



NEWS

Where is the "Heart" of Asian America?: Troubling "American" Identity and Exceptionalism in an Age of Globalization and Imperialism

2008 AAAS Conference Chicago, Illinois - April 16-20, 2008

Updates from the Site Committee

TOURS

More information on tour logistics and registration details will be available as the conference draws nearer. Please check the AAAS website (www.aaastudies.org) for more details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Hyde Park/Archives tour

9:30 am – A bus will be available to take conference attendees to the Special Collections Research Center at the University of Chicago's Regenstein Library. There, researchers will be able to examine the library's holdings that might be of interest to researchers of Asian American history. Available for examination will be selections from the Ernest Burgess Papers, including research by Paul C.P. Siu and others who studied Chicago's Chinatown. While in Hyde Park, visitors may also take a brief tour of the campus, visit Frank Lloyd Wright's historic Robie House, or browse the labyrinthine rooms of the Seminary Co-op Bookstore, the country's largest academic bookstore. The bus will leave from 57th St. in front of the Regenstein Library at 11:30 pm, returning to McCormick Place by 12 noon.

CBO & Neighborhood tour: Uptown/Argyle St. Area

1:30 pm – a bus will leave from McCormick Place to take conference attendees up to the Argyle Street area, where participants will visit two community based organizations and see one of Chicago's thriving ethnic neighborhoods. Sometimes known as Chicago's "Northside Chinatown," Argyle Street is home to a wide variety of stores and restaurants, many of them run by immigrants from Southeast Asia. The bus leaves at 4:30 to return to McCormick Place, but those wishing to remain in the neighborhood and be on their own for dinner could easily take the Red Line back to the Cermak/Chinatown stop near the hotel.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18

CBO and Neighborhood Tour: Lawrence Avenue Area

10:00 am – a bus will take conference attendees to the Northside to visit two community-based organizations and tour the Lawrence Avenue area, which is known for its concentration of Korean shops and restaurants. This tour will feature a visit to the Korean Resource and Cultural Center, a stop at the Cambodian Association of Illinois and its Museum (the only one of its kind in the country), and then a stop for lunch at one of the area's Korean restaurants.

Chinese American Service League and Chinese American Museum

2:00pm – Participants will be taken by bus to the heart of Chicago’s Southside Chinatown, where they will have a chance to explore the Chinese American Museum and visit the Chinese American Service League, a social service agency in Chinatown. A community reception is being planned to follow this tour.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

CBO & Neighborhood Tour: Rizal Center, Indo-American Center, and Devon Avenue

10:00 am – a bus will take conference attendees to two community based organizations on the Northside and end with a group lunch at a South Asian restaurant on Devon Avenue, the bustling business district at the heart of Chicago’s South Asian community. The first leg of the tour will include a stop at the Jose Rizal Heritage Center, established in 1974 by the Chicago Filipino American community. From there, visitors will be taken by bus to the Indo-American Center, followed by a tour of Devon Avenue and then lunch. The bus returns to the Conference Center by 1:30 in time for the afternoon panels.

Pilsen Neighborhood and Mural Tour

2:00 pm – a bus will take participants from the conference center to the National Museum of Mexican Art in the nearby Pilsen neighborhood. From there, a guide will lead participants on a walking tour of the neighborhood, which features a variety of murals depicting scenes from the Mexican-American community. Returning to the Museum, participants will have an opportunity to explore exhibitions in this gem of a cultural institution, which is the only museum of Latino art accredited by the American Association of Museums.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Chinatown Tour and Dim Sum Lunch

10:30 am – participants will be taken by shuttle to Chinatown for a tour by the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. The tour ends with a group meal at a dim sum restaurant in the neighborhood.

