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Asian Mode

Official Newsletter of the ASA Asia and Asian America Section

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From the Section Chair JIANNBIN SHIAO



From the Section Chair

It's mind boggling to think that only three months have passed since we last saw each other at the ASA meetings in Seattle. I know I am not alone in suspecting that the 2016 U.S. presidential election will prove to be a watershed event in "the politics of national belonging" to use section-member Moon-Kie Jung's phrase, with unknown consequences for geopolitics including U.S. relations with the Asia/Pacific. And this was only the latest in a series of magnified moments, from the unending videos of African American deaths at the hands of police, to the shootings in Orlando and the Brexit vote this past summer. Logically this should be an exciting time to be a sociologist, but I am also reminded of the putatively Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times."

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!

From the Section Chair, JIANNBIN SHIAO

Nevertheless, it is my honor to be writing to you this fall as chair of our section. At our vibrant business meeting in August, I was awed by the amazing scholarship and commitment to teaching and service shown not only by our award winners but also the broader section membership. I would like to thank outgoing chair Dina Okamoto whose vision guided the section and whose research has informed our understandings of panethnicity and the contingency of ethnic boundaries.

Thanks also to our award committee members as well as the organizers and presiders of our section sessions and roundtables for a very successful 2016 annual meeting. In addition, I thank outgoing Council members, Leslie Wang and Yu-Kang Fan, for their valuable contributions, I welcome Paul Chang, Karen Pyke, and Kara Takasaki to the Council, and I am grateful to Wei-hsin Yu, Jun Xu, Yang Sao Xiong, Dana Nakano, Anthony Ocampo, and Prema Kurien (now the chair-elect), for their continued service.

I truly appreciate the sense of community in our small section, and I encourage our members to invite your friends and colleagues to join and also to consider running for an open position on the Council. Please contact Prema Kurien if you are interested or wish to nominate a colleague or student: pkurien@maxwell.syr.edu.

Also on the 2017 ballot will be the long overdue revisions to our section bylaws, on which the Council has been working since the summer. I hope that you had the opportunity to review the proposed changes earlier this fall and that you will vote to approve them next spring when you select our new Council members.

Our planning for next year's annual meeting in Montreal is already underway. Our official "day" for sessions and activities will be "Day 2," Sunday, August 13. The Council has developed two open-submission sessions on: (1) "Politics of Citizenship in Asia and Asian America" and (2) "Inequality and Resilience in Asia and Asian America." In addition, we will have our section roundtables where once again I expect to see some of the most dynamic ideas and research featured. In addition, we are planning to host a joint reception with the Race, Gender, and Class section and the Sex and Gender section, in other words a great opportunity for networking!

In closing, please know that your membership and support are vital to the section! We need your help in keeping our section healthy and relevant within the ASA, so please do renew your membership by January 31st and encourage your colleagues to consider joining. We also welcome your ideas and suggestions for ways to further enhance our section and how we might best meet your needs.

Sincerely,
Jiannbin Lee Shiao
University of Oregon

GET TO KNOW YOUR SECTION OFFICERS

Section Chair



Jiannbin Lee Shiao is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Oregon. His research and teaching interests include race/ethnicity, Asian Americans, research methods including mixed methods, and sociological theory. His scholarship has primarily examined significant cases of interracial relations in the United States, with a recurring emphasis on the experiences of Asian Americans. These cases have included the rise of diversity policies in the 1990s among nonprofit organizations, the racial/ethnic identities and life experiences of international adoptees, and the role of interracial intimacy in contemporary race relations. In addition to two books published by Duke University Press and the Russell Sage Foundation Press, he has published articles in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Asian American Policy Review*, *Du Bois Review*, *Race and Society*, and *Sociological Theory* including a symposium issue devoted to his article on socio-genomics.

