

2009

# ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

The twenty-six conference  
of the Association for Asian  
American Studies

*April 22-26, 2009*

*Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel*

*2500 Kuhio Avenue*

*Honolulu, HI 96815-3696*

Conference Registration  
Form and Information



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# ANNUAL MEETING



## Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)

The Association for Asian American Studies was founded in 1979 for the purpose of advancing the highest professional standard of excellence in teaching and research in the field of Asian American Studies; promoting better understanding and closer ties between and among various sub-components within Asian American Studies: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Hawai'ian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander, and other groups. AAAS sponsors professional activities to facilitate increased communication and scholarly exchange among teachers, researchers, and students in the field of Asian American Studies. The organization advocates and represents the interests and welfare of Asian American Studies and Asian Americans. AAAS is also founded for the purpose of educating American society about the history and aspirations of Asian American ethnic minorities

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*One of the Association's most visible and exciting activities is its annual conference. In Honolulu, Hawai'i at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel, April 22-26, 2009, the AAAS annual meeting will attract Asian Americanists from all disciplines and different regions of the country. The annual meeting will highlight current scholarly research and developments within the field and bring together experts and professionals with an interest in the field. Make plans to join us in the Aloha State and be part of the 2009 Annual Meeting!*

## **AAAS 2009 Conference**

### **Challenging Inequalities: Nations, Races and Communities**

The conference theme can be interpreted in two different ways. Political, economic and social inequalities among nations, races, and other communities are indeed challenging insofar as they have persisted to the present and continue to resist reduction. At the same time, the theme can also be understood as a call for scholars, students and community activists to develop ways to challenge inequalities in order to foster equality, justice and fairness among nations, races, and communities of various backgrounds, including ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, and nationality.

Honolulu, and more generally Hawai'i, provides an appropriate site for the Association for Asian American Studies annual conference because 2009 marks the fiftieth anniversary of statehood for Hawai'i. The islands became a state in 1959 because of the unequal power relations between the nations of Hawai'i and the United States that resulted in the overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom in 1893 and its annexation as a U.S. territory in 1898. The fiftieth anniversary of statehood is not likely to be officially celebrated in Hawai'i out of respect for the concerns of the Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) people who became U.S. colonial subjects after annexation. By contrast, some Asian American groups, such as Chinese Americans and Japanese Americans, have benefited substantially from statehood as evident from their dominant economic and political status in Hawai'i. Our conference can serve as a forum to rethink the causes and differential consequences of the emerging American Empire in the Pacific and Asia in the late nineteenth century and its peremptory status in the affairs of Asian Americans and of Asian and Pacific Island peoples in the twentieth century, and to consider its possible decline in the current neoliberal age.

The historical injustices and violence of U.S. colonization of Hawai'i and the contemporary marginalization of Kanaka Maoli in their homeland provide a political, economic and cultural context for rethinking other challenging inequalities that continue to plague us and compel us to develop appropriate means to contest them. Such inequalities, albeit constantly shifting, include those between the United States and Asian and Pacific nations, especially as a result of the economic, cultural and military globalization of the latter nations, including Hawai'i, under the impetus of transnational capital. In response, nationalist movements, including the Hawaiian sovereignty movement, have emerged to resist such globalizing processes. What role can Asian Americanists play in our teaching, research, and community service in rethinking and challenging such global inequalities among nations and their peoples?

Inequalities among races include those between Asian Americans and other racial groups, including Pacific Islanders. In what is being referred to as his "A More Perfect Union" speech on March 18, 2008, Honolulu-born and raised Barack Obama described contemporary race relations as "a racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years." How

then can we as academics and activists contest persisting racial inequalities and hierarchies? How do we challenge "color-blind racism" and appropriations of the civil rights struggles of the 1960s in limited ways that deny the persistence of vast racial inequalities? How can we develop collective strategies and coalitions toward a society based on tolerant and egalitarian race relations?

Inequalities among communities include those among and within Asian American groups based on ethnicity, gender, class, and sexual orientation. Women and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities continue to face institutional hurdles that bar them from gaining equal treatment. Those inequalities certainly intersect with those based on nation and race (and with each other) and clearly indicate the social and cultural complexity of inequalities in society. How do such inequalities and their intersections challenge us to rethink our theoretical approaches and political strategies for resolving them?

Please join us in Honolulu in 2009 as we address the above and other significant questions and issues on challenging global, racial, ethnic, gender, class, and other inequalities. Complete panel submissions (with a minimum of three papers and a maximum of four) will be given priority, but individual paper submissions will also be considered. We invite submissions for workshops and roundtables as well.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Conference Proceedings and Accommodations:

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2500 Kuhio Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96815-3696  
[www.WaikikiPrinceKuhio.com](http://www.WaikikiPrinceKuhio.com)

### Special conference rates for AAAS:

\$200 single/double

### Conference registration

On-site registration will take place at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel:

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009:** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Thursday, April 23, 2009:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Friday, April 24, 2009:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday, April 25, 2009:** 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

You must be a member to present a paper at this conference. Registration includes admission to the exhibitor room, sessions and receptions.

### Exhibits

The exhibit area will be held on-site at the hotel. Hours of operation are as follows:

**Thursday, April 23, 2009:** 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Friday, April 24, 2009:** 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Saturday, April 25, 2009:** 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

For more information on the 2009 conference, please visit [www.aaastudies.org](http://www.aaastudies.org). The site will be updated on a continual basis up until the day of the conference and will provide current information on plenary sessions, tours, special events and presentation schedules.

### Anita Affeldt Graduate Travel Fund

In an effort to foster and support graduate student work in Asian American Studies, the Association for Asian American Studies announces the Anita Affeldt Graduate Student Fund. Members of the Association are strongly invited and encouraged to make **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE** donations to help develop this fund. The 2009 fund will help support graduate students defray expenses by providing lodging at the conference hotel.

# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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In order to receive the pre-registration rate below, payment must be received by March 15, 2009. The conference fee includes: conference materials and admission to exhibit room, sessions and receptions. Full on-site registration rates are in effect after March 15, 2009.

	PRE-REGISTRATION RATE (circle one)	ON-SITE REGISTRATION RATE (circle one)
AAAS Faculty/Professional	\$90	\$180
AAAS Graduate Student*	\$45	\$90
AAAS Undergraduate Student*	\$25	\$50
Faculty/Professional Non-member	\$155	\$195
Student Non-member	\$80	\$160
Community Organizations (Each registration)	\$65	\$65
Students K-12	\$10	\$10
<b>One-Day Fees</b>		
Admission to that particular day's events only (check one)	\$85	\$85
_____ Thursday, April 23		
_____ Friday, April 24		
_____ Saturday, April 25		

## ANITA AFFELDT GRADUATE FUND DONATION

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## PAYMENT METHOD:

\_\_\_\_\_ Check or Money Order

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\*Community organizations, graduate students, and undergraduate students will be required to present photo ID verification at the conference site. Please make check or money order payable to: AAAS Secretariat, 1208 W Nevada, Urbana, IL 61801; tel: 217-333-3736; fax: 217-265-6235.

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### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The AAAS welcomes sponsors for its 2009 Annual Meeting. Many opportunities exist for publishers to highlight new releases or for universities to showcase departments in the form of coffee breaks or receptions. For additional information, please contact 217-333-3736.

#### Past sponsorships include:

- Coffee break/book signing in the exhibit room
- Evening reception to highlight the expansion of an Asian American Studies Program
- Joint sponsorship for the closing night Awards Reception

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