Asian Americans and the Law Conference
February 3-5, 2005

The Asian American Studies Program and the College of Law at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign will host a three-day conference focusing on Asian Americans and the Law. All events take place in the Law Building. For full schedule and updated information, see: http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu/aaslaw.html or contact the AASP at 244-9530; aasp@uiuc.edu.

Thursday, February 3
7:00 p.m. Angela Oh, J.D., “Solving Tough Problems: The Intersection of Law, Society, and Spirit.” Law School Auditorium.

Friday, February 4
8:50 a.m. Welcoming remarks
9:00 a.m. Roger Daniels, University of Cincinnati, “The Japanese American Cases: A Social History, 1942-2004”

10:30 a.m. Plenary- Legal History and Comparative Racial/Ethnic Studies with Neil Gotanda (Western State University), Kevin Johnson (University of California