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About *Asian Mode*

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Asian Mode

From the Section Chair

It is with great pleasure that I share the latest information about our section and critical updates, including section sessions at the upcoming ASA conference in San Francisco, a new mentoring session at the conference, a co-hosted reception, and newly-elected officers.

Our Section day is **Monday, August 18**. This year in particular it promises to be a full, dynamic day. In line with the conference theme, we will have two section panels: Work, Labor and Inequality in Asia, and Work Labor and Inequality in Asian America. This year's panels draw attention to our commitment to scholarship on both fields. In addition, chair-elect Sharmila Rudrappa has organized our section roundtables. This is in addition to the regular session panel on Asia and Asian America, on Sunday August 17th.

Our business meeting will have a different agenda than normal. This year we will be giving out our section awards at the business meeting, rather than at the reception. As usual, the business meeting will also be an important opportunity to learn about the health the section as well as to voice suggestions for future directions, which we take seriously. I strongly encourage people to attend this year's members meeting.

We are celebrating our award winners at the members meeting this year because, I'm excited to announce, our section reception will be co-hosted with the International Migration (IM) section. Time and location is below. Both sections

share significant overlap in members. It is too time consuming to hand out all awards at the reception, when people hope to mingle with colleagues and friends. I'm also happy to note that our reception is co-sponsored by the journal *Ethnic and Racial Studies* and Routledge. Routledge will be running a small competition during the joint reception on August 18. Reception attendees may drop their email addresses into a tombola for a chance to win a Routledge book (choice from books available at the Routledge stand). These email addresses will be used to encourage members to sign up for email table-of-contents alerts for *Ethnic and Racial Studies* and *Identities*.

In addition to all this, our section is excited to host a mentoring session on August 18th as well. At last year's business meeting, attendees requested more in-person mentoring opportunities. Mentors will be on hand to discuss topics that include, but are not limited to, publishing, getting a job, pursuing tenure, teaching, work/family balance, and promotion to full. Please come to learn, share, or just to socialize. Food will be served, courtesy of the section! Please RSVP to me at pawan.dhingra@tufts.edu by July 25th.

To help navigate these events, here is a list of them all in chronological order (places included if known):

Sunday, August 17th:

- Regular Session. "Asians and Asian Americans," 2:30 to 4:10pm.

Monday, August 18th:

- Section Session: "Work, Labor, and Inequality in Asian America," 8:30-10:10am.
- Section Roundtables, 10:30-11:30am.

• Section Members Meeting and Award Ceremony: 11:30-12:10pm (same room as Roundtables)

• Section Mentoring Opportunity: Kusina Ni Tess Restaurant, 237 Ellis St, San Francisco, CA 94102 (very close to the Hilton San Francisco), 2-4pm.

• Section Session: "Work, Labor, and Inequality in Asia," 4:30-6:10pm.

• Section Reception (co-hosted with International Migration Section): Jones Bar and Lounge (620 Jones St.), 6:30-9pm.

I also am excited to announce our new section officers, each of whom brings an impressive set of skills and reputation. Thank you to all those who ran for office. This service is critical to the future of section. Chair-Elect (2014-15) is Dina Okamoto (Indiana University); new Council members (3 year term begins 2014) are Jun Xu (Ball State University) and Wei-hsin Yu (University of Texas at Austin), and our new Student representative (2014-2015) is Vivian Shaw (University of Texas at Austin).

I want to thank outgoing council members for their inspiring service! At the end of the conference, Dr. Sharmila Rudrappa takes over as chair of the section. It is has been a sincere pleasure to serve as chair of this section, one that I find intellectually stimulating and necessary. My last point, and at the risk of sounding like a broken record, is that we must work continue to keep up and increase our membership. Thank you for this opportunity, and I hope to see many of you in San Francisco.

Best Regards,

Pawan Dhingra
Professor and Chair of Sociology
Tufts University

Your Section Officers

Chair: Pawan Dhingra, Tufts University

Past-Chair: Lynn Fujiwara, University of Oregon

Chair-Elect: Sharmila Rudrappa, University of Texas, Austin

Secretary-Treasurer: C.N. Le, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Council Members:
Anna Guevarra, University of Illinois, Chicago

Prema Kurien, Syracuse University

Yingyi Ma, Syracuse University

Anthony Ocampo, Cal Poly Pomona

Jane H. Yamashiro, University of Southern California

Leslie Wang, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Student Representative:
Elena Shih, University of California, Los Angeles

2014 Section Election Results

Congratulations to the new section officers!