Bronzeville Tour

2:00 pm – a bus and a guide will be available to take participants on a tour of Chicago’s historic Bronzeville. This tour will include a stop at the DuSable Museum of African American history and views of landmarks and monuments that are part of the Black Metropolis Historic district, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Updates from the Program Committee

UPCOMING PLENARY SESSIONS:

Beyond the Maiden Voyage: Exploring Queer Studies in Asian America Now

Dana Takagi, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz

Gayatri Gopinath, Associate Professor of Women and Gender Studies, New York University

Other Participants TBA

It has been more than 15 years after embarking on a journey to establish a queer studies research agenda within the field of Asian American Studies. From Amy Ling convening a panel at the Ithaca conference in the early nineties to pioneering anthologies by Russell Leong, David Eng and Alice Hom, Asian American Studies has been a hospitable place for a systematic and sustained queering of knowledge formations. This mega-session/plenary is an attempt to take stock and look back at the accomplishments, sift through the existing gaps and promising works, and chart a critical future for scholars in both fields.

Religion and Asian America

Moustafa Bayoumi, Associate Professor of English, Brooklyn College

Prema Kurien, Associate Professor of Sociology, Syracuse University

Paul Spickard, Professor of History, University of California, Santa Barbara

Religion is a central issue in the cultural lives, in the public discourses, and in the national and transnational politics regarding Asian America. Yet, it remains under-theorized relative to other social issues on the community. These panelists represent various perspectives, across the humanities and social sciences and across religious groups, and will further the conversation on how to analyze the role of religion within Asian America.

2008 Conference Caucus Meeting Requests

If you wish to convene a caucus meeting at the 2008 conference in Chicago, please let us know by January 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.

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FROM THE AAAS BOARD

JAAS Executive Editor

Tony Pepper's term as JAAS executive editor comes to a close in June 2009. To effect a smooth transition, we would like to have an editor-elect in place by April 2008. This individual will work alongside Tony Pepper for the final year of his term. Therefore, at this time, we invite letters of interest for editor-elect, in preparation for assuming the position of executive editor. The executive editor must be a tenured faculty member and an active scholar in the field of Asian American studies. Responsibilities include building and expanding a substantial cadre of qualified manuscript evaluators; managing the submission/evaluation process; making the final publication decision for issues, in keeping with the journal's mission; collaborating with the reviews editor(s) in planning both volumes and individual issues; serving as the journal's representative to the AAAS executive board; functioning as the AAAS executive board's primary liaison to The Johns Hopkins University Press; leading the JAAS editorial board and organizing its work; maintaining all of the journal's records; and keeping abreast of developments in all disciplinary and group-specific branches of scholarship in Asian American Studies as well as in the field more generally. In the letter of interest, explain your perception of the field's principal issues in the present and what you see as emerging themes and concerns in the next five years. Describe specific strengths you could bring to the job of executive editor. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2008. Please send your letters of interest to: AAAS Secretariat, Cornell University, 420 Rockefeller Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-2502. The board will review the applications and announce its decision at the Chicago conference in April 2008.

Clarifying and Redrawing the AAAS Regions

At the October meeting, the board took a careful look at existing regions and the corresponding membership numbers (see below).

	Total	Percentage %
Mid-Atlantic/South	93	22%
Pacific NW	21	5%
Midwest/Mountain	72	17%
S. California	89	21%
N. California	63	15%
New England/Canada	52	12%
Hawai'i	14	3%
International	24	5%
Total	428	100%

(as of February 2007)

In addition, it considered the arguments put forward at the 2007 annual conference for representation of the "Inte-

rior West" and Canada. To reflect the current membership distribution and to respond to the changing realities of Asian American population distributions, the board proposes a redrawing of the regional map. The new regional demarcations will be voted on at the 2008 Chicago conference at the general business meeting.