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley

Research Areas: Race/ethnicity, Asian Americans, research methods including mixed methods, and sociological theory

Chair Elect



Prema Kurien is Professor of Sociology and Robert McClure Faculty Scholar, as well as the founding director of the Asian/Asian American Studies program at Syracuse University. She is the author of two award-winning books, *Kaleidoscopic Ethnicity: International Migration and the Reconstruction of Community Identities in India*, and *A Place at the Multicultural Table: The Development of an American Hinduism* and over forty articles and book chapters. Her third book, *Ethnic Church Meets Mega Church: Indian American Christianity in Motion* is forthcoming in 2017. She is currently working on her next book, *Race, Religion, and Citizenship: Indian American Political Advocacy*, and on a research project, "The Political Incorporation of Religious Minorities in Canada and the United States."

Ph.D. Brown University

Research Areas: Race, religion, and political incorporation, second generation, South Asian Americans

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Secretary/ Treasurer



Anthony C. Ocampo is Assistant Professor of Sociology at California State University-Pomona. He is the author of *The Latinos of Asia: How Filipino Americans Break the Rules of Race* (Stanford University Press, 2016), and co-editor of *Contemporary Asian America* (NYU Press, co-edited with Min Zhou) and *Asian American Society* (SAGE Publications, co-edited with Mary Yu Danico). His research and commentaries on immigration and race have been featured on national media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, NPR, and CNN. His work has also appeared in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Latino Studies*, *Journal of Asian American Studies*, and *Race, Ethnicity, and Education*. He is currently working on a new book entitled "Hustling for Home," which explores the way race and sexuality influences the lives of LGBTQ Filipino Americans.

Ph.D. UCLA

Research Areas: Race/ethnicity, Immigration and the New Second Generation, Gender and Sexuality

Graduate Student Representative



Kara Takasaki is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at UT Austin. She is studying the working lives of U.S.-born Asian American men in information-technology jobs in the technology industry in Austin, Texas. Kara is a commissioner on the City of Austin's Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Board, and as a graduate research assistant for the Child and Family Research Partnership at the LBJ School of Public Affairs she evaluates fatherhood and family strengthening programs for the State of Texas. She is also a research assistant for an NSF grant in the Population Research Center, where she studies the school to work transition experiences of men and women STEM graduates.

Ph.D. Candidate at University of Texas-Austin

Research Areas: Gender, Family, Race, Ethnicity, Work, Social Welfare Policy, Asian America

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Council Member



Dana Y. Nakano is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at California State University, Stanislaus. He is currently working on his first book project, titled *Racial Uniform: The Limits and Practices of Japanese American Citizenship*, which utilizes the framework of substantive citizenship to explore the role of race in the persistent ethnic identity and community formation practices of third and fourth generation Japanese as a critique of sociological immigrant assimilation theories and a demonstration of the limits of citizenship. His article, “An Interlocking Panethnicity: The Negotiation of Collective Identity Among Asian American Social Movement Leaders” (2013, *Sociological Perspectives* 56.4) contrasts with prior research that views panethnicity and ethnicity as distinct situational identities. This article demonstrates that panethnic and ethnic identities are better understood as interlocking, simultaneous and mutually affecting. Dana is also co-editing an anthology on Japanese American millennial youth with Dr. Michael Omi and Jeffrey Yamashita.

Ph.D. UC Irvine

Research Areas: Race, Citizenship, Community Formation

Council Member



Yang Sao Xiong is Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work and the Program in Asian American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He completed his Ph.D. in sociology from UCLA. His research examines Hmong Americans' socioeconomic mobility, educational attainment and political incorporation in the United States in order to shed light on immigrants' processes of assimilation and immigrant groups' processes of political incorporation. He serves on the editorial review boards of the *Hmong Studies Journal* and the *Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*. Xiong is Hmong American and a son of Hmong parents who fought for the United States government during America's Secret War in Laos and who became political refugees as a result of that tragedy. In 2015, he was appointed by the United States Commission on Civil Rights to serve as a member of its Wisconsin Advisory Committee.