Chair-Elect: Dina Okamoto, Indiana University (2014-2015)

Council Members:
Jun Xu, Ball State University

Wei-hsin Yu, University of Texas, Austin

Student Representative: Vivian Shaw, University of Texas, Austin

2014 Section Award Winners

Congratulations to all the award winners and honorees!

2014 Book Award Winner (Asian American Studies):

- **Wendy Cheng.** *The Changs Next Door to the Díazes: Remapping Race in Suburban California.* University of Minnesota Press.

Wendy Cheng's *The Changs Next Door to the Díazes* is an incredibly rich analysis of how immigration is changing the state of race relations in America. Based in Los Angeles' San Gabriel Valley, a region home to historical Asian and Latino immigrant communities, Cheng's analysis expands previous frameworks on race by Omi and Winant (1994) and posits the concept of regional racial formation. Here, she articulates the central role of space in how Asian Americans and Latinos come to conceptualize their racial identities.

Award Committee:
Anthony Ocampo and Rick Baldoz

2014 Book Award Winner (Asia / Transnational):

- **Kristin Surak.** *Making Tea, Making Japan: Cultural Nationalism in Practice.* Stanford University Press.

Through exhaustive descriptions that speak to her brilliance as an ethnographer, she details how the nation is concretized in movement, bodily gestures, and postures. Over 20 months of participation in several tea ceremony classes, observations of demonstrations and displays of the tea ceremony for tourists, perusing archives, and building on language skills and familiarity with Japan, Professor Surak examines the quotidian ways by which nationhood is instantiated into being. The committee sees *Making Tea, Making Japan* as a crucial contribution to Asia/ Asian American studies, the sociology of culture, and political sociology.

Award Committee:
Sharmila Rudrappa and Leslie Wang

2014 Research Paper Awards:

- **Kimberly Hoang** (Boston College): 2014. "Competing Technologies of Embodiment: Pan-Asian Modernity and Third World Dependency." *Gender and Society.*

Kimberly's article examines the surgical and cosmetic bodily projects of sex workers in three bars in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Drawing on ethnography and 130 interviews with clients and sex workers, she argues that sex workers construct radically different self-presentations reflecting changes in the global economy that have expanded the meaning of

Asianness to include what she calls pan-Asian modernity. While there is much literature discussing how women embody national identity, this article does it in a unique way, showing that it is not merely imposed but can be chosen in a variety of ways.

- **Anthony Ocampo** (Cal Poly Pomona): 2013. "Are Second Generation Filipinos 'Becoming' Asian American or Latino? Historical Colonialism, Culture, and Panethnic Identity." *Ethnic and Racial Studies.*

Anthony's article examines how second-generation Filipino Americans understand their panethnic identities in light of their connections to both Asian Americans and Latinos. Drawing on interviews with 50 Filipino adults in Los Angeles and two large-scale surveys of the immigrant second generation, he argues that many Filipinos invoke their colonial history to explain their social distance from East Asians and to blur boundaries with Latinos. This article is a major challenge and contribution to studies of panethnicity, especially in Asian American Studies, which have long regarded U.S. state classification as trumping pre-migration history and homogenizing lived experience.

Award Committee:
Prema Kurien and J Schiao

2013 Graduate Student Paper Awards:

- **Catherine Man Chuen Cheng** (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto) "Circuits of Reproductive Labor: Sex Work and Mothering in Contemporary China"

Catherine's paper is an ethnography of the "circuits of reproductive labor" that connect Chinese migrant sex workers in Macao. The paper was nominated by Hae Yeon Choo, who writes that "this article contributes to the sociology of Asia and Asian America, as it highlights the complex interplay of gender, class, and political economy in contemporary Asia by firmly situating the meanings and practices of sex work within the moral and material landscape based on Chinese migrant women's lived experiences."

- **Wasudha Bhatt** (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas, Austin) "The Little Brown Woman: Gender Discrimination in American Medicine"

Wasudha's paper draws on more than one hundred interviews with Indian physicians – both first and second generation-- to examine how race/ethnicity, gender, and nationality shape the experiences of Indian physicians in the United States, and how in the environments of racially different foreign-born medical professionals, gendered and racial dynamics create complex conditions of inequality and disadvantage for women of color.

Award Committee:
Jane Yamashiro and Elena Shih

2014 Contribution to the Field Award:

- **Prema Kurien**, Professor of Sociology, Syracuse University

We are excited to give the inaugural Contribution to the Field award to Professor Prema Kurien, Syracuse

University. Professor Kurien has been an intellectual and institutional leader in the fields of both Asian and Asian American Studies, and a pioneer within South Asian American Studies. Her books and articles bring needed attention to the intersection of religion, ethnicity, race, inequality, and politics. In addition, she is praised by colleagues and students for her service and teaching. She has been a leader in building up Asian American Studies at Syracuse University.

