that received grants from such national educational programs as "211" and "985," and is well-positioned to offer attractive packages of compensation to its faculty to be recruited from abroad. Applicants should send (1) a letter of interest with a brief statement on your teaching and research expertise, (2) a copy of C.V., and (3) names of three references to xjqian@mail.xjtu.edu.cn. Your letter may be addressed to Dean and Professor Yanjie Bian, School of Humanities and Social Science, Xi'an Jiaotong University, 28 West XianNing Road, Xi'an, Shaanxi, China. Regular mailing is allowed.

To senior colleagues of the ASA, Yanjie is warmly welcoming you to recommend your students and junior colleagues to apply. He will be available at the ASA, August 7-11, for a face-to-face appointment if so arranged. Yanjie's new email address at XJTU is: [yjbian@mail.xjtu.edu.cn](mailto:yjbian@mail.xjtu.edu.cn).

**Fellowships**

**The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans** seeks applicants for its 2010 fellows. The program provides opportunities for continuing generations of able and accomplished New Americans to achieve leadership in their chosen fields. Applications are due **November 1, 2009**.

- **Full information:** <http://www.pdsoros.org>

**The Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF)** seeks applications for its Teaching Fellowships, which sponsor short term teaching trips by overseas scholars or professionals (Chinese or non-Chinese) to universities or other comparable advanced educational institutions in China. The subjects of teaching include all fields of humanities and social sciences, such as anthropology, art, communication, economics, education, geography, international studies, law, literature, philosophy, political science, sociology, etc. The OYCF will grant 13 fellowship awards to support short term teaching trips during the Academic Year of 2009-10, including five (5) OYCF-Ford fellowships in the amount of \$2,500 each and eight (8) OYCF-Gregory C. and Paula K. Chow fellowships in the amount of \$2,000 each. The application deadline is **August 15, 2009**. Awards will be announced on September 15, 2009.

- **Full information:** <http://www.oycf.org/oycfold/httpdocs/Teach/fellowship.htm>

**Calls for Papers**

**The Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)** is currently accepting nominations for the AAAS Annual Book Awards for titles of merit published in 2008. Categories include: **Social Science**, Literary Studies, Cultural Studies, History, Engaged Scholarship, and Poetry/Prose. The complete nomination must be post-marked no later than **July 15, 2009**. The

AAAS Secretariat will notify Award recipients and publishers by January 2010. The award will be presented to the author/s at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. Books published in 2009 will be awarded at our 2011 conference (New Orleans, LA).

- **Full information:** [http://aaastudies.org/2008\\_Bk\\_Award\\_nom\\_guidelines.pdf](http://aaastudies.org/2008_Bk_Award_nom_guidelines.pdf)

**The editorial board of the *Communication Law Review*** invites papers for a special issue on Critical Race Theory (CRT). The overarching premise of this special issue is to serve as a focused point of entry for CRT into the field of Communication Studies. Rooted in legal studies, critical race theory was designed to critique the laws and policies that uphold White supremacy in the United States (Crenshaw, Gotanda, Peller, and Thomas, 1995). Submissions that bring together the unique insights of CRT and communication scholarship to contribute to an innovative dialogue that inspires social consciousness and social justice will be favored. The deadline for submissions to this special issue is **August 1st, 2009**.

- **Full information:** [http://www.commlawreview.org/SSCAs\\_Communication\\_Law\\_Review/Call\\_for\\_Papers.html](http://www.commlawreview.org/SSCAs_Communication_Law_Review/Call_for_Papers.html)

## Notes on Section Members

**Adalberto Aguirre, Jr. and Shoon Lio** edited a special issue on "Asian American & Pacific Islander Population Struggles for Social Justice" in *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order* (2009, 35). The introductory essay is available online at: [http://www.socialjusticejournal.org/pdf\\_free/112Intro.pdf](http://www.socialjusticejournal.org/pdf_free/112Intro.pdf).

**Carolyn Chen** was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at Northwestern University.

**Kelly Chong** published *Deliverance and Submission: Evangelical Women and the Negotiation of Patriarchy in South Korea* (Harvard University Press, 2008).

**Angie Chung** was appointed to the ASA Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities.

**Elaine Howard Ecklund** accepted a position as assistant professor of sociology and associate director of the Center on Race, Religion and Urban Life at Rice University effective July 2008.

**Evelyn Nakano Glenn** edited *Shades of Difference: Why Skin Color Matters* (Stanford University Press, 2009). The volume is transnational in scope and includes chapters on skin color politics, marriage, and skin lightening practice in South Asia, the South Asian Diaspora, and the Philippines.

**Akiko Hashimoto and John Traphagan** edited *Imagined Families, Lived Families: Culture and Kinship in Contemporary Japan* (SUNY Press, 2009).

**Ho-fung Hung** published “Cultural Strategies and the Political Economy of Protest in Mid-Qing China” in *Social Science History* (2009, 33) and also “Agricultural Revolution and Elite Reproduction in Qing China: The Transition to Capitalism Debate Revisited” in *American Sociological Review* (2008, 73: 569-88). In addition, Hung presented “Asian Tiger in Extremis: Sources and Limits of China’s Global Financial Power” at the conference “Regional Powers, New Developmental States, and Global Governance: BRICS in the New World Order,” Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies, March 13-14, 2009; and also “East Asian Developmental Model and Dilemma of China’s Global Financial

Power” at the conference “Pre-BRIC Summit Preparatory Meeting,” Observer Research Foundation and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, May 13-14, 2009.

