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NEWS

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Dear AAAS members:

On 21 December 2004, the Executive Board of the Association for Asian American Studies voted to pull the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting in Los Angeles from its original location at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites. The Executive Board's action was prompted by a labor dispute between the Westin Bonaventure and the hotel workers' union, UNITE HERE. The Bonaventure is one of nine major luxury hotels that form the Hotel Employer Council in Los Angeles, and the Council is currently engaged in disagreements with workers over a new union contract. In addition to the UNITE HERE union in Los Angeles, local unions in Washington DC and San Francisco are also negotiating wages, pension, health care, workload, and contract expiration in 2006 for hospitality staff. Next year's termination date would allow the unions more leverage when bargaining with major hotel chains, as contracts in several other cities lapse in 2006 as well. When the Board learned that UNITE HERE Local 11 had placed the Bonaventure on its boycott list, we unanimously approved a change of venue to signify our solidarity with and support for the workers and to hold fast to the AAAS Code of Ethics which stresses the Association's responsibility to the community. Union representatives are aware of our decision; they have expressed their gratitude for respecting the boycott and support our move to the Marriott.

The Association will now be holding its 2005 annual meeting at the Marriott Los Angeles Downtown Hotel. **The dates of the conference remain the same.** Please cancel any existing reservations with the Westin Bonaventure hotel, and schedule future arrangements with the Marriott. **Information on the new conference site can be found on the AAAS website: www.aaastudies.org.**

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For more information about the labor dispute in Los Angeles and its related struggles nationally, please visit the following website: <http://www.hotellaboradvisor.com>.

Finally, the Board would like to apologize for any inconvenience this move may have caused you, to thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter, and to assure you that we are taking steps to make certain that labor issues are considered before choosing future conference sites.

**Sincerely,
Franklin Ng
President**

CAUCUSES

If you wish to convene a caucus meeting at the Los Angeles conference, please let us know by December 15 so we can schedule a meeting place and time for you and your colleagues. Contact ssh13@cornell.edu to notify us of your request.

HOTEL

The twenty-second Annual Meeting will be held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

AAAS Annual Meeting
April 20-24, 2005

The Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites
401 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
Tel: 213.624.1000
Fax: 213.612.4800

Special AAAS group meeting room rate:
\$169.00 (single, double/twin)

Please reserve your room before March 18, 2005 in order to receive the discounted room rate. After this date, the room rate returns to the published amount of \$249.00 and up.

Please note that you are with the Association for Asian American Studies when you reserve your room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

U.S. Community Forestry Research Fellowships Available

The U.S. Community Forestry Research Fellowship Program provides fellowships to graduate students to support their field work in communities **in the United States**. The awards are up to \$15,000 for dissertation fellows, up to \$7,000 for masters fellows, and \$2,000 for predissertation fellows.

The program accepts proposals dealing with the broad array of issues and resources in community forestry, including, but not limited to, collaborative processes and conflict resolution, social networks, political ecology of forest communities, urban forestry issues, watershed restoration, park creation and management, forest labor issues, nontimber forest product production (floral greens, basket-making materials, wild mushrooms, maple syrup, etc.), and revitalization of local lifeways and cultures. Questions concerning issues of social justice and equity are especially welcome.

Eligibility: Students at **any** institution of higher learning may apply for a fellowship. The applicant must be enrolled in a degree-granting program in the social sciences, economics, environmental science, forestry, agriculture, or natural resource management, policy and planning at their home institution. Applicants must be engaged in research that deals directly with or is explicitly relevant to U.S. forest communities. Field work must be participatory; Fellows must work actively with members of the community in which they are conducting research to engage them in the research process.

Deadline: Applications must be received by **February 1, 2005**.

For more details about the program and information on how to apply visit the website at http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/community_forestry/ or contact:

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Asian Americans and the Law

February 3-5, 2005

Urbana-Champaign

The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign's Asian American Studies Program and College of Law are hosting a national conference "Asian Americans and the Law," February 3-5, 2005 in Urbana-Champaign. The conference will focus on new developments at the intersection of Asian American studies and legal studies. The conference will feature keynote speakers Frank Wu, Angela Oh, and Roger Daniels; plenary speakers Susan Koshy, Sumi Cho, Neil Gotanda, Kevin Johnson, Mae Ngai, and Leti Volpp; and a range of panels. A full schedule will be made available at <http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu/aaslaw.html>

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Huping Ling has been promoted to Professor of History at Truman State University. She has also been elected as Convener of the History Department at Truman State University for 2004-2005.