Award Committee:
Pawan Dhingra and C.N. Le

Section Activities at the 2014 ASA Meeting in San Francisco

Sunday, Aug 17, 2:30-4:10pm: Regular Session: "Asians and Asian Americans"

Session Organizer and President: Margaret M. Chin (CUNY Graduate Center and Hunter College)

- "Cause Right Now the World is Flat: New Asian Indian Immigrants and Racial Ambiguity." **Kavitha Koshy** (Texas Woman's University)
- "Education Lifts all Boats? The Occupational and Earnings Attainments of Asian 1.5 and Second Generations." **Monica Boyd, Siyue Tian, and James-Junmin Jeong** (University of Toronto).
- "Failed Success: Korean Americans, Structure-Culture, and the Meaning of

Success." **Nadia Y. Kim** (Loyola Marymount University) and **Christine Jin Oh** (Los Angeles County).

- "Two Ontological Views of Japanese Americans Shaped by Experiences Living in Japan." **Jane H. Yamashiro** (University of Southern California).
- "When High-Achieving Asian Families Move in and Affluent Whites Move Out: A Narrative of Suburban Identity." **Amy Stuart Wells** (Columbia University), **Lauren Fox** (Columbia University), and **Allison Roda** (State University of New Jersey, Newark).

Monday, Aug 18, 8:30-10:10am: Section Session: "Work, Labor, and Inequality in Asian America"

Session Organizer: Pawan H. Dhingra (Tufts University)

President: Linda Trinh Vo (University of California, Irvine)

- "Coming to America: The Business of Trafficked Workers." **Robyn Magalit Rodriguez** (University of California, Davis) and **Valerie A. Francisco** (City University of New York, Graduate Center)
- "Ethnic Minorities: Playing the Institutional Game." **Hyein Lee** (City University of New York, Graduate Center).
- "Indian IT Workers and the Transnational Subcontracting of Immigrant Labor in the United States." **Payal Banerjee** (Smith College).
- "Being Sandwiched: Korean Immigrants' Labor Experiences at Korean Transnational Corporations in the United States." **Eunbi Kim** (University of Pennsylvania).
- "Revisiting Ethnic Niches: A Comparative Analysis of Asian and

Latino Undocumented Young Adults." **Esther Yoona Cho** (University of California, Berkeley).

Monday, Aug 18, 10:30-11:30am: Section Roundtables

Session Organizer: Sharmila Rudrappa (University of Texas, Austin)

Table 1: Aging in Asia and Asian America

Table President: Chao-Lun (Jacob) Huang (University of North Texas)

- "Anticipated Support from Children and Later-life Mental Well-being: A Comparative Study of United States and China." **Cheng Cheng** (Princeton University).
- "Asymmetry in Intergenerational Support: East Asian Societies Studied from a Multilevel Perspective" **Shuanglong Li** (Kyushu University) and **David Macro** (Utrecht University).
- "Grandpas on Bikes, Grandmas in Cars: Gendered Attitudes Regarding Physical Fitness among South Asian Immigrant Seniors." **Sabeen Sandhu** (College of Alameda).

Table 2: Asians, Asian Americans, and Health

Table President: Ke Liang (City University of New York, Baruch College)

- "Overweight/Obesity Penalties in Economic Outcomes: A Longitudinal Study of Chinese Adults, 1991-2009." **Chih-Chien Huang, Scott Thomas Yabiku, Stephanie Ayers, and Jennie Jacobs Kronefeld** (Arizona State University).
- "Understanding the Mental Health Status of Migrant Workers in China." **Lei Lei** (State University of New York, Albany).

- “Racial-Ethnic Identity Pairings and the Mental Health of Second Generation Asian Adolescents.” **Preeti Mansukh Vaghela and Koji Ueno** (*Florida State University*).
- “We’re All So Red! The Alcohol Flush Reaction and Asian Ethnic Identification.” **Alexandra Hamada, Han Guel Jung, Karl H. Orozco, and Greggor Mattson** (*Oberlin College*).

Table 3: Interrogating Race

Table President: Hyeyoung Kwon (*University of Southern California*)

- “What Explains the Rise of Ethnic Minority Tensions in China?” **Reza Hasmath** (*University of Oxford*).
- “Belonging and Boundaries in Little Guyana: Ethnic Enclave Interactions Among Middle Class Second-generation Indo-Guyanese Americans.” **Nazreen Sameena Bacchus** (*City University of New York, Graduate Center*).
- “Filipino Americans: A Case for an Immigration Perspective on Social Class.” **Brenda Gambol** (*City University of New York, Graduate Center*).
- “Is Brown the New Black? South Asians and the Racial Ethnic Divide.” **Radha Modi** (*University of Pennsylvania*).