**Rebecca Kim** was recently promoted to Associate Professor with tenure at Pepperdine University. She also received The Louisville Institute's Religious Institutions Grant for her research on Korean missionaries (2009-2010).

**C.N. Le** published “'Better Dead Than Red': Anti-Communist Politics Among Vietnamese Americans” in Ieva Zake’s *Anti-Communist Minorities in the US: The Political Activism of Ethnic Refugees* (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2009).

**Kiat-Jin Lee** received a NCID Emerging Diversity Scholar citation by the National Center for Institutional Diversity at The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. In 2007, he was conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology by the New School for Social Research and received the Albert Salomon Memorial Award in Sociology, the premier prize of the university, at commencement.

**Sunaina Marr Maira** published *Missing: Youth, Citizenship, and Empire after 9/11* (Duke University Press, 2009). This book explores how young South Asian Muslim immigrants living in the United States experienced and understood national belonging (or exclusion) at a particular moment in the history of U.S. imperialism: in the years immediately following September 11, 2001.

**Pyong Gap Min** published *Intergenerational Transmission of Ethnicity through Religion: Korean Protestants and Indian Hindus in New York City* (New York University Press, forthcoming 2010). Min has also

become Director of the Center for Research on Overseas Koreans at Queens College of the City University of New York.

**Suzanne Model** was awarded a Fulbright grant to do research on return migration to Taiwan. She will be spending January through April 2010 at Academia Sinica in Taipei.

**Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi** was honored with The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon on April 29, 2009 for her outstanding and lifelong contributions to the promotion of the civil rights, sociological study, and well-being of Japanese Americans and others.

**Michael Omi** spoke at a two-day conference in April 2009 exploring his work on racial formation (with Howard Winant). The conference entitled, “Racial Formation in the Twenty-First Century: A Symposium on Theory, Politics, and Practice,” was held at the Knight Law Center at the University of Oregon. The event drew capacity crowds to hear presentations by speakers including Tomás Almaguer, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Devon Carbado, Laura Pulido, and Sherene Razack, who examined a diverse set of locations and times: from the plantations of Colonial Virginia to the Rastafarian communities of Western Jamaica in the 1990s to the prisons of Abu Ghraib today.

**Manashi Ray** was awarded the 2009 Shao Chang Lee Graduate Paper Prize by the Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University.

**Rowena Robles** published *Asian Americans and the Shifting Politics of Race: The Dismantling of Affirmative Action at an Elite Public High School* (Routledge, 2006; Routledge Paperbacks Direct, 2009). The book examines the political and discursive struggles around the dismantling of

race-based admissions policies in an elite public high school in San Francisco.

**Jiannbin Lee Shiao** will return to the University of Oregon this fall as associate professor and undergraduate program director in the department of sociology. He and **Mia Tuan** published "Shared Fates in Asian Transracial Adoption: Korean adoptee experiences of difference in their families" in Andrew Grant-Thomas and Gary Orfield's *Twenty-First Century Color Lines: Multiracial Change in Contemporary America* (Temple University Press, 2009:178-200).

**Indrani Sinha and Shamita Das Dasgupta** published *Mothers for Sale: Women in Kolkata's Sex Trade* (Dasgupta-Alliance, 2009). The book offers an understanding of sex workers as mothers, which goes beyond the current debate on the viability and legitimacy of sex work for women.

**Kristin Surak** published "Convergence in Foreigners' Rights and Citizenship Policy? A Look at Japan" in *International Migration Review* (2008, 42: 550-75). In addition, Surak received the Frankfurt University Center for East Asian Studies Young Scholars Prize for the paper "Using Culture for Nation-Work: Making Tea, Making Japanese" (November 2008) and will become a Sainsbury Research Fellow at SOAS, University of London.

**Linda Trinh Vo** was featured in "25 to Watch" in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* (20:10).

**Wei-hsin Yu** published *Gender Trajectories: Women, Work, and Social Change in Japan and Taiwan* (Stanford University Press, 2009). This book explores why industrial societies vary in the pace at which they reduce gender inequality and compares changes in women's employment opportunities in Japan and Taiwan over the last half-century. Drawing on historical trends,

survey statistics, and personal interviews with people in both countries, Yu shows how country-specific organizational arrangements and industrial policies affect women's employment.

**Min Zhou** published *Contemporary Chinese America: Immigration, Ethnicity, and Community Transformation* (Temple University Press, 2009). The book examines the causes and consequences of emigration from China and remigration from the Chinese Diaspora, patterns of residential mobility, community transformation, ethnic organizations, entrepreneurship and the ethnic enclave economy, gender and work, Chinese language media, Chinese school, the immigrant family, the new second generation, and identity. Zhou also won the prestigious Chang Jiang Scholars Award from the Peoples Republic of China with the designation of "Chang Jiang Scholars" Lecture Professor at Sun Yat-sen University, China.