Ph.D. UCLA

Research Areas: Immigrant political incorporation; social mobility of and durable inequalities confronting immigrants; language minority students' access to college; Asian Americans; Hmong Americans

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Council Member



Jun Xu is an associate professor of sociology at Ball State University. His primary research interests include Asia and Asian America, comparative sociology, health, and statistical modeling and programming. His work has appeared in journals, such as *Comparative Education Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Sociological Methods & Research*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, and *The Stata Journal*. He is also a coauthor (with Andrew S. Fullerton) of a statistical monograph titled *Ordered Regression Models: Parallel, Partial, and Non-Parallel Alternatives* and published by Chapman and Hall of Taylor & Francis Group.

Ph.D. University of Indiana, Bloomington

Research Areas: Asia and Asian America, Comparative Sociology, Health, and Statistical Modeling and Programming

Council Member



Paul Y. Chang is Assistant Professor of Sociology and serves on the Executive Committee of the Korea Institute at Harvard University. He is the author of *Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea's Democracy Movement, 1970-1979* (Stanford University Press 2015) and co-editor of *South Korean Social Movements: From Democracy to Civil Society* (Routledge 2011). Chang's research on social and political change in South Korea has appeared in several disciplinary and area studies journals including *Social Forces*, *Mobilization*, and the *Journal of Korean Studies*. He is currently embarking on a new project exploring various manifestations of Korea's changing family structure including rising rates of divorce, unwed mothers, and elderly suicide.

Ph.D. Stanford University

Research Areas: Social Movements, Family, Korea

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Council Member



Wei-hsin Yu is Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Maryland, College Park. Before joining the University of Maryland in 2014, she was Associate Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. Her research generally focuses on how macrolevel forces affect individuals, paying special attention to their labor market trajectories, economic outcomes, family behaviors and psychological health. She has published two books and many journal articles based on research on various East Asian societies, including Japan, China and Taiwan. Among others, she has two ongoing projects that address relationship formation, marriage and demographic changes in East Asia, using data from Japan and Taiwan, respectively.

Ph.D. University of Chicago

Research Areas: Work and labor markets, gender inequality, marriage and family, East Asia

Council Member



Karen D. Pyke is a critical race feminist theorist. Pyke's research on Asian Americans contributes to intersectional theory and the study of internalized oppression. Recently she examines the institutional practices undergirding faculty gender inequity in academia. Pyke's earlier research on Korean and Vietnamese Americans examined the "normal American family" as a controlling ideology that informs how children of immigrants understand their family lives; acculturative differences and power among siblings in immigrant families; and the internalization of racial and gender stereotypes in the construction of individual and sub-ethnic identities. Pyke has received several research and teaching awards, including the Distinguished Paper Award from the ASA's Sex & Gender Section for the Gender & Society article, "Asian American Women and Racialized Femininities;" the Dean Dorn Teaching Award from the Pacific Sociological Association; and the Innovative Teaching Award from her campus. Currently, Pyke is president of the Pacific Sociological Association, and a visiting professor at St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies while on leave from University of California, Riverside.

Ph.D. UC Irvine

Research Areas: Gender, Race, Internalized Oppression, 2nd generation Asian Americans,

MEMORIES FROM #ASA16 IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECTION AWARD WINNERS!



Min Zhou and Jennifer Lee receive the Asian America Book Award for *The Asian American Achievement Paradox* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2015).



Ilene Kalish receives the Asia/Transnational Book Award for Sharmila Rudrappa's *Discounted Life: The Price of Global Surrogacy in India* (NYU Press, 2015).



Dina Okamoto receives the Asian America Book Award for *Redefining Race: Asian American Panethnicity and Shifting Ethnic Boundaries* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2014).



Lu Zhang receives the Asia/Transnational Book Award for *Inside China's Automobile Factories: The Politics of Labor and Worker Resistance* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECTION AWARD WINNERS!