The proposed regions are:

- **New England and Eastern Canada** (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Ontario and Quebec provinces)
- **Mid-Atlantic** (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D.C.)
- **Mid-West** (Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana)
- **Interior West and the South** (W. Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, S. Dakota, N. Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Idaho)
- **Northern California** (Zip codes >94xxx)
- **Southern California** (Zip codes <94xxx)
- **Pacific Northwest, Hawaii, and Western Canada** (Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Pacific Islands, Alaska, W. Canada)

FROM THE SECRETARIAT

2008 Annual Meeting

Chicago, Illinois
 April 16-20, 2008
 Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
 2233 S. Martin Luther King Dr.
 Chicago, IL 60616
 Phone: 312 567 1234
<http://mccormickplace.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

The special group room rate for AAAS conference attendees is \$189.00 (single/double). The standard rack room rate is \$359.00. To reserve lodging at the Grand Hyatt New York Hotel, please call 312-567-1234. Please make sure to identify yourself as part of the Association for Asian American Studies for the special group conference rate.

Elections

Board Election Update

At the board meeting in October 2007, it became apparent that there were only three positions that were up for re-election this year: New England, southern California, and graduate student representative. This meant that in the following

year, 2009, more than 75% of the board members would be changing. Having such a disproportionate number of new members does not facilitate the efficient running of the board and the association. Therefore, the board decided that the southern California and New England regional representatives would extend their terms by one year until 2009. Beginning in 2009, we will structure and stagger the terms so that at any time the board will not have to turn over more than 50% of its existing members.

At this time, therefore, the only board positions up for election are:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
Graduate Student	2008-2010
President-Elect	2008-2010

The President-Elect will assume the presidency in 2010. 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. Announcement of election results will be published in the March 2008 Newsletter. The term of office will begin at the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting (April 16-20, 2008 in Chicago, IL).

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 resolution submission must be accompanied by a petition signed by 15 Association members.
- 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 29, 2008**.
- All resolution submissions will be reviewed by the Board prior to the general membership meeting.
- 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.

- During the general membership meeting (Saturday, April 19, 2008) all other conference participants, in good faith, will not vote on any resolution.
- 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: **March 29, 2008**.

Send to: AAAS Secretariat, Cornell University, 420 Rockefeller Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-2502

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report on "Critical Dialogues in Asian American Studies — A Symposium," 11-12 May 2007, Dartmouth College

"Critical Dialogues in Asian American Studies — A Symposium" was held on May 11-12, 2007 at Dartmouth College. The symposium was co-convened by Dartmouth's faculty in Asian American studies: Jean Kim, Assistant Professor of History, and Jeffrey Santa Ana, Assistant Professor of English. Allan Punzalan Isaac, Assistant Professor of English at Wesleyan University, delivered the symposium's keynote address with a rousing talk entitled "American Tropics: Boy Scouts in the Philippines or, Confederate Rebels in the Tropics."

The symposium was a fruitful sequel to last year's conference "Crossings and Crossroads: Critical Intersections in Asian American Studies" held at Dartmouth on May 5-6, 2006, and organized by Jean Kim, Jeffrey Santa Ana, and other faculty eager to incorporate Asian American studies into the curriculum at Dartmouth. The conference provided an opportunity for the Dartmouth faculty to engage with scholars of Asian American studies as they assessed the theoretical and methodological insights offered by the field as well as its future directions. Gary Okihiro, Professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, and David Palumbo-Liu, Professor of Comparative Literature at Stanford University, gave the keynote addresses for last year's conference. Both the conference and the symposium generated an exciting network of Asian Americanists in the northeast who will gather annually for productive and influential discussion at other regional host institutions. Presently, Jean Kim and Jeffrey Santa Ana are working with James Kim, Assistant Professor of English at Fordham University, to arrange the next symposium which will be held in New York City in May 2008.

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OPPORTUNITIES

The University of California, Irvine invites applications for an advanced Associate Professor in the Department of Asian American Studies to begin Fall 2008. Specialization in immigration and community studies, diaspora and transnationalism, or cultural studies preferred. We seek candidates with an outstanding record in scholarship, teaching, and service with demonstrated academic leadership. Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in any field with an emphasis in Asian American Studies. The department offers an undergraduate major, minor, Graduate Emphasis, and contributes to the Ph.D. Program in Culture and Theory.