Table 4: Marriages, Markets, and Family

Table President: Leslie Kim Wang (*University of Massachusetts-Boston*)

- “Marriage Immigration Market: Filipina/American Relationships.” **Katherine Hill** (*University of Texas-Austin*).
- “Men as Dependents: Household Division of Labor in Women-Led Families of Indian Migrant Nurses.” **Pallavi Banerjee** (*Vanderbilt University*).
- “Asianness Under Construction: Negotiation of Ethnic Identity/Culture among Inter-ethnically Married Asian-

Americans.” **Kelly Haesung Chong** (*Kansas University*).

- “The Wedding Banquet: The Presentation of Social Capital in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.” **Yang-Chih Fu** (*Academia Sinica*), **Nan Lin** (*Duke University*), **Chih-Jou Jay Chen** (*Academia Sinica*), and **Gina Lai** (*Hong Kong Baptist University*).

Table 5: The Politics of Erasing Violence

Table President: Alexander Lu (*Indiana University*)

- “Let’s Go Back to the Narratives: Diasporic Sikhs, 1984 Violence and Digital Memory Work?” **Shruti Devgan** (*State University of New Jersey-Rutgers*).
- “Bikini Abject: Pacific Island Nuclear Testing as a Technology of Exception.” **Vivian Giboung Shaw** (*University of Texas-Austin*).
- “Transgenerational Transmission of Trauma and Collective Memory in Second Generation Cambodian American Refugees.” **Yvonne Y. Kwan** (*University of California-Santa Cruz*).

Table 6: Class, Inequality, and Social Mobility

Table President: Aggie Jooyoung Noah (*Pennsylvania State University*)

- “Gendered Narratives of Mobility: Female Trekking Guides and the Spatial Dimensions of Social Change in Nepal.” **Babs Grossman-Thompson** (*University of Colorado-Boulder*).
- “Pursuing the Chinese Dream: Work and Family for Educated Migrants in Beijing.” **Danielle Kane and Yiting Li** (*DePauw University*).
- “The New Political Economy of Income Inequality in Japan and China

(1995-2007).” **Stephen Tay** (*Nanyang Technological University*).

- “Ethnic Disparities in Prenatal Care Adequacy in Vietnam: An Analysis of Change.” **Ha Ngoc Trinh and Kim M. Korinek** (*University of Utah*).

Table 7: The Sociology of Culture: Case Studies from Asia

Table President: Yuching Julia Cheng (*State University of New York-Albany*)

- “Individual Status and Contextual Inequality: Explaining the Value Change in China.” **Tony Huiquan Zhang** (*University of Toronto*).
- “Everyday Multiculturalism at Work: Race and Multi-ethnic Coexistence in Singaporean Workplaces.” **Amanda Yvonne Wise** (*Macquarie University*).
- “Revolution and Religious Reform: The Indigenous Church Movement in Republican China.” **Cole Nicholas Carnesecca** (*University of Notre Dame*).
- “Cosmopolitanism and Colonialism: The Manchurian Motion Picture Corporation and the Production of My Nightingale (1943).” **Seio Nakajima** (*Waseda University*).

Table 8: Education and Social Inequality: The Role of Teachers

Table President: Wenjuan Zheng (*City University of New York-Graduate Center*)

- “Testing Immigrants’ Loyalty: Tensions in Teacher-Parent Relations in Japan.” **Robert Steven Moorehead** (*Ritsumeikan University*).
- “Undervalued Work of Migrant Teachers and Their Resistance.” **Min Yu** (*Missouri State University*).
- “Ethnic Minority Teachers in the People’s Republic of China: Their Role as Change Agents.” **MaryJo Benton Lee** (*South Dakota State University*).

Table 9: Educational Inequality in Asia and Asian America

Table President: TBA

- "Transition to Higher Education in Contemporary China: A Study of High School Graduates in Urban Nanjing." **Gina Lai, Odalía Ho Wong, Jing Song** (Hong Kong Baptist University), and **Xiaotian Feng** (Nanjing University).
- "Monoethnicity as a Myth: Educational Outcomes of Multicultural Children in Korea." **Nayoung Heo** (Texas A&M University).
- "Stereotype Threat, Spatial Ability, and Gender: Math Performance in Male and Female Chinese Students." **Ming Tsui** (Millsaps College), **Xiaoying Xu** (Wuhan University of Technology), **Edmond Venator**, and **Yan Wang** (Millsaps College).
- "Examining the Formation of Asian American Students' Educational Aspirations: An Empirical Study." **Kye-Hyoung Lee** (University of Texas-Austin).