Ho-fung Hung receives Honorable Mention for the Asia/Transnational Book Award for *The China Boom: Why China Will Not Rule the World* (Columbia University Press 2015).



Chang Hwan Kim receives the Research Paper Award for self and co-author, Yang Zhao, for their research on Asian American women in the labor market.



Robert Vargas receives Honorable Mention for the Research Paper Award for Kimberly Kay Hoang's research on global sex work.



Aimee Yoon receives the Graduate Student Paper Award for self and co-author Joseph Merry for their research on the Asian-White gap in schools.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECTION AWARD WINNERS!



Yang Zhang receives the Graduate Student Paper Award for her research on the Taiping Movement.



Yi-Lin Chiang receives Honorable Mention for the Graduate Student Paper Award for her research on parental strategies for elite university enrollment.



Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut receives the 2016 Contribution to the Field Award

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations (including self-nominations) are now being accepted for the 2017 Asia and Asian America awards. The deadline for the book awards is January 31, 2017, and the deadline for the paper and contribution awards is March 31, 2017. The winners will be announced in June on the section listserv, and the award ceremony will occur at the annual meeting in August. The awards and nomination procedures are described below.

Book Award on Asian America

The Asia and Asian American section invites nomination letters and materials for the most outstanding book on Asian America published during 2015 or 2016. Nomination letters (or self-nominations) 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, 2017. Please send an electronic copy of the nomination materials to each award committee co-chair. In addition, please send, or request that the publisher send, a copy of the book to each award committee co-chair:

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Book Award on Asia/Transnational

The Asia and Asian American section invites nomination letters and materials for the most outstanding book on Asia/Transnational published during 2015 or 2016. Nomination letters (or self-nominations) 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, 2017. Please send an electronic copy of the nomination materials to each award committee co-chair. In addition, please send, or request that the publisher send, a copy of the book to each award committee co-chair:

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Research Paper Award

The Asia and Asian American section invites nomination letters and materials for the most outstanding paper on Asia/Transnational and/or Asian America published during 2015 or 2016. Nomination letters (or self-nominations) are required and should be no more than 2 pages stating the significance and innovations of the paper. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2017. Please send an electronic copy of the paper along with nomination letter(s) to each award committee co-chair: ChangHwan Kim at chkim@ku.edu and Wei-hsin Yu at whyu1@umd.edu.