Review of applications will begin on November 30, 2007 and continue until the position is filled. Applications should include a cover letter; curriculum vitae; publication (30 pages max); and three letters of references and be uploaded electronically: <https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/>

Contact Information: Professor Linda Vo, Chair, Search Committee <volt@uci.edu>

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to excellence through diversity and has an Advance Program for Faculty Equity and Diversity.

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, which is part of the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, at New York University invites applications for an Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow position. The appointment will begin on September 1, 2008, pending budgetary and administrative approval. The appointment will be for a maximum of three years. Candidates must have completed a Ph.D. no earlier than three years before the date of appointment, have a strong commitment to teaching, and be active in research on topics pertaining to Gender and Sexuality Studies. Special consideration will be given to candidates whose research focuses on disability studies from an interdisciplinary perspective. The candidate is expected to teach three courses per year.

Please send a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a 20-page writing sample, a sample syllabus, and the names of 2 scholars who may be contacted for letters of reference, by January 15, 2008, to: Don Kulick, Director, Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, 41 East 11th Street, New York, New York 10003.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

CFP: War, Empire, and Culture

The 2008 Texas Tech Comparative Literature Symposium on "War, Empire, and Culture"

April 11-12, 2008 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas

Texas Tech University houses the largest Vietnam Archive in the United States, and West Texas has been home to thousands of war veterans and immigrants. Spring in Lubbock is mild and sunny.

Keynote Speakers:

Caren Kaplan, Women and Gender Studies Program, University of California at Davis

Viet Thanh Nguyen, Department of English and American Studies and Ethnicity Program, University of Southern California

John Carlos Rowe, Department of English and American Studies and Ethnicity Program, University of Southern California

Proposal Submission Deadline: January 15, 2008

Whether calling it new imperialism or redefining it in terms of neoliberalism, the current war on terrorism has not only profoundly impacted American life and society, but it has also raised new questions on the function of war in constituting the American national imaginary and facilitating the American global vision. What effect does the preemptive war have on the concept of bellum justum or just war in the global context? How do we theorize wars, religious and secular, which have increasingly informed and reshaped our regional and global politics and environments, in relation to the U.S.-centered global order and global market? How do we understand the American and global "culture industries" that have conditioned both the acceptance of and resistance to wars?

This symposium looks for papers that investigate the political and economic dimensions of wars in American and global contexts as well as papers that explore the representation of wars in different cultural forms, genres, and media. We welcome both proposals that examine war as a process of nation and empire building and projects that offer innovative interpretations of cultural production that foregrounds the dynamics of war and its impact upon our life, society, and environment.

Possible topics may include but are not restricted to the following:

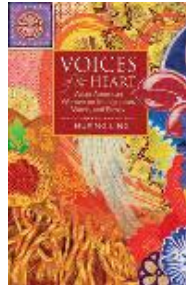
- The war on terrorism and the media representation
- The war on terrorism and capitalist imperialism
- The war on terrorism and the discourse of human rights and free market
- Religious conflicts between India and Pakistan, between Israel and Palestinians
- Racial and ethnic conflicts in India, Ireland, Haiti, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka
- Ethnic genocide in Darfur, Congo, Indonesia, and Turkey
- Religious and Racial conflicts in Chechnya, Kosovo, Lebanon, and Tibet
- War Atrocities: the Holocaust, the Rape of Nanjing, the My Lai Massacre, and Comfort Women
- War, colonialism, and neocolonialism
- War and American exceptionalism
- Nation building as empire building in nineteenth-century America
- Spanish-American War and U.S. imperialism in the Philippines
- Mexican-American War and the construction of the American Southwest
- Westward expansion and American frontier myths
- Casualties of war: displacement, migration, and expulsion
- World War II and the Japanese American internment experience
- The American War in Vietnam and Hollywood cinema
- The American War in Vietnam and the reconstruction of masculinity
- The American War in Vietnam and Vietnamese American experiences
- War and Memory
- Women and war
- War and anti-war movements
- Drug wars in Latin America
- Cyber war and post-humanity
- War, technology, and discourse

Please send your one-page proposal and one-page C.V. by January 15, 2008:

Dr. Yuan Shu
Department of English
P.O. Box 43091
Texas Tech University
Lubbock, TX 79409-3091

You may email your inquiry, proposal, and C.V. to Dr. Yuan Shu at (yuan.shu@ttu.edu). The symposium information is available on our website: <http://english.ttu.edu/complit/>.

