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Asian Mode

From the Section Chair

Greetings! It was wonderful to see so many section members in Denver as we gathered for stimulating intellectual engagement inspired by the “Real Utopias” theme. Special thanks to Lisa Sung Hee Park, our outgoing chair, who put together an invigorating program that propelled us forward thinking about our Asia and Asian America section. We had two paper sessions, “From the Boundaries to the Core: New Insights in Asian American Studies,” and an invited session “Asia and Migration: New Directions in the New Global Economy.” Thank you so much Lisa for all of your hard work, dedication, and leadership. Our section day culminated in a wonderful section reception and award ceremony at the Historic Wynkoop Brewery in downtown Denver. Delicious Southwest cuisine, homebrews, and great company made for a warm and lively evening.

I also wish to thank Jiannbin “J” Shiao, who served as the section Secretary-Treasurer for the past three years. J did an amazing job of keeping the section running smoothly. I am also very pleased to announce our new Secretary-Treasurer C.N. Le who will take over where J left off. C.N. is not new to the

leadership team since he has been an active council member for the past two years. Monisha Das Gupta and Margaret Abraham also deserve gratitude and recognition for their dedication and hard work as council members from 2010-2012. Our continuing council members are Leland Saito, Yingyi Ma, Anna Romina Guevarra, and welcome to Anthony Ocampo, Jane Yamashiro, and Christina Chin (read all of their profiles in this edition). In addition I am thrilled to be working with our incoming Chair Elect Pawan Dhingra. Keep a look out for our nominations call to run for open positions on our council, or contact Pawan Dhingra if you are interested.

We are already planning for next year’s annual meeting “Interrogating Inequality” in New York City. Based upon our lively discussion at last year’s business meeting we have developed two paper sessions; an open session “Multiple Dimensions of Asian and Asian American Identities,” and an invited session inspired by our meeting locale NYC, “Transnational Asian American Gateways and Communities.” We will also have our section roudtables where some of the most invigorating conversations occur. In addition our section is collaborating with the Labor & Labor Movements section and the Society for the Study of Social Problems for a mini conference, “Labor and Global Solidarity – The US, China and Beyond” to be held right before the ASA meetings.

Our section will also continue with the mentorship program, now in its third year. Pawan Dhingra and Leland Saito are leading this initiative, so please feel free to contact either of them if you would like to get involved.

Please remember just how important your membership and support are to our section. Don't forget to renew your membership by the December 31 deadline, and encourage your colleagues and friends to join our section as well. You may even want to sponsor a graduate student who will benefit from the mentorship and collaborative support our section offers. Feel free to forward the newsletter to anyone who may be interested so they can see the many ways they can be involved in our projects, committees, and leadership positions. Also please take note of our awards call this year. In hopes to recognize scholars in Asia/transnational and Asian America each year we have initiated two book awards and two research paper awards.

I am so looking forward to seeing you all in New York this August. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or ways to further enhance our section, I greatly appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment.

Warm Regards
Lynn Fujiwara, University of Oregon

Meet Your Section Officers

Chair: Lynn Fujiwara, University of Oregon (2012-2013)

Chair-Elect: Pawan Dhingra, Tufts University (2012-2013)

Past-Chair: Lisa Sun-Hee Park, University of Minnesota (2011-2012)

Secretary-Treasurer: C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2012-2015)

Council Members:

Anna Guevarra, University of Illinois, Chicago (2013)

Yingyi Ma, Syracuse University (2013)

Anthony Ocampo, Cal Poly Pomona (2015)

Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut (2013)

Leland Saito, University of Southern California (2013)

Jane H. Yamashiro, University of Southern California (2015)

Student Representative:

Christina Chin, University of California, Los Angeles (2013)

Officer Biographies:



Lynn Fujiwara is Associate Professor in Women's and Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies at the University of Oregon. She is also the Department

Head of Ethnic Studies. She received her doctorate in Sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her research interests are intersectional theory and praxis, women of color feminisms, sexuality and representation, Asian American politics, immigration, welfare, and citizenship. Her book, *Mothers without*

Citizenship: Asian Immigrant Families and the Consequences of Welfare Reform received the Association for Asian American Studies Social Science Book Award for books published in 2008. She is currently looking at two projects: "Forced Removals and the Rights of the Family", and "Asian American Sexualities: Representations and Resistance".

Pawan Dhingra

is Professor of Sociology at Tufts University. He is the author of *Life Behind the Lobby: Indian American Motel Owners and the American Dream* (Stanford University Press, 2012), which has been profiled in National Public Radio, The Wall Street Journal, and elsewhere. His first book was the award-winning *Managing Multicultural Lives: Asian American Professionals and the Challenge of Multiple Identities* (Stanford University Press, 2007). From 2011-2012 he also served as a curator at the Smithsonian Institution for the Indian American Heritage Project. He served as a counsel member of the Section on Asia/Asian America from 2005-2007.



Lisa Sun-Hee Park

is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota. She received her doctorate in sociology from Northwestern University. Her research interests include immigration and welfare policy; immigrant health care; race, class, and gender; Asian American Studies; environmental justice; and urban theory and methods. 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).



C.N. Le is a Senior Lecturer of Sociology and Director of the Asian and Asian American Studies Certificate Program at the

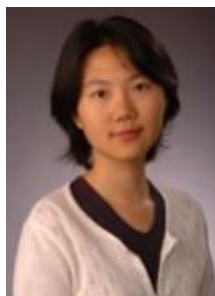
University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University at Albany, SUNY. His research focuses on racial/ethnic relations, immigration, and socio-demographic comparisons of assimilation outcomes among different Asian American groups. He is the author of *Asian American Assimilation: Ethnicity, Immigration, and Socioeconomic Attainment* and has been quoted by media outlets and organizations such as the New York Times, the Associated Press, the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, the Washington Post, the U.S. State Department, and PBS. He is also the creator of *Asian-Nation.org*, an information resource on the historical, political, demographic, and cultural issues that affect the Asian American population.