Table 10: The Third Sector in China

Table President: **Setsuko Matsuzawa** (The College of Wooster)

- "State, Space and NGOs in China: A Spatial Framework." **Jennifer YJ Hsu** (University of Alberta).
- "The Rise of Modern Private Philanthropic Foundations in China." **Anthony J. Spires** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong), **Weijun Lai** (Sun Yat-Sen University), **Lin Tao** (Peking University), and **Jiangang Zhu** (Sun Yat-Sen University).
- "How to Exploit the Chinese Party-State: Lessons from One Chinese

NGO." **Carolyn L. Hsu** (Colgate University).

Monday, Aug 18, 11:30am-12:10pm: Section Members Meeting and Awards Presentations

Immediately following the Section Roundtables (10:30-11:30am). Please stay after the roundtables and join us for the Section Members meeting, when we will summarize some informal section news items and activities. New this year, we will also present the plaques to our 2014 section award winners (listed previously in this newsletter).

Monday, Aug 18, 2:00-4:00pm: Section Mentoring Opportunity

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Monday, Aug 18, 4:30-6:10pm: Section Session: "Work, Labor, and Inequality in Asia"

Session Organizer: **Pawan H. Dhingra** (Tufts University)

- "The Making of the Precariat in South Korea: A Case of Female Janitorial Workers." **Hyukjin Cho** and **Jaeyoun Won** (Yonsei University).
- "The Gender Ratio of Chinese Suicide Rates: An Explanation in Confucianism." **Jie Zhang** (State University of New York-Buffalo).
- "The Financiers of Hong Kong and Singapore." **David R. Meyer** (Washington University-St. Louis).
- "The Recent Economic Crisis and Unemployment among Immigrants in Japan." **Hirohisa Takenoshita** (Sophia University).

Monday, Aug 18, 6:30-9pm: Section Annual Reception:

Jones Bar and Lounge (620 Jones St., 94102), co-hosted with the Section on International Migration.

Selected Opportunities

Job Announcements

College of the Arts, Oakland

Lecturer need to teach Asian American literature course, Tuesdays, 7:15-10:15pm, Fall semester (Sept 2-December 12) at the California College of the Arts, Oakland campus. Send sample syllabus and c.v. ASAP to mdejesus@cca.edu.

California State Univ., Fullerton

Call for lecturers includes a search for Part-Time Faculty who can teach courses on Multiple Heritage Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Asian American Women (online), or Filipino/a American Experience, beginning August 25, 2014.

Interested applicants can apply through: http://diversity.fullerton.edu/Jobs/PT/hss_asian-american.aspx

Publication Announcements

National Asian Pacific American Political Almanac 2014-2015 (15th Edition) ISBN 978-0-934052-48-1

By Don T. Nakanishi (UCLA) and James Lai (Santa Clara University)
 Researcher: Christine Chen

Published by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center Press and funded by Nielsen

Published since 1976, the *National Asian Pacific American Political Almanac* has received rave reviews from elected officials, community leaders, social services providers, librarians, journalists, researchers, students, and others interested in the growing political participation of the nation's 17 million Asian Pacific Americans.

The new 2014-15 edition of the *Political Almanac* - now available in print and as a searchable electronic-book version - has 262 pages of:

Special tributes to the late Honorable U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye by President Barack Obama, U.S. Senator

Mazie Hirono, and Congress members John Boehner and Mike Honda
 A political directory listing the largest number of Asian Pacific American elected and major appointed officials and judges in U.S. history--over 4000 on the federal level, in 38 states, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands.

Current data on Asian Pacific American voting trends and demographics. An extensive listing of over 100 major national, state and local Asian Pacific American political, civil rights, and advocacy organizations and leaders. Political commentaries by top political scientists and community leaders: Sefa Aina, Calvin Chang, Jeff Chang, Kim Geron, Gene Kim, Taeku Lee, Pei-te Lien, Glenn D. Magpantay, Karthick Ramakrishnan, Linda Trinh Vo.

Electronic book version of the almanac also features additional charts, figures, and further information. Copies of the 15th edition can be ordered via phone, email, or mail. Each print or digital ePub copy can be purchased for \$20, plus applicable sales tax (7.5% for CA residents; 9% for Los Angeles County residents). Domestic shipping and handling for print copies is \$5; for each additional, please add \$1. To order, visit the Center Press website or contact us at aascpress@aasc.ucla.edu or 310-825-2968. Purchase both a print and ePub version for just \$30*

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Conferences & Symposia

Third Symposium on Asians in the Americas

October 1-3, 2014
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (New Brunswick)

This symposium aims to explore the multifaceted lives and representations of Asians in the Americas, past and present, and their intersections with borders, race, gender, nationality, geopolitical power, homeland, identity, and culture. We emphasize the presence of Asians in the Americas since at least the sixteenth century and their relevance for contemporary diaspora, globalization, and transnational studies.

