A farewell to our Graduating Seniors!

Dear Asian American Studies Graduates,

Cheers and hearty congratulations to each and every one of you from all of us in the Department. It has been such a pleasure being a part of your intellectual journey. We sincerely hope your experience at UCI as Asian Americanists has been exciting and meaningful. We are proud of your achievements and we will miss you. As the Chair of the Department, I would like to raise you all a toast and say, “Wish you a rainbow-colored future where the world in you and the world without may dance together in fluid and dazzling movements of reciprocity!” Here’s to your happiness and success! And please, stay in touch.

Cordially,

R. Radhakrishnan
Chair, Department of Asian American Studies
Professor of English and Comparative Literature

Past Events Highlights

We have had an incredibly exciting Spring Quarter full of activities! Many thanks to our volunteers for your assistance. And thank you all for your participations and continuous support in our events.

April 7-10, 14-17, 2005. The two-week long Vietnamese International Film Festival, 2nd Edition ended with a sold-out crowd on closing night with the screening of Director Nghiem-Minh Nguyen-Vo’s “Buffalo Boy.” The festival was co-sponsored by several different departments at UCI, including the Department of Asian American Studies.


April 14, 2005. Prof. and filmmaker Trinh T. Minh-Ha (UC Berkeley) came to UCI for a panel discussion on her films and writings. Panelists included Prof. Glen Mimura (Dept. of Asian American Studies), Prof. Bliss Lim (Dept. of Film & Media), and Laurel Westrup (UCLA grad. student of Film, Television and Digital Media). Moderated by Prof. Akira Lippit (Dept. of Film & Media). A screening of Prof. Trinh’s film “Night Passage” followed with a discussion moderated by Prof. Kyung Hyun Kim.


April 28, 2005. Prof. Mary Yu Danico (Cal Poly Pomona) visited UCI’s Cross Cultural Center for a reading and signing of her book: The 1.5 Generation: Becoming Korean American in Hawai‘i (Univ. of Hawai‘i Press). For more info about Prof. Danico’s book, visit: http://www.uhpress.hawaii.edu

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Past Events Highlight (cont.)

May 13, 2005. The Department of Asian American Studies hosted Translating America To Itself (TATI), a one-day conference on the topic of “translation” as a literal process and a “concept-metaphor.” Prof. R. Radhakrishnan and Prof. Ngugi wa Thiong’o of the International Center for Writing and Translation delivered a welcome and an inaugural address at the conference. Panelists included: Prof. Karen Shimakawa (NYU), Prof. Kandice Chuh (U of Maryland), Prof. Martin Manalansan (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Prof. Susan Koshy (U of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Ibish Hussein, Prof. S. Shankar (U of Hawai‘i), Dr. Anita Mannur (Wesleyan U), Prof. Sunaina Maira (UC Davis), Prof. Gayatri Gopinath (UC Davis). Panels’ chairs included Asian American Studies faculties: Prof. Linda Trinh Vo, Prof. Ketu Katrak, and Prof. Glen Mimura. More than 100 people attended the conference throughout the day. Co-sponsored by: the International Center for Writing and Translation, Dean of the School of Humanities, Humanities Center, Departments of English and Comparative Literature, Research and Graduate Studies, and the Cross Cultural Center.

May 18, 2005. Professor Linda Trinh Vo of Asian American Studies shared her thoughts and signed her recently published book: Mobilizing an Asian American Community (Temple Univ. Press, 2004) at the Cross Cultural Center. The event was co-sponsored by the Cross Cultural Center, the Asian American Faculty and Staff Association, and the Department of Asian American Studies. For more info., visit: http://www.temple.edu/tempress/titles/1741_reg.html.

Undergrad Student Updates

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Eileen Rosete (2nd year) is the 2005 recipient of the Humanities Dean’s Undergraduate Award in Asian American Studies. She will also be interning in the summer at the Smithsonian Institute through the UCDC program under the guidance of Dr. Franklin Odo.

Benjamin R. Hamatake (3rd year transfer) is the recipient of the 2005 Humanities and the Public Sphere Scholarship and the 2005 Dorothy and Donald Strauss Endowed Scholarship.

Both students were recognized at the Eighteenth Annual Humanities Award Ceremony on June 8, 2005.

HONORS IN ASIAN AM STUDIES

The following outstanding students have been selected to participate in the 2005-2006 Honors in Asian American Studies seminars:

Benjamin Hamatake
Diana Jou
Frederick Macapinlac
John Nguyen
Nhi Thao Nguyen
Eileen Rosete
Angela Su

For more info about Honors in Asian American Studies, visit http://www.humanities.uci.edu/aas/ugrad_honors.html

CONGRATS TO OUR ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES GRADUATES!

Jung Eun Baeg
Long Bui (Magna Cum Laude)
Thuan (Todd) Huu Bui
Han (Maggie) Chiang
Kristin Cheryl Chin
Nicole Hilary Chiu
Chris W. Chong
Kevin Chuang
Corina Teresa Delacruz
Monica Kyoung Der
Tammy Nguyen Ho
Susan Sung Hee Hong
Joina Hsiao
Ahreum (Carol) Hwan
Candy Gay Irlanda
Hye-Yoon Jung
Min Su Kim
Adrian Lau
Melissa de los Santos Laudato
Jean Ann Lyu
Jennifer Poblete Minimo
Theresa Quynh Thi Nguyen
Jacqueline A. Pablo
Sandra Sun Young Park
Andy Song
Crystal Yen Yin
Richard Yoon
**GRADUATE EMPHASIS**

The following graduate students have completed the Graduate Emphasis in Asian American Studies:

- Anna Campbell (Dept. of Comparative Literature)
- Minelle David (Dept. of Political Science)
- Lan Duong (Dept. of Comparative Literature)
- Michael Masatsugu (Dept. of History)
- Natalie Masuoka (Dept. Political Science)
- Charles Morgan (Dept. of Sociology)
- James Paligutan (Dept. of History)
- Priya Shah (Dept. of English)
- Donna Tong (Dept. of English)
- Monica Trieu (Dept. of Sociology)
- John Williams (Dept. of Comparative Literature)

**FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS**

- **Arnold Pan** (Ph.D. Candidate in English) is the recipient of the 2005-2006 Justice Stephen K. Tamura Graduate Fellowship in Asian American Studies.
- **Monica Trieu** (Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology) is the recipient of the Dean of Humanities Graduate Fellowship in Asian American Studies.
- **John Williams** (Ph.D. Comparative Literature) is the recipient of the Dorothy and David Strauss Dissertation Fellowship.

These graduate students were recognized at the Eighteenth Annual Humanities Award Ceremony on June 8, 2005.

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**Grad Student Updates**

**Faculty Updates**


**Professor Ketu H. Katrak** received a Fulbright Grant to India. Professor Katrak will spend seven months in several regions of India to research the adaptations of classical Indian dance.

**Professor Claire Kim** is currently on leave of absence.

**Doctor John Liu** was Campus Village Housing’s Professor of the Month in June, 2005.

**Doctor Tu-Uyen Nguyen** appeared in a special edition of the Orange County Register commemorating 30 years after the Fall of Saigon (April 28, 2005) as one of the 30 successful and promising Vietnamese Americans to watch. The Register’s list comprised of “multifaceted individuals making a difference in many arenas and who promise to continue as leaders.”

**Doctor Mary Ann Takemoto** will soon leave her post as the Associate Director of the UCI Counseling Center and join the staff at California State University of Long Beach as the new Director of the Counseling and Psychological Services. Doctor Takemoto has been at UCI for 18 years and she will be missed.

**Professor Linda T. Vo** has also been identified by the Orange County Register as one of the 30 successful and promising Vietnamese Americans to watch. Professor Vo recently also appears on UCI’s homepage under the Spotlight section, www.uci.edu.

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**Special Appreciation Awards**

On June 8th, the Department of Asian American Studies honored the following individuals at our End-of-the-Year Celebration:

- **Mitsuye Yamada**, a pioneering visionary of Asian American Studies, a passionate writer, educator, and activist dedicated to all forms of social justice.
- **Doctor Mary Ann Takemoto** for her pioneering leadership in the Department of Asian American Studies.
- **June Kurata** for her dedication and contributions to the Department of Asian American Studies.

A commemorative plaque was presented to each honoree. More than 90 people attended the event.
Pictures from the End-of-the-Year Celebration
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Asian American Studies graduating seniors and graduate emphasis students.

Doctor John Liu presented graduating senior Jean Lyu a gift from the Department.

Asian American Studies Faculty and Guests.

Professor Glen Mimura presented Priya Shah a certificate of completion of the Asian Am Graduate Emphasis.

Prof. Ketu Katrak presented an honorary plaque from the Department to activist and writer Mitsuye Yamada.

Doctor John Liu presented an appreciation plaque from the Department to Doctor Mary Ann Takemoto.

Professors R. Radhakrishnan and Ketu Katrak presented June Kurata an appreciation plaque from the Department.
Summer 2005 Courses

Complete description available at:
http://www.summer.uci.edu/catalog/section.asp

Asian American Drama: Gender Representations of History on Stage (Asian Am 110)
Instructor: Professor Ketu H. Katrak

Sexuality in Asian American Film and Video (Asian Am 114)
Instructor: Dr. Beheroze Shroff

Asian American Psychology (Asian Am 141)
Instructor: Dr. D. Hayashino

Buddhism in Asian America (Asian Am 150)
Instructor: Dr. Michael Masatsugu

Fall 2005 Courses

Complete description available at:
http://www.humanities.uci.edu/undergrad/courses/courses_display.php

Introduction to Asian American Studies I (Asian Am 60A/Hist 15C/Soc Sci 78A)
Instructor: Dr. John Liu

South Asian Literature in the Diaspora (Asian Am 110/Eng 105)
Instructor: Dr. B. Shroff

Asian American Writing Lifestories: Discovering Cultural Heritage (Asian Am 110/Eng 105/LJ 103)
Instructor: Mitsuye Yamada

Asian American Film & Video (Asian Am 114/FlmSt 130/Soc Sci 179)
Instructor: Prof. Glen Mimura

Asian American Psych (Asian Am 141/Psych 174)
Instructor: Staff

Religious Tradition of Asian Americans (Asian Am 150/Socio 139)
Instructor: Dr. S. Mazumdar

Theorizing Diaspora (Asian Am 150)
Instructor: Prof. R. Radhakrishnan

Vietnamese American Experience (Asian Am 151D/Soc Sci 178D)
Instructor: Dr. C.D. Pham

Filipina/o American Experience (Asian Am 151K/ Hist 152A/Soc Sci 178K)
Instructor: Prof. Dorothy Fujita-Rony

Racial & Ethnic Communities (Asian Am 161/Soc Sci 175B)
Instructor: Dr. John Liu

Instructor: Prof. Linda Vo

Asian American Honors Seminar A (Asian Am H190A)
Instructor: Prof. Linda Vo

Graduate Seminar: Theory & Methods (Asian Am 200A)
Instructor: Prof. Glen Mimura

Graduate Seminar: Literature, Theory, and the Call of the Other (Asian Am 250/Eng 210)
Instructor: Prof. R. Radhakrishnan