Council Members (in alphabetical order):



Anna Guevarra is an Associate Professor of Asian American Studies and Affiliated Faculty of Gender &

Women's Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her scholarly, creative, and teaching interests focus on immigrant and transnational labor, Filipino labor diaspora, transnational feminist politics/practice and movement building, and feminist ethnographic methods. Her PhD is in Sociology from the University of California, San Francisco. She is the author of the award-winning book *Marketing Dreams, Manufacturing Heroes: The Transnational Labor Brokering of Filipino Workers* (Rutgers University Press, 2010) and has published in interdisciplinary journals like *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography and Social Identities: A Journal for the Study of Race, Nation, and Culture*. She is currently working on three projects including: 1) the exploration of transnational feminism and "political quilting" and their relationship to and implications on producing activist and anti-oppressive scholarship, 2) the civic engagement of Filipinos in Chicago in collaboration with two community organizations (AFIRE and CIRCA-Pintig), and 3) a study of the Philippines' Super Maid program and the professionalization of "low-skilled" women labor migrants as the state's attempt to build its global comparative advantage as a provider of domestic labor. She teaches courses on Asian/Asian American Women in the Global Economy, Asian America and Transnational Feminism, Sociology of Asia and Asian Americans, and the Cultural Politics of Food in Asian America.



Yingyi Ma is currently an Assistant Professor in Sociology of Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse

University. She is also the affiliated faculty member with Women's Study Department and the program of Asia/Asian American. She obtained her PhD in Sociology at Johns Hopkins University in 2007. Her work deals with a variety of themes of social inequality related to education, gender and migration. Her article "Family SES, Parental Involvement and College Major Choices," published in *Sociological Perspectives* in 2009, finds that low-SES students tend to choose lucrative college majors and thus raises the possibility that college major choice is potentially weakening the intergenerational transmission of inequality. This article also finds that SES trumps gender effect in that lower SES women are particularly likely to choose lucrative fields. Her recent research projects focus on the gender and racial/ethnic differential concentrations in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. This line of work has been funded by National Science Foundation and Alfred Sloan Foundation. Her article "Model Minority, Model for Whom?--An Investigation of Asian American Students in Science/Engineering," published in *AAPI Nexus Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice & Community* in 2010, finds that Asian American students are disadvantaged in cultural capital compared with other racial groups from the similar socioeconomic backgrounds, and they tend to formulate certain negative self-perceptions associated with their inclination towards STEM fields. Her most recent publication is a sole-authored paper forthcoming in *Social Science Quarterly*, titled "Gender Differences in the Paths of Leading to a STEM Baccalaureate," finds that women are more likely to switch into the STEM fields later in college to attain their STEM bachelor's degrees, and attitudes and

course taking behaviors during high school years contribute to the different pathways that men and women travel.

Anthony Ocampo

is currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Cal Poly Pomona, one of the most racially and socioeconomically diverse campuses in the nation. He earned his BA and MA from Stanford University, and his Ph.D. at UCLA. His research interests span a variety of fields, including immigration and race, gender and sexuality, cultural sociology, and urban sociology. Specifically, his research has drawn from the experiences of minority children of immigrants and LGBT people of color to develop a better understanding of how social inequality, identity formation, and resistance happen within everyday interactions. He has a forthcoming article entitled, "Making Masculinity: Negotiations of Gender Presentation among Latino Gay Men," which will be published by *Latino Studies*. In addition, he is in the process of publishing research from his dissertation study "Becoming Asian or Latino? Historical Colonialisms, Changing Racial Contexts, and the Divergent Incorporation Patterns of Second Generation Filipino Americans," which examines the effect of "new" racial contexts on identity development among children of immigrants..



Bandana Purkayastha

is Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies at the University of Connecticut. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology at the



University of Connecticut. Her research and publications revolve around race and ethnic minority relations; sex and gender; migration and transnationalism; peace; and human rights.

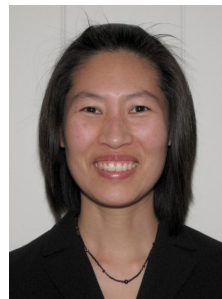
Leland Saito

is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Southern California. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles. His research specialties include race and ethnic relations; Asian American Studies; urban politics; urban sociology; historic preservation; economic development; redistricting; and qualitative research methods. He is the author of *The Politics of Exclusion: The Failure of Race-Neutral Policies In Urban America* (Stanford University Press 2009) and *Race and Politics: Asian Americans, Latinos and Whites in a Los Angeles Suburb* (University of Illinois Press 1998).



Jane Yamashiro

currently a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Japanese Religions and Culture at the University of Southern California. She holds a B.A. from UC San Diego and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, all in Sociology. Her research and teaching interests include race and ethnic relations, ethnic identity, transnationalism, globalization, and international migration, especially in relation to Asia and Asian Americans. Her work has been published in journals such as *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *AAPI Nexus Journal*. *Asian*



Americans and Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice and Community; *Sociology Compass*; and *Migrations and Identities*. She is completing a book manuscript tentatively titled *Negotiating Global Constructions of Race and Ethnicity: Japanese American Transnational Identity Formation in Tokyo*.