The Third Symposium on Asians in the Americas builds on conversations and cutting-edge work presented in previous symposiums at Southeast Missouri State University in 2012 and Pepperdine University in 2013. We invite papers that focus on any aspect of Asians in the Americas from multidisciplinary perspectives such as history, anthropology, sociology, religion, art, education, literature, film, and popular culture. To date, scholarship in Asian American Studies has focused on East Asians—more so than South, Southeast, Central, and Western Asians—in North America. We especially encourage work-in-progress, new perspectives, and comparative and connective approaches that can bring research on Asians in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean into dialogue. While topics may focus on a specific group, country, or region, they should provide a general context to the hemisphere as a whole.

The symposium will take place at Rutgers, The State University of New

Jersey, in New Brunswick over two days (Thursday and Friday, October 2-3), with a pre-symposium event on the evening of Wednesday, October 1.

We invite submissions for individual papers, panels, and roundtables. Please send abstracts of no more than 200 words and a brief biographical sketch to Dr. Kathleen López (Organizer) by June 13, 2014: kmlopez@rci.rutgers.edu

Sponsor: Collective for Asian American Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Location: Alexander Library
Teleconference Lecture Hall, College Avenue Campus

Keynote: Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Professor of History and Ethnic Studies and Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America, Brown University

Organizer:
Dr. Kathleen López, Department of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies and Department of History, Rutgers University (kmlopez@rci.rutgers.edu)

Co-organizers:
Dr. Rick H. Lee, Rutgers University (rick.lee@rutgers.edu)

Dr. Zelideth Rivas, Marshall University (rivasz@marshall.edu)

Dr. Alejandro Lee, Central Washington University (Alejandro.Lee@cwu.edu)

Call for Proposal: Research on the Education of Asian and Pacific Americans

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) Special Interest Group (SIG) on “Research on the Education of Asian and Pacific Americans” (REAPA) invites proposals for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. The aims of the REAPA SIG include: promotion of inquiry into the educational issues that affect Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities; facilitation of critical conversations around issues of equity and diversity in education; and providing members with support and collegueship.

We especially encourage proposals that align with the 2015 conference theme “Toward Justice: Culture, Language, and Heritage in Education Research and Praxis.” We are in the midst of an exciting period for research with AAPI communities, thus, we invite submissions that highlight the challenges and diversity of various AAPI educational issues through critical perspectives, theories, and practice. For instance, consistent with the conference theme, we encourage proposals to address how AAPI educational issues that might relate to larger themes and principles of social justice in education. In addition, how does new research shed light onto rapidly changing AAPI demographics locally and nationally and how should educational institutions respond to those changes?

Individual submissions will undergo a blind review and be evaluated using AERA’s standard criteria and alignment to the REAPA SIG mission. All individual proposals should be submitted without author identification. Session proposals will be reviewed with author identification. Any proposals that do not adhere to the AERA guidelines cannot be reviewed. All proposals are due on July

22, 2014 at 11:59pm (PST) via the AERA submission system. Guidelines for individual and session proposals and instructions for submission can be found at aera.net under “Annual Meeting.” If you have additional questions, please contact the AERA REAPA SIG Program Co-chairs, Judy Yu (judy.yu@reach-education.org), and Ann Tiao (tiao@rowan.edu).

Please forward widely and consider submitting to the REAPA SIG! Links AERA Annual Meeting Submission <<http://www.aera.net/EventsMeetings/AnnualMeeting/2015AnnualMeetingCallforPaperandSessionSubmissionsJune2-July22/tabid/15538/Default.aspx>>

Miscellaneous

Call for Proposals: History of Manzanar National Historic Site

The Organization of American Historians (OAH) and the National Park Service (NPS) presently seek a qualified scholar to research and write a comprehensive Administrative History of Manzanar National Historic Site located in Independence, California.

Congress established Manzanar NHS in 1992 after decades of grass-roots efforts and lobbying by Japanese Americans and others, and despite considerable opposition. This project will develop a comprehensive review of more than four decades of highly emotional, political, and controversial efforts to preserve Manzanar as a physical site, as well as a place in memory and history.