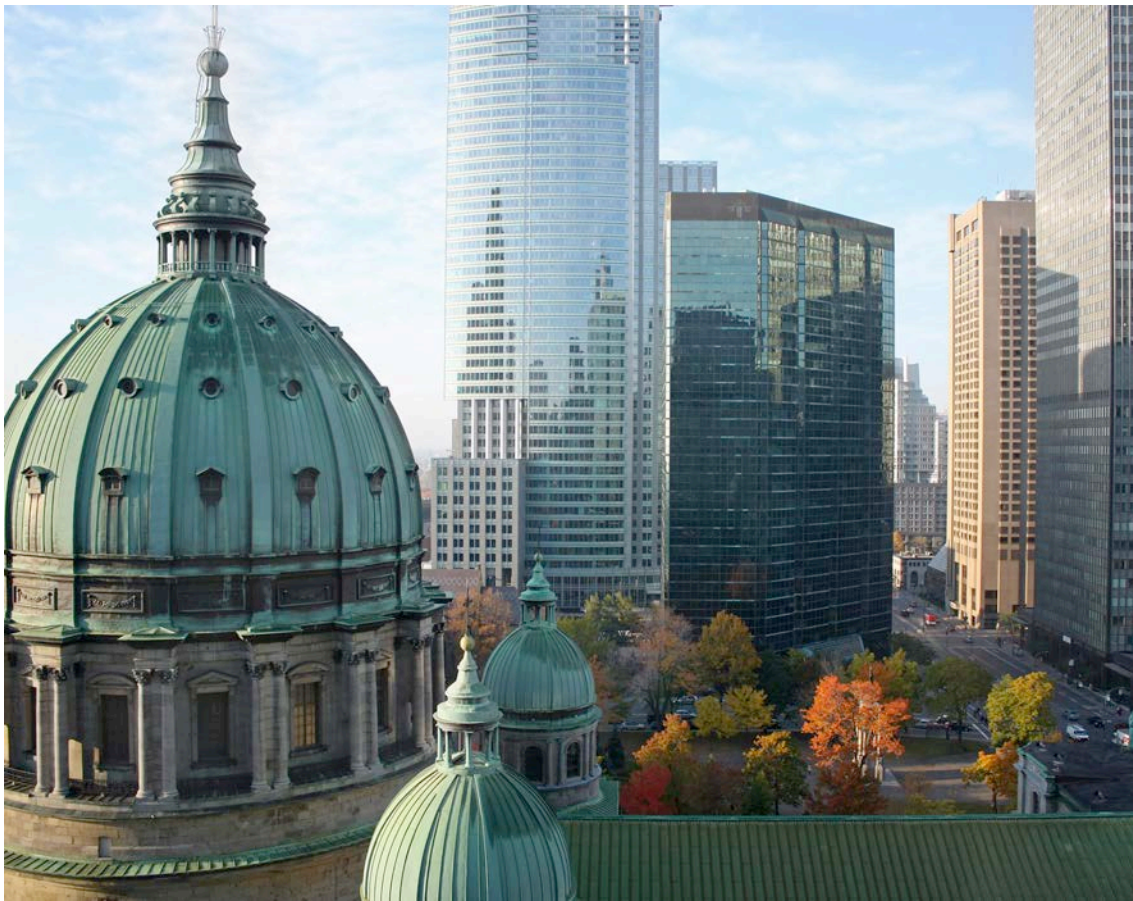
Graduate Student Paper Award

The section will award a prize to the best graduate student paper addressing any topic in the sociology of either Asia/Transnational or Asian America. The winner(s) receive a cash prize of \$300 at the annual meeting, divided equally first between co-winning papers, if any, and second between co-authors, if any. 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 or unpublished, but published papers must have a publication year of 2015 or later. Papers may be co-authored, but the lead author must be a student or must have been a student at the time of its first submission to a journal or anthology editor. Papers may be submitted by students or by professors on behalf of their students. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2017. Please send an electronic copy of the paper along with nomination letter(s) to each award committee co-chair: Paul Chang at paulchang@fas.harvard.edu and Victoria Reyes vreyes@umich.edu.

Contribution to the Field Award

Nominations (including self-nominations) are invited for the Section's Contribution to the Field Award. This award is meant to recognize those professors who have worked to build up the fields of Asian and/or Asian American Studies within their universities/colleges and the discipline at large, such as through critically engaged pedagogy, curriculum building, institution building, grassroots organizing, mentoring, and scholarly contributions. Nominees' contributions may be local, regional, national, or international. Supporting documents, including vita, letters of support, teaching evaluations, etc. are encouraged. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2017. Please send an electronic copy of the nomination materials to each award committee co-chair: Pawan Dhingra at Pawan.Dhingra@tufts.edu and Anthony Ocampo acocampo@cpc.edu.

#ASA17 IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!



We are pleased to announce that we will have three section sessions at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Montreal. In addition to our roundtables, we will have two open submission panels:

Refereed Roundtables: Section on Asia and Asian America Roundtables
Session Organizer: Prema Kurien, Syracuse University

Paper Session: Section on Asia and Asian America: Inequality and Resilience in Asia and Asian America
Session Organizer: Hua-Yu Cherng, New York University

Paper Session: Section on Asia and Asian America: Politics of Citizenship in Asia and Asian America
Session Organizer: Hae Yeon Choo, University of Toronto, Mississauga

Please note that the deadline for submissions is January 11, 2017: <http://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting-2017/submit-2017-call-papers>