Student Representative:

Christina Chin is a

Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Associate for the Asian American Studies Department at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles. Her general research interests include race and ethnicity, immigration, youth, popular culture, and qualitative methods. Christina's dissertation applies an interdisciplinary approach to examine the construction and negotiation of racial identities, gender roles, and ethnic community building within ethnic sports leagues, particularly Japanese American youth basketball.



Notes from the 2012 ASA Meeting in Denver

Report on the Mentoring Program

This was the second year of our section's mentoring initiative that was started last year by Bandana Purkayastha, and Margaret Abraham. Lisa, Phi, and I organized the mentor-mentee meetings for this year's ASA. Like last year, our

Call for Submissions for the 2013 ASA Meeting in New York

The ASA Online Paper Submission System is open:
http://www.asanet.org/meetings/call_for_papers.cfm. *The deadline for all paper submissions is Wednesday, January 9, 2013.*

For new members of the ASA:

In order to present a paper at the annual meeting, you must submit it for consideration by the organizers of particular sessions. There are two types of sessions that are open for unsolicited submissions: **Regular Sessions and Section Sessions**. A paper can be submitted to a **first choice session** as well as a **second choice session**.

The Program Committee for the annual meeting selects the topics for Regular Sessions and assigns their organizers, whereas each of the 40+ sections of the ASA, including the Section on Asia and Asian America, selects the topics for their respective Section Sessions and assigns their organizers.

Like most sections, we use one of our allocated sessions for simultaneous roundtables in a large meeting room. The roundtables will be 1-hour in length followed by the Section's 40-minute members meeting.

Section Session: "Multiple Dimensions of Asian and Asian American Identities."

Session Organizer: Jane Yamashiro, University of Southern California, jane.yamashiro@usc.edu.

2012 Section Award Winners

2012 Book Award Co-Winners:

- Kang, Miliann. 2010. *The Managed Hand: Race, Gender, and the Body in Beauty Service Work*. University of California Press.
- Saito, Leland. 2009. *The Politics of Exclusion: The Failure of Race Neutral Policies in Urban America*. Stanford University Press.

2012 Research Paper Award:

- Zhang, Q. Forrest and John A. Donaldson. 2010. "From Peasants to Farmers: Peasant Differentiation, Labor Regimes, and Land-Rights Institutions in China's Agrarian Transition" *Politics and Society*, Vol. 38, No. 4.

2012 Graduate Student Paper Award:

- Naomi Hsu (University of California, Berkeley). "Local Political Contexts and the Puzzle of Asian American Under-Participation in Electoral Politics."

2012 Outstanding Teaching Award:

- Hung Thai, Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies, Chair of Sociology, Director of Pacific Basin Institute, Pomona College

2012 Early Career Award:

- Nadia Kim, Associate Professor of Sociology, Loyola Marymount University.

section members were very responsive, and we received 18 requests from graduate student and 8 from junior faculty asking for mentors. Sixteen faculty members generously volunteered to serve as mentors. Of these faculty members, five had served as mentors last year, and the rest are new volunteers. Many are meeting with two mentees during the conference. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who are participating this year. Based on the two years of positive response, the council voted to make mentoring and professional networking a part of the section's regular activities.

Those seeking mentoring specialized in both Asian America and Asia. We had several requests from scholars whose area specialization was in East and South East Asia (China, Japan, Korea, & Vietnam). We also had requests from scholars who wanted to be matched up with faculty members who have experience with applying for external funding. From our experience this year, we want our section members to help us build on our strengths in both areas – Asia, and the pool of experience we can draw on in terms of externally funded research.

We did our best to match each mentee with a mentor who shared similar research and/or teaching interests. In some cases, we were not able to find an exact match. But we found faculty with areas of interest that were somewhat related. We welcome feedback from those who participated in the program so far as mentors and as those who sought mentoring. You can send the feedback to Monisha Das Gupta: dasgupta@hawaii.edu. The subcommittee thanks Phi Su for her superb work on this project, and for keeping us organized.

-- Monisha Das Gupta

Section Roundtables: Asia and Asian America Roundtables (open submission)

Organizer: Pawan Dhingra, Tufts University, Pawan.Dhingra@tufts.edu

Recommendations for paper submissions to Asia and Asian American section session:

Given the rules of the online Submission System, we recommend following the procedures below **if you would like our Section Roundtables to be the backup placement for your paper**, in the event that it is not accepted for a Regular Session.

1. **We welcome your submissions** to the Section Session as your first choice session. In this situation, however, if your paper is not chosen for the Section Session, we cannot review your submission for the Section Roundtables because the first choice organizers must forward unplaced papers to their second choice sessions for consideration.
2. **To make our Section Roundtables your backup placement**, you must choose the Asia and Asian America Section Roundtables as your second choice session.

Call for Nominations for the 2013 Section Awards

Please note that the awards nomination deadline is Thursday, March 31, 2013, except for the book award.

Book Award

The Asia and Asian American section invites nomination letters and materials for the Asian and Asian American Section book award. This year the award will go to the most outstanding book on **Asian America** published during 2011 and 2012. Nomination and self-nomination letters are required and should be no more than 2 pages stating the significance and innovations of the book. The book award nominations deadline is **January 31, 2013**. Send a copy of the book to each Book Award co-chairs:

Leland Saito
Sociology Dept.
Univ. of Southern California
Hazel Stanley Hall
851 Downey Way, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles CA 90089-2539

and

Miliann Kang
Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies
208 Bartlett Hall
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01003

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Yingyi Ma
Center for Policy Research

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs
Syracuse University
426 Eggers Hall
Syracuse, NY 13244

and

Kiat-Jin Lee, Ph.D.
University of California Riverside
Colleges & Universities 2000
CHASS Dean's Office
3405 HMNSS
Riverside, CA 92521

Research Paper Award

Nominations (including self-nominations) are invited for the Section's Research Paper Award. This year we are seeking nominations for papers on **Asian America** published during 2011 and 2012. Nomination and self-nomination letters should be no more than 2 pages stating the significance and innovations of the paper. The deadline for nominations is **March 30, 2013**. Send an electronic copy of the paper along with nomination letter(s) to each Research Paper Award Co-Chair: Anna Romina P. Guevarra (guevarra@uic.edu) and Anthony Christian Ocampo (aocampo.cpp@gmail.com).