As a site of the forced confinement of Japanese Americans during World War

II, Manzanar is unique among NPS sites. Manzanar's Administrative History can offer important lessons for preserving civil rights sites, and working with diverse constituencies. The research effort resulting from this project will significantly expand the site's reference and archival files, and provide additional information for park staff, partners, and others.

For more information, visit <http://www.oah.org/programs/the-oah-national-park-service-collaboration/cfp-admin-history-of-manzanar-nhp/>

Notes on Section Members

Bandana Purkayastha (University of Connecticut), who has served on the Asia and Asian American section council, is the Past-President of Sociologist for Women in Society (2013-2014), Vice President of Research Committee 01, and Secretary Treasurer of Research Committee 32 of International Sociological Association, has been appointed the official American Sociological Association's representative to the International Sociological Association (ISA). The ISA is currently composed of members from 167 countries and has the goal of representing sociologists throughout the world. As ASA representative, Bandana will be representing all sociologists in the US in the effort to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world. Bandana's four year term begins on July 1 so one of her first duties will be to represent the Association at the XVIII

ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan this July.

Hae Yeon Choo (University of Toronto, Mississauga) published "The Cost of Rights: Migrant Women, Feminist Advocacy, and Gendered Morality in South Korea" in *Gender & Society* (2013, 27: 445-468). In addition, Choo joined the editorial board of *Gender & Society* for a three-year-term (2014-2016).

Leta Hong Fincher (Ph.D. Candidate, Tsinghua University) published *Leftover Women: The Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China* (Zed Books, distributed by Palgrave Macmillan, 2014). The book examines the rollback of women's rights and gains relative to men during China's breakneck economic growth of the past two decades.

Kimberly Kay Hoang (Boston College) published the following:

- 2014. "Competing Technologies of Embodiment: Pan-Asian Modernity and Third World Dependency in Vietnam's Contemporary Sex Industry." *Gender & Society* DOI: 0.1177/0891243214523122.
- 2014. *Human Trafficking Reconsidered: Rethinking the Problem, Envisioning New Solutions* (co-edited with Rhacel Parreñas). New York: International Debate Education Association.

Heidi Hoefinger published "Gendered Motivations, Sociocultural Constraints, and Psychobehavioral Consequences of Transactional Partnerships in Cambodia," in *Studies in Gender and Sexuality* (15:54-72). This was part of a special edition on "Intimate Contexts: New Research on Sex Workers and Their Customers in Cambodia." In April, Hoefinger's book, *Sex, Love and Money in Cambodia* (Routledge, 2013) was shortlisted (in the

top 6) for the Thinking Allowed: Ethnography of the Year Award, sponsored by the British Sociological Association and the BBC in the UK. She was invited by John Jay College, CUNY, to give a book talk in the Department of Sociology Colloquium Series on April 29, and she also presented a paper titled "Working Conditions and Grassroots Organizing in Cambodia's Sex Sectors" on May 31 at the Left Forum Conference in NYC.

Becky Hsu (Georgetown University) published "Alleviating Poverty or Reinforcing Inequality? Interpreting Microfinance in Practice, with Illustrations from Rural China" in the *British Journal of Sociology* (2014, 65).

Nadia Kim (Loyola Marymount University) published the following:

- 2013. "Relocating Prejudice: A Transnational Approach to Understanding Immigrants' Racial Attitudes" (with Wendy D. Roth). *International Migration Review* 47(2):330-73.
- 2013. "Citizenship on the Margins: A Critique of Scholarship on Marginalized Women and Community Activism." *Sociology Compass* 7(6):459-70 (June).

C.N. Le (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) was interviewed and quoted in the following media articles:

- *Washington Post*: "California's Little Saigon to mark Lunar New Year" (http://www.washingtonpost.com/life-style/travel/californias-little-saigon-to-mark-lunar-new-year/2014/01/09/e6247b8c-7966-11e3-a647-a19deaf575b3_story.html), January 9, 2014.
- *Los Angeles Times*: "Dear Internet: Lorde is Dating an Asian Guy -- Get

Over It”

([http://www.latimes.com/opinion/opinion-la/la-ol-lorde-asian-boyfriend-racist-comments-](http://www.latimes.com/opinion/opinion-la/la-ol-lorde-asian-boyfriend-racist-comments-20131211,0,5546151.story)

20131211,0,5546151.story), December 12, 2013.