The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign's Asian American Studies Program is pleased to announce the following faculty hires in Fall 2004:

Susan Koshy (formerly of UC Santa Barbara) has been hired as Associate Professor of English and Asian American Studies. Her research and teaching interests include globalization, literature, feminist theory, film, South Asian American studies, and postcolonial studies

Lisa Cacho (Ph.D., Ethnic Studies, University of California San Diego) has been hired as Assistant Professor of Latina/o Studies and Asian American Studies. Her research and teaching interests include comparative ethnic studies, gender, and literature.

Junaid Rana, (Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin) has been hired as Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies. His research and teaching interests include South Asian American Studies, ethnography, anthropology, and Pakistani/Pakistani American Studies

OPPORTUNITIES

Three Tenure-Track Positions in Asian American Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The Asian American Studies Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invites applications for three tenure-track positions, all with a starting date of August 16, 2005.

The Asian American Studies Program is the largest of its kind in the Midwest. Founded in 1996, the program offers an undergraduate minor, an average of 10 to 12 courses per semester, and has 18 teaching faculty members located in and across three different colleges. Asian Americans comprise about 13% of the undergraduate population at the university. The University of Illinois is approximately 140 miles south of Chicago, 120 miles west of Indianapolis, and 170 miles northeast of St. Louis. For more information about the Asian American Studies Program, please visit: www.aasp.uiuc.edu.

For all three positions, scholarly excellence and commitment to Asian American studies are our primary criteria. We are also interested in candidates with a demonstrated concern for innovative undergraduate and graduate teaching. Salaries will be competitive and commensurate with experience.

To assure full consideration, applications should be received by January 15, 2005.

Professor/Associate Professor, Asian American Studies. We seek a mid-career scholar who has already produced scholarship of significance. The position is a full time, tenured position, and the successful applicant will be appointed at either the Associate Professor or the Full Professor level. The person hired will be housed either exclusively in the Asian American Studies Program or jointly with another appropriate campus department or unit. We invite applications from scholars in all disciplines. To apply, please send a letter of application that includes a concise teaching and research statement, a vita, samples of publications, teaching evaluations, and letters of reference from three scholars to: Kent A. Ono, Search Chair, 1208 W. Nevada, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, 61801. UIUC is an AA/EOE. Position # 9539

Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian American Studies. This is a full time, tenure track, Assistant Professor position in Southeast Asian American Studies. Applicants in any field of the humanities or social sciences are invited to apply. It is expected that the person hired will be appointed jointly with Asian American Studies and another appropriate campus department or unit. We invite applicants from all disciplines to apply. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. by August 16, 2005. Please send a letter of application that includes a concise teaching and research statement, a vita, samples of publications, teaching evaluations, and letters of reference from three scholars to: Susan Koshy, Search Chair, 1208 W. Nevada, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, 61801. UIUC is an AA/EOE. Position # 9537

Assistant Professor, Asian American Applied Community Studies. This position is devoted to applied research and/or outreach scholarship focusing on social issues and processes within and/or across Asian American communities. The position is a full time, tenure track, Assistant Professor position. It is expected that the person hired will be appointed jointly with Asian American Studies and another appropriate campus department or unit. We are particularly interested in building new strength in applied fields of social science, including: community health, community studies, counseling or community psychology, human development and family studies, sociology, gerontology, kinesiology, public policy, and social work. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. by August 16, 2005. Please send a letter of application that includes a concise teaching and research statement, a vita, samples of publications, teaching evaluations, and letters of reference from three scholars to: Aaron Ebata and Poshek Fu, Search Co-Chairs, 1208 W. Nevada, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, 61801. UIUC is an AA/EOE. Position # 9538

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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Elections

The Secretariat seeks nominations of individuals willing to serve on the governing board of the Association for Asian American Studies. The deadline for nominations is **December 15, 2004**. The formal ballot will be mailed to all registered members by January 15, 2005.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
President	2006-2008
Secretary/Treasurer	2005-2007
Hawai'i/Pacific Islands	2005-2007
Mid-Atlantic/South	2005-2007
Midwest/Mountain	2005-2007
N. California	2005-2007
Pacific NW	2005-2007

Candidates must be current members of the Association. Send letter of interest and candidate statement to: **AAAS Secretariat, Cornell University, 420 Rockefeller Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-2502**. Announcements of the election results will be published in the March 2005 AAAS Newsletter. The term of office will begin at the Twenty-second Annual Conference, April 20-24, 2005 in Los Angeles, California.