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Jie (ZHANGJ@BuffaloState.edu) and Bandana Purkayastha (bandana.purkayastha@uconn.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 35 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. The deadline for submissions is **March 31, 2013**. Send an electronic copy of the paper to the following two Graduate Student Paper Award Committee members: Jane H. Yamashiro (jane.yamashiro@usc.edu), and Monisha Das Gupta (dasgupta@hawaii.edu).

Selected Opportunities

Announcements of other jobs and opportunities can be found on the section homepage at: www2.asanet.org/sectionasia/index.html.

Calls for Submissions

The **2013 Xi'an INSNA Conference** will be held on July 12-15 in Xi'an, China. It is organized by the Institute for Empirical Social Science Research of Xi'an Jiaotong University and the Chinese Association for Social Network Analysis.

Please visit the conference website to submit your workshop or session proposals, paper abstracts, conference and hotel registrations, and tourist plans. The conference secretariat will send each registered participant an official letter of acceptance, which is to be used for a visa application from your local Chinese consulate.

The organizing committee is pleased to have the following people as international advisors: George Barnett, Ronald Breiger, Ronald Burt, Bonnie Erickson, Joseph Galaskiewicz, Nan Lin, Peter Marsden, Pip Pattison, Werner Raub, Gary Robins, John Skvoretz, Tom Snijders, Anne Tsui, and Barry Wellman.

Local organizers: Yanjie Bian (bianx001@umn.edu), Jieming Chen, Jiade Luo. Conference secretariat Email: insna2013@mail.xjtu.edu.cn.

<http://insna2013.xjtu.edu.cn>
Deadline: December 31, 2012

Call for Papers

Deadline: December 7, 2012

The Asian American Policy Review (AAPR) at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government is now accepting submissions for its 23rd edition, to be published in the spring of 2013. Founded in 1989, AAPR is the first non-partisan academic journal in the country dedicated to analyzing public policy issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

We seek papers exploring 1) the social, economic and political factors impacting the AAPI community and 2) the role of

AAPI individuals and communities in analyzing, shaping, and implementing public policy. We strongly encourage submissions from writers of all backgrounds, including scholars, policy makers, civil servants, advocates, and organizers.

Selection Criteria

The AAPR will select papers for publication based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of topic to AAPI issues and timeliness to current debates
- Originality of ideas and depth of research
- Sophistication and style of argument
- Contribution to scholarship and debates on AAPI issues

Submissions Guidelines

- All submissions must be previously unpublished and based on original work
- All submissions must be formatted according to The Chicago Manual of Style (please see attachment for citation examples)
- Authors are required to cooperate with editing and fact-checking and to comply with AAPR's mandated deadlines. Authors who fail to meet these requirements may not be published
- All submissions must include a cover letter with (1) author's name, (2) mailing address, (3) email address, (4) phone number, and (5) a brief biography of no more than 300 words
- Research articles should be 4,000 to 7,000 words in length and include a 100 word abstract
- Commentaries should be 1,500 to 3,000 words in length
- Media, Film and Book reviews should be clear, easy to understand, and

submitted as separate files

Email submissions to:
aapr@hks.harvard.edu

Call For Proposals: Cultures of the American Mosaic (ABC-Clio)

(1) Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in America

Series Content:

The intersections of racial and ethnic culture within the dominant American white culture re-veal challenges and tensions. This open-ended series of one-volume works (each 105,000 – 135,000 words long) will examine changing and often controversial issues in racial and ethnic culture in the U.S. Projects will explore the intersections of race and ethnicity with gender, sexuality, religion, class, nation, and citizenship. These titles uncover and explore racial tensions, stereotypes, and cultural appropriation, as well as celebrate cultural forms, influential people, and critical events that shape today’s American culture. This fascinating new series complements our reference series—Cultures of the American Mosaic—by exploring often controversial issues in America’s ethnic cultures. Addressing hot topics of yesterday and today, the series will appeal to both general and academic libraries and a wide range of readers interested in American and ethnic cultures.

Examples of potential topics/titles:

- Appropriation of American Indians in popular culture – film, television, fashion, sports
- The Model Minority Myth: Beyond the stereotypes of Asians in

AmericaAppropriating ethnic culture in the name of fashion

- Hip Hop Goes Mainstream and the Impact on African American Culture
- African American Women and Islam: Tensions between Liberation and Oppression

Series Editor: Gary Okiihiro, Columbia University

Contact: Kim Kennedy White, Ph.D.
Senior Acquisitions Editor
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<http://www.abc-clio.com>

(2) Racism in American Institutions
Series Content:

Despite the fact that America has elected its first Black President, racism has historically been a problem in our society and continues to be a problem today. We may have done away with such overt racist policies as the Jim Crow laws and school segregation, but covert racism still affects many of America’s established institutions from our public schools to our corporate offices. For instance, schools may not be legally segregated, but take a look at some of the schools in wealthier suburban areas where there are few minority students. What racist policies both in the housing market and in the school systems might be contributing to the fact that many schools have so few students of color? Or look into our prisons. What racist policies within our legal and prison systems might account for the fact that so many people of color are behind bars and are being kept there?