- *China Daily USA*: “Still the Punchline, but Fighting Back” (http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/epaper/2013-11/29/content_17140608.htm), November 29, 2013.
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education*: “An ‘Indefinite’ Adjunct Sees Progress, and Tensions, at His University” video profile (<http://chronicle.com/blogs/adjunct/2013/10/01/an-indefinite-adjunct-sees-progress-and-tensions-at-his-university>), October 1, 2013.
- *AFP (Agence France-Presse)*: “Indian-Origin Miss America Shows Evolving US Ideal” (<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iU8KlyJx6QSn15BWp-eDv5bP3IhA?docId=CNG.870f0ee7251c82fb523893a3bb781171.91>), September 17, 2013.

Jennifer Le received her Ph.D. from the Sociology department at Texas A&M University. She will be starting a new faculty position Bellevue College near Seattle, WA in the fall.

MaryJo Benton Lee was invited to give a paper at the 2013 International Conference on Chinese and American Southwest Studies at Sichuan University in Chengdu, PRC. Her paper, given last November, was titled “From China’s Southwest to America’s Midwest: Ethnic Minorities and Higher Education.” In addition, Lee published *Success Academy: How Native American Students Prepare for College—and How Colleges Can Prepare for Them* (Peter Lang, 2013). The book looks

at a highly successful college preparatory program for American Indian high school students through the lens of critical theory.

Shuanglong Li (PhD candidate in Sociology at Kyushu University, Japan) organized the International Junior Sociologists Forum to be held on July 13th in Yokohama, Japan. The purpose of this forum is to discuss progress made by participants of the ISA 11th & 12th International Laboratory for Ph.D. Students in Sociology, in their dissertation research, in the year following the Lab, and the new and old challenges they have encountered in developing their projects. In a sense this panel aims to reflect upon the process of production of research at an early career research. The participants will discuss how their experience at the former ISA PhD Lab helped them to locate their research in terms of some of the current debates in sociology; the engagement of the discipline with the public arena; challenging global and local divides through theory and method

Diditi Mitra has a forthcoming book (authored with Joyce Weil), *Race and the Lifecourse: Readings from the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity and Age*, from Palgrave Macmillan in August, 2014. Adopting a multidisciplinary approach, this book examines the intersection of race and ethnic relations and the life course. The essays in the volume thus reflect varieties of qualitative and quantitative methods in order to look at how these variables shape social organization and the experiences of those who live within the boundaries of society. The essays include works that use semi-structured interviews, ethnographies, and auto-ethnographies to inform the analysis of race, ethnicity and the life course.

Dina Okamoto joined the Department of Sociology at Indiana University in September 2013, and will start as the Director for the Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES) at Indiana University in July 2014.

Bryan S. Turner (City University of New York, Graduate Center) published (along with Kamaludeen Mohamed Nasir) *The Future of Singapore. Population, Society and the Nature of the State* (Routledge Contemporary Southeast Asia Series, 2014).

Leslie Wang (University of Massachusetts, Boston) received a Community Action Research Initiative Grant (CARI) from the American Sociological Association to pursue research with the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. The research project will focus on identifying barriers to mental health provision among the local Asian immigrant and Asian American community.

Jane H. Yamashiro published “Japanese Americans in Japan,” “Japanese Transnational Identity,” and “Japanese Language in Asian American Studies” in *Asian Americans: An Encyclopedia of Social, Cultural, and Political History*, edited by Xiaojian Zhao and Edward Park (Greenwood Press, 2013) and will be a Visiting Scholar at the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA.

Dale Yeatts (University of North Texas) published the following:

- Yeatts, D.E.; Cready, C.M.; Pei, X.; Shen, Y.; Luo, H. (accepted for publication, April, 2014). “Environment and Subjective Well-Being of Rural Chinese Elderly: A Multilevel Analysis.” *Journal of*

Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences (Journal Citation Reports 5-Year Journal Impact Factor: 3.520)

- Yeatts, D.E.; Pei, X.; Cready, C.M.; Shen, Y; Luo, H., Tan, J. (2013). "Village Characteristics and Health of Rural Chinese Older Adults: Examining the CHARLS Pilot Study of a Rich and Poor Province." *Social Science and Medicine*. 98: 71-78. (Journal Citation Reports 5-Year Journal Impact Factor: 3.688)

Joseph Yi (Hanyang University)

published the following:

- "Tiger Moms and Liberal Elephants of Southern California: Private, Supplemental Education among Korean-Americans" in *Society* 50: 2 (April 2013)
- "Atomized Terror and Democratic Engagement" in *Political Quarterly* 84:3 (Sept 2013)
- "(Re)Drawing the Lines on Marriage and Sexuality" in *Political Quarterly* 84:4 (Dec 2013)
- "Korean Christians, Gay Rights, and Proposition 8" in *Society* 51: 4 (Sept/Oct 2014).

He was also invited to discuss the LGBT in Korea at the 2014 ASA conference (Asia roundtable).