Conference

2006 AAAS Annual Meeting

**Atlanta, Georgia
March 22-26, 2006**

Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead
3300 Peachtree Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30305
March 22-26, 2006

<http://grandatlanta.hyatt.com/property/index.jhtml>

Resolutions

The Association for Asian American Studies strives to support and advocate for those issues that are significant to Asian Pacific American communities. The Association urges constructive and critical discussion on these issues. Therefore, the Association encourages submission of resolutions for consideration by the membership during the annual general meeting. The following are the procedures and policies for submission and voting:

1. Submissions:

Any Association member in good standing may submit resolutions for consideration by the Association membership at the annual conference.

a) A resolution submission must be accompanied by a petition signed by 15 Association members.

b) The resolution submission and petition may be sent to any Board member prior to the annual meeting to be voted on during the general membership meeting. A copy must be sent to the Secretariat no later than March 1, 2004.

c) All resolution submissions will be reviewed by the Board prior to the general membership meeting.

d) All resolution submissions reviewed by the Board will be available at the registration table the morning of the general membership meeting for review by the Association membership.

2. Voting:

All Association members in good standing may vote on a submitted resolution.

a) During the general membership meeting (Saturday, April 23, 2004) all other conference participants, in good faith, will not vote on any resolution.

b) The majority vote of all eligible voting persons during the general membership meeting will be accepted by the Association. Limited debate will be allowed for each resolution.

Deadline for resolution submissions: Tuesday, 1 March 2004.
Send to:

Secretariat, Association for Asian American Studies

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Andrew L. Aoki and Okiyoshi Takeda have published an article "Small Spaces for Different Faces: Political Science Scholarship on Asian Pacific Americans" in *PS: Political Science and Politics* (American Political Science Association, Vol. 37, No. 3, July 2003).

The authors, who track journal articles and conference papers on APA politics and race in the past 15 years, post their tables and figures (including those not in the article) on the website of Asian Pacific American Caucus:

<http://www.apa-politics.org/aoki-takeda.html>

Contact: Oki Takeda, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo at: otakeda@alumni.princeton.edu.

Melinda L. de Jesús, Assistant Professor of Asian Pacific American Studies at Arizona State University, Main Campus, announces the publication of the following articles:

"Of Monsters and Mothers: Filipina American Identity and Maternal Legacies in Lynda J. Barry's *One Hundred Demons*," *Meridians: Feminisms, Race, Transnationalism* 5:1 (Fall 2004), 1-26.

"R.A.W: Raunchy Asian Women' and Resistance to Queer Studies in the Asian Pacific American Studies Classroom," *Radical Teacher* 70 (Fall 2004), 26-32.

"Liminality and Mestiza Consciousness in Lynda Barry's *One Hundred Demons*," *MELUS Journal* 29:1 (Spring 2004), 219-252.

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Association for Asian American Studies
2005 Registration Form
Los Angeles, California – April 20 - 24, 2005

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Institution _____ Position/Title _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____ Telephone _____

Registration Fee Includes: Conference materials, admission to all sessions and receptions.

In order to receive the pre-registration rate below, payment must be received BEFORE
March 31, 2005 *

***Full on-site registration rates are required after this date**

	Pre-Registration Rate	On-site Registration Rate
AAAS Faculty/Professional	\$ 85	\$170
AAAS Graduate Student*	\$ 45	\$ 90
AAAS Undergraduate Student*	\$ 25	\$ 50
Faculty/Professional Non-Member	\$150	\$190
Student Non-Member	\$ 80	\$160
Community Organizations*	\$ 65	\$ 65
Students K-12	\$ 10	\$ 10

One-Day Fees:
Admission to that particular day's events only \$ 85 \$ 85
(April 21-23, 2004, Thurs., Fri., or Sat.)

*Community organizations and graduate/undergraduate students will be required to present photo ID verification at the conference site.

In an effort to foster and support graduate student work in Asian American Studies, the Association for Asian American Studies announces the recent establishment of 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. PLEASE NOTE: When remitting a single payment to cover BOTH the fee for the AAAS conference registration AND for a contribution to the Anita Affeldt Graduate Student Fund, be sure to indicate clearly how the payment is to be divided between the two.

I am enclosing the following:
Registration Fee _____
Anita Affeldt Graduate Student Fund _____
Total Submitted _____

Send completed registration form and payment (check or money order) to: AAAS Secretariat, 420 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-2502.

Credit card registration and payment should be made online at www.aaastudies.org

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