This open-ended series of one-volume works (each 70,000 – 90,000 words long)

will examine the problem of racism in established American institutions. Each volume will trace the prevalence of racism within that institution throughout the history of our country and will then explore the problem in that institution today, looking at ways in which the institution has changed to fight against racism as well as at ways in which it has not. Special attention will be paid to the ways in which racism within each institution has harmed not only individuals but also the institution itself, and solutions, with examples of successful programs, if available and applicable, to the problem of racism within each institution will be provided.

Examples of potential topics/titles:
Racism in Politics, Racism in Corporate America, Racism in Academia, Racism in the Public Schools, Racism in the Medical Profession, Racism in the Prison System, Racism in the Legal System, Racism in Religious Institutions, Racism in Journalism, Racism in the Entertainment Industry, Racism in the Housing Market, Racism in Mental Health and Social Work Fields

Series Editor: Brian Behnken, Assistant Professor in History and Latino/a studies at Iowa State University

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Amerasia Journal Special Issue Call for Papers: Asian American Religions in a Globalized World

Guest Editors: Professor Khyati Y. Joshi (Farleigh Dickinson University) and Professor Sylvia Chan-Malik (Rutgers University)

Publication Date: Spring 2014

Due Dates: 400-word abstracts due on January 10, 2013; authors with selected abstracts will be notified shortly after, with an April 1, 2013 due date for completed essay submissions.

How does religion shape the existing and emergent terrains of Asian Pacific America? In our contemporary moment, as neoliberal policies of globalization and militarism converge with legacies of colonialism and racial violence, what role has religion played in the racial formation of Asian Pacific Americans in the U.S. and beyond? As dividing lines between the “religious” and the “secular” become increasingly blurred, how do processes of racialization affect what we understand as “religious” practices in APA communities, both domestically and transnationally? To investigate such questions, we seek critical essays, book reviews, and first-person accounts that engage the intersections of Asian Pacific America and Religion for a special issue of *Amerasia Journal*, scheduled for publication in Spring 2014.

Building upon “Racial Spirits” (1996), an earlier project exploring Asian American religions in *Amerasia Journal*, this special issue will look at how religion plays a central role in creating belonging and identity formation in Asian Pacific America, alongside how APA religions themselves are constructed and reproduced through lived experience and community formation. While broadly speaking, there is increasing interest in

religion amongst scholars in Asian American Studies, much more inquiry is necessary to assess the salience of spirituality and religion in the everyday lives of Asian Pacific Americans, as well as how religion has been racialized, gendered, and sexualized in the post-9/11 era. We are particularly interested in how religion provides transnational sources of identification for APA communities, enabling and fostering affiliations that often span beyond the nation-state and challenge U.S.-based categories of racial and religious formation. The issue’s major foci will be on:

- Asian Pacific American Religious Histories and Communities, in particular those affected by post-9/11 racializing practices, e.g. Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims, etc.
- Lived Religion in the Asian Pacific American Experience
- Asian Pacific American Religious Communities and Social Justice
- Race and Sacred Spaces
- Interracial-Interreligious Intersections, i.e. Relationships between Asian Pacific American Religious Communities and other religious communities of color (i.e. Black/Chicano-Latino/Native American-Indigenous, etc.)

To submit, please send a 400-word abstract, along with a short biographical note, to Dr. Khyati Joshi, Dr. Sylvia Chan-Malik, and Dr. Arnold Pan at the addresses below by January 10, 2013. If selected for publication, final pieces will range from 3000-5000 words.

Please send correspondence regarding the special issue on religion and Asian American Studies to the following addresses. All correspondence should refer to “*Amerasia Journal Religion Issue*” in the subject line.

Professor Khyati Joshi:

mkhyati@fdu.edu

Professor Sylvia Chan-Malik:

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Arnold Pan, Associate Editor, *Amerasia*

Journal: arnoldpan@ucla.edu

Fellowships

Blakemore Foundation Language Grant

The Blakemore Foundation was established in 1990 by Thomas and Frances Blakemore to encourage the advanced study of Asian languages and to improve the understanding of Asian fine arts in the United States. Blakemore Freeman Fellowships are awarded for one year of advanced level language study in East or Southeast Asia in approved language programs.

<http://www.blakemorefoundation.org/>

Deadline: December 30, 2012

American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program

MFP provides a pre-doctoral training program that delivers national coordination for minority students in institutions of higher education throughout the U.S. From recruitment and placement to training, mentoring, and monitoring, MFP offers graduate students support that complements and extends the education and professional development provided by their home departments. MFP takes seriously the need to train and mentor minority graduate students in their area of interest and to mobilize sociologists in graduate departments and research settings to make this ambition a reality.

<http://www.asanet.org/funding/mfp.cfm>

Deadline: January 31, 2013

Boren Fellowship

Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research interests of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship

Deadline: January 31, 2013

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarships, Society for the Study of Social Problems

A \$12,000 scholarship will be funded to one student with an additional \$500 awarded for attendance at the annual meeting. Payments will be made in equal installments in September 2011 and January 2012. SSSP believes that the support of students will foster the commitment required to enable the student to fund living arrangements as well as academic or research costs.

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/261>

Deadline: February 1, 2013

Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholars Program

The program is designed to increase the pool of university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are: current upper division or graduate students in the CSU, economically and educationally disadvantaged, interested in a university faculty career, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and leaders of tomorrow.

http://www.calstate.edu/predoc/cpdp_program.shtml

Deadline: Contact predoc@calstate.edu (562) 951-4774.