NEW RELEASES



Voices of the Heart: Asian American Women on Immigration, Work, and Family

by Huping Ling
Truman State University Press
424 pp, 21 b/w illus.
ISBN 9781931112680

Midwestern Asian American Women Speak Out

Huping Ling is the author of a new book, *Voices of the Heart: Asian American Women on Immigration, Work, and Family*, published by Truman State University Press. It is the first comprehensive and comparative record of the oral histories of American women of Asian ancestry living in the Midwest.

Ling includes interviews with 55 Asian American women who tell about their journey to America. They talk about their hope for survival, education, employment, and preserving their cultural identity while assimilating into American society. These vivid, authentic personal stories reveal the women's heartfelt experiences and the significant role they have played in Asian American history.

Voices of the Heart includes Chinese, Japanese, Filipina, Korean, and Asian Indian women as well as the newer Asian groups of Vietnamese, Laotians, Hmong, Thais, and Pakistanis.

Valuable for researchers, students, and scholars in Asian American and women's studies, this book will also appeal to those interested in the Midwest, international trade, international relations, and multiculturalism.

Ling is a professor at Truman State University.

This *Newsletter* is published quarterly in March, May, September, and November for members of the Association for Asian American Studies. Deadlines for receipt of copy are February 15, April 15, August 15, and October 15, respectively. Direct correspondence and inquiries to its editor: Sunn Shelley Wong, Asian American Studies Program, 420 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-2502, (607) 255-3320. We do not assume responsibility for the truth or accuracy of the information provided to us by our contributors. We reserve the right, however, to edit copy for clarity and consistency. *The editor* acknowledges with thanks the support of Cornell's Asian American Studies Program.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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In order to receive the pre-registration rate below, payment must be received by March 15, 2008. 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, 2008.

	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
One-Day Fees	\$85	\$85
Admission to that particular day's events only (check one)		
_____ Thursday, April 17		
_____ Friday, April 18		
_____ Saturday, April 19		

ANITA AFFELDT GRADUATE FUND DONATION _____

TOTAL SUBMITTED _____

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_____ 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, 420 Rockefeller Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853; tel: 607-255-3320; fax: 607-254-4996.**

ANITA AFFELDT GRADUATE TRAVEL FUND

In honor of Anita Affeldt, the Association for Asian American Studies will provide two conference awards to help defray graduate student expenses incurred by participating in its annual conference. The award will include three nights (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) at the conference hotel (Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois) and the student registration fee. The approximate value of each award is \$775. Recipients will be selected on the basis of merit, need, and other special considerations.

To qualify for one of these awards, a student must:

- be a member of the Association for Asian American Studies for 2008,
- have a paper proposal accepted for the 2008 conference,
- complete and submit the Graduate Student Conference Award application below, and
- submit a copy of his/her paper proposal and curriculum vita.

Decisions regarding awards will be determined by a committee of the AAAS Board.

Deadline: Applications and supporting materials must be received by the AAAS Secretariat by 15 January 2008.

Graduate Student Conference Award Application

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Institution _____

Field of Study _____

Degree Status (e.g., MA, 1st year PhD, ABD, etc) _____

A brief statement explaining your financial need for this award:

Signature of Graduate Adviser (affirming the above information): _____

Your mailing address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your E-Mail Address (REQUIRED): _____

Telephone: _____

Complete and submit the above application along with a hard copy of your paper proposal for the 2008 AAAS conference to: Secretariat, Asian American Studies Program, 420 Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-2502. FAX: (607) 254-4996.

Application and copy of paper proposal must be received by 15 January 2008. Decisions will be announced by 1 February 2008.

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