The Center for Khmer Studies

Siem Reap, Cambodia
Summer Junior Fellowship Program
24th June – 2nd August 2013

The Center for Khmer Studies (CKS) is offering 5 American, 5 Cambodian and 5 French undergraduate students an exciting opportunity to join a 6 week Summer Junior Resident Fellowship Program in Cambodia. The program provides a unique experience allowing students to live and study alongside others from different backgrounds and cultures while learning about the history and society of today's Cambodia.

During their residency students will be based at the CKS campus in Siem Reap, which is situated in the beautiful grounds of Wat Damnak, one of the town's largest Buddhist pagodas, only minutes away from the famous Angkor World Heritage Site and its enigmatic temples.

<http://khmerstudies.org/fellowships/summer-junior-fellowship>

Deadline: April 1st, 2013

Jobs & Postdocs

Center for the Study of Culture, Race, & Ethnicity/Sociology, Ithaca College

invites applications for a tenure-eligible Assistant Professor position to teach courses in a new minor in Asian-American Studies housed in the Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity (CSCRE) beginning August 16, 2013. This is a joint appointment with the Department of Sociology, with the tenure unit being the CSCRE.

The person in this line will teach lower (intro) and upper level courses in both units, help develop and coordinate the Asian-American Studies minor, conduct and publish research, and participate in service to the department, campus, community, and profession. We seek a colleague who has a critical approach to the study of race and is committed to diversity and social justice.

Qualifications: Ph.D. is preferred at the time of appointment; however, ABD candidates who have made significant progress towards completion of their degree are also encouraged to apply. The Ph.D. may be in Asian-American Studies or Ethnic/ Inter-disciplinary studies with a specialization in Sociology. Alternatively, it can be in Sociology with a specialization in Asian-American Studies. Preference will be given to candidates whose work addresses racial injustice and equity from a critical perspective as these relate to Asian Americans. Candidates must have an active research and scholarly agenda and

evidence of successful teaching at the undergraduate level.

Interested individuals should apply online at apply.icjobs.org and attach the requested documents. Review of applications will begin immediately. To ensure full consideration, complete applications should be received by November 16, 2012.

**University of South Florida
Postdoctoral Scholars: Global Change
in a Dynamic World**

The University of South Florida has embarked on an ambitious program to enhance its rising stature as a preeminent research university with state, national and global impact, and position itself for membership in the Association of American Universities through: (1) Expanding world-class interdisciplinary research, creative and scholarly endeavors; (2) promoting globally competitive programs in teaching and research; (3) expanding local and global engagement initiatives to strengthen sustainable and healthy communities; and (4) enhancing revenue through external support. Details are available in the USF Strategic Plan.

As part of this initiative, the University of South Florida is pleased to announce the fifth year of its Postdoctoral Scholars program in the Social Sciences and Humanities. The over-arching theme for this years scholars is Global Change in a Dynamic World. Potential themes include (but are not limited to) sustainability; sustainable development; hazard and disaster management; climate change; population changes; technology and

information issues; communication and language development; cultural diasporas; ethnicity, gender, and aging issues; cultural heritage and histories; citizenship; identity; health, economic, education, and environmental disparities; political economy; ethics; human rights; animal rights; peace and conflict studies; injury and violence; security and surveillance issues. Specific research and geographical areas are open, and applicants may consider both past and contemporary perspectives.

At least six twelve-month postdoctoral scholarships will be awarded in Spring 2013 with appointments beginning August 5th, 2013. Appointments are for full time employment (40 hours per week) and will be continued for a maximum of 2 years contingent upon satisfactory performance. The salary is \$40,000 per year and the University contributes to a health insurance program for postdoctoral scholars and their dependents (up to \$6,000). Support for travel to academic conferences will also be available. Scholars will be responsible for relocation and housing expenses.

Applicants must have a doctoral degree in one of the following disciplines: Anthropology; Communication; English; Geography, Environment and Planning; Government and International Affairs; History; Philosophy; Sociology, or an affiliated program, earned no earlier than 2010. Candidates who will have successfully defended their dissertations by May 1, 2013 will also be considered, however the doctoral degree must have been conferred prior to the first day of employment. Note: applicants must have received their doctoral degree from an institution other than the University of South Florida.

Application

Letters of application and supporting material must include the following:

- A cover letter stating your interest in this Postdoctoral Initiative. It must provide details on (i) how your research and teaching expertise would contribute to the theme of Global Change in a Dynamic World and the goals and aspirations of the USF Strategic Plan (<http://www.ods.usf.edu/plans/strategic/>); (ii) the department with which you would like to be affiliated; (iii) your teaching experience and courses that you would like to offer; and (iv) your long-term goals
- A Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of reference
- Scanned copies of your published papers/scholarly works or book chapters (maximum of 3)
- Scanned copies of current academic transcripts from all degree awarding institutions (Official transcripts will need to be supplied by those individuals who receive formal offers)
- Copies of teaching evaluations

Send all application materials to: postdoc@usf.edu. Final application submission

Deadline: Friday December 7, 2012.

Pacific Islands Studies, Univ. of Hawai'i, Manoa

- Assistant Professor (Pacific Islands Studies)
- Position Number: 0085090

Fall 2012

- Hiring Unit: School of Pacific and Asian Studies/Center for Pacific Islands Studies
- Location: Manoa Campus

Duties and Responsibilities

Develop and teach interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate courses on the Pacific Islands with preference for those focused on creative arts and literature. Help develop the Culture, Arts and Performance concentration within the BA program in Pacific Islands Studies. Supervise and support MA and BA students. Conduct research or other scholarly activities and publish or produce in appropriate media. Work in support of the Center’s publishing, outreach, and service learning programs. Perform university and professional service.

Minimum Qualifications

Earned PhD from a college or university of recognized standing in the social sciences, arts or humanities with emphasis on the Pacific Islands. Extensive knowledge of and research experience in the Pacific Islands region outside of Hawai’i and or in diasporic Pacific Islander communities. Strong interest in interdisciplinary research and teaching especially at the undergraduate level. Desirable Qualifications

Publications in refereed journals or other appropriate media. Evidence of excellence in teaching. Interest in innovative teaching strategies. Experience with community outreach activities including service learning. Ability to speak one or more indigenous Pacific Islands languages. To Apply:

Submit via electronic submission a cover letter indicating how you fulfill the minimum and desirable qualifications, a

current curriculum vitae, three letters of reference from professionals in the field competent to assess your work to Julie Walsh, Search Committee co-chair at jwalsh@hawaii.edu. Official transcripts (from institution to institution) that reflect degree and course work are due at the time of hire. Hard copy submissions will not be considered.

Deadline: December 07, 2012

The Department of Asian American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invites

applications for a tenured/tenure-track faculty position (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor) in the field of transnationalism, diaspora, or migration/immigration. We seek a theoretically sophisticated and empirically-driven scholar in traditional social science disciplines or interdisciplinary programs utilizing mixed methodologies. Research specialization is open, but preference will be given to scholars with interests in spatiality, including but not limited to militarization, incarceration, and settler colonialism; economic and social networks; urbanization and community development; and technology studies. Junior applicants must have a Ph.D. in hand or show clear evidence of completion by start of appointment. Senior applicants must hold a Ph.D. and should have an outstanding record of research and scholarship. The anticipated starting date is August 16, 2013; the starting salary is competitive.

Applications can be submitted by going to <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and uploading a cover letter, CV, and contact information for three potential

references. Senior candidates will be contacted before any references are requested. To ensure full consideration, all required application materials must be submitted by December 10, 2012. Applicants may be interviewed before the closing date; however, no hiring decision will be made before December 10.

For further information regarding application procedures or to submit nominations, please contact Sherry Clayborn at sclaybor@illinois.edu or call 217-333-3736.

Asian American Studies, Univ. of Binghamton, SUNY

The Asian and Asian American Studies Department at Binghamton University invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in Asian American studies beginning Fall 2013. We also welcome applications from advanced assistant professors. We seek candidates with a strong background in Asian American studies. Applications from those whose work focuses on ethnic studies, urban studies, gender studies, social and political movements, law, or labor are especially welcome. Candidates must have a PhD by the time of appointment.

Submit electronic application, including cover letter, CV, research and teaching statements, and three letters of references to <http://binghamton.interviewexchange.com>. Contact person: Robert Ku at mjku@binghamton.edu.

Deadline: December 15, 2012.

Seattle University's Sociology

Department invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor to begin September 2013.

The successful candidate will teach, have a strong and developing program of research/scholarship and experience teaching in the areas of race and ethnicity, community action research, and cultural studies and contribute to departmental and university service.

Minimum requirements: Ph.D. in sociology, and commitment to critical pedagogy and scholarship in a social justice context. The qualified candidate will also be able to teach in one or more of the following interdisciplinary programs: Global African Studies; Latin American Studies; Middle Eastern Studies; and/or Women and Gender Studies.

Applicants should submit applications online at <https://jobs.seattleu.edu>, including CV, contact information for two references, teaching materials (teaching portfolio including syllabi, and evaluations), and a writing sample (published or unpublished). Position is opened until filled.

<http://www.seattleu.edu/artsci/sociology/candidates.htm>

Deadline: December 20, 2012

Notes on Section Members

Xiangming Chen co-edited (with Ahmed Kanna) *Rethinking Global*

Urbanism: Comparative Insights from Secondary Cities (Routledge, 2012) and co-authored (with Anthony Orum and Krista Paulsen) *Introduction to Cities: How Place and Space Shape Human Experience* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

Prema Kurien received a Jack Shand Research Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, for her project, "The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the U.S." She also published the following:

- "What is American about American Hinduism? Hindu Umbrella Organizations in the U.S. in Comparative Perspective." Pp. 90-111 in John Zavos, Pralay Kanungo, Deepa Reddy, MayaWarrier, and Raymond Brady Williams (eds.) *Public Hinduisms*. Sage Publications, 2012.
- "Religion, Social Incorporation, and Civic Engagement: Second-Generation Indian American Christians." DOI: 10.1007/s13644-012-0083-0. Online First, 9/7/2012 *Review of Religion Research* (Print edition forthcoming 2013).
- "Decoupling Religion and Ethnicity: Second-Generation Indian American Christians." (DOI) 10.1007/s11133-012-9238-0. Online First, 10/3/2012 *Qualitative Sociology* (Print edition forthcoming Dec 2012).

Minjeong Kim published "Gendered Desire and Heteronormativity in the Transnational Matchmaking Process," in Marcia Texler Segal, Esther Ngan-Ling Chow, Vasilikie Demos (eds.) *Social Production and Reproduction at the Interface of Public and Private Spheres* (Advances in Gender Research, Volume 16), Emerald Group Publishing Ltd, pp.15-38.

Nadia Kim has a forthcoming book chapter in 2013: "Race-ing towards the Real South Korea: The Cases of Black-Korean Nationals and African Migrants" in *Multiethnic Korea? Multiculturalism, Migration, and Peoplehood Diversity in Contemporary South Korea*, edited by John Lie and published by the University of California Press. She also won the 2012 Early Career Award from the Section on Asia and Asian America, American Sociological Association (ASA). She was also elected to the ASA Committee on Nominations 2012-2015).

C.N. Le published "New Dimensions of Asian American Self-Employment in Los Angeles and New York" in *Asian American & Pacific Islander Nexus* (2012, 10:2:55-76). He was also quoted by the following media outlets:

- *Washington Post*, "Familiar Ad Trope: Pairing White Men and Asian American Women" (Sept. 28, 2012).
- TheDailyBeast.com (*Newsweek* magazine), "Texas Teenager Diane Tran Jailed for Working Hard?" (April 30, 2012).
- *Wall Street Journal*, "The Real Reason Why Asian Americans Are Outmarrying Less" (April 16, 2012).
- *New York Times*, "For Asian-American Couples, a Tie That Binds" (March 30, 2012).

Timothy Madigan became the President of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society on October 13, 2012.

Diditi Mitra's book *Punjabi Immigrant Mobility in the United States: Adaptation through Race and Class* was just published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Manashi Ray was invited for an international workshop on "Diaspora and Development: South Asian Diaspora

Engagement in South Asia” at University Town, National University of Singapore, September 27 - 28, 2012. The international workshop was organized by the Institute of South Asian Studies. Her presentation on Sept 28th was titled, “The Latent Power of Networks: The Routes of Re-Migration of Returnee Entrepreneurs from the United States to India in the 21st Century.”

Bindi Shah published *Laotian Daughters: Working toward Community, Belonging, and Environmental Justice* (Temple 2012). The book examines young Laotian women’s efforts to improve the degraded conditions in Richmond, California, and explores the ways their environmental justice activism and political practices resist the negative stereotypes of race, class, and gender associated with this group.

Anthony J. Spires published “Lessons from Abroad: Foreign Influences on China’s Emerging Civil Society” in *The China Journal* (2012, no. 68, pp. 125-146). At the Denver ASA meeting, the Political Sociology Section named him co-winner of the 2012 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award for his article in the *American Journal of Sociology*, “Contingent Symbiosis and Civil Society in an Authoritarian State: Understanding the Survival of China’s Grassroots NGOs” (2011, vol. 117, no. 1, pp. 1-45). He was also recently awarded an Academic Writing Residency at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, to be taken in summer 2013, for his project, “Developing Democratic Culture in Chinese NGOs.”

Emily Walton published “Resurgent Ethnicity among Asian Americans: Ethnic Neighborhood Context and Health” in *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2012, 53: 378-394).

Junmin Wang was awarded a research grant (\$136,178) from the National Science Foundation (NSF)’s Science of Organizations Program in 2012. The grant covers two-year period of 2012-14 and funds her research project entitled “Making Global Capital Work: Economic Openness and Corporate Governance in Chinese Capital Markets.” Wang published a book entitled *State-Market Interactions in China’s Reform Era: Local State Competition and Global Market Building in the Tobacco Industry* (2012, Routledge). She also published an article (with Doug Guthrie and Zhixing Xiao as co-authors) in *Management and Organization Review* (2012, Vol.8, Issue 2), which is entitled “The Rise of SASAC: Asset Management, Ownership Concentration, and Firm Performance in China’s Capital Markets.”

Bin Xu published “Grandpa Wen: Scene and Political Performance” in *Sociological Theory* (2012, 30: 114-129). In addition, his project “Some Sufferings Are More Equal Than Others: Collective Memory of the Zhiqing Generation” won the Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline from the American Sociological Association and the National Science Foundation.

Jane H. Yamashiro was invited for an international workshop on “The ‘Diaspora Strategies’ of Migrant Sending Countries,” at the Asia Research Institute, the National University of Singapore. November 5-6, 2012. Her presentation on November 6th was titled, “Migration, Development, and Diaspora Strategies in South Korea and Japan.”

Jie Zhang published the following articles since last AAA Section newsletter:

- Zhang, Jie and Zhenyu Ma. 2012. “Patterns of life events preceding the suicide in rural young Chinese: A case

control study.” *Journal of Affective Disorders* 140:161-167. Shanda.

- Duan, Zhongping, Yuanyuan Kong, Jie Zhang, and Huimin Guo. 2012. “Psychological comorbidities in Chinese patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure.” *General Hospital Psychiatry* 34:276-281. Shanda.
- Fang, Le, Marnin J. Heisel, Paul R. Duberstein, and Jie Zhang. 2012. “Combined effects of neuroticism and extraversion: findings from a matched case control study of suicide in rural China.” *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 200:598-602. Shanda.
- Fang, Le and Jie Zhang. 2012. “Suicidal characteristic-clusters for rural young victims aged 15 - 34 in three provinces, China: a case control study.” *Chinese Journal of Epidemiology* 33:286-290. (in Chinese) Shanda.
- 方乐, 张杰. 2012. “中国 3 省农村地区 15~34 岁青年自杀死亡特征群病例对照研究.” *中华流行病学杂志* 33:286-290.
- Jia, Cun-Xian and Jie Zhang. 2012. “Psychometric Characteristics of the Duke Social Support Index in a Young Rural Chinese Population.” *Death Studies* 36:858-869. Shanda.
- Zhang, Jie and Cuntong Wang. 2012. “Factors in the Neighborhood as Risks of Suicide in Rural China: A Multilevel Analysis.” *Community Mental Health Journal* 48:627-633. CUFU.
- Li, Ziyao and Jie Zhang. 2012. “Coping Skills, Mental Disorders, and Suicide among Rural Youths in China.” *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 200:885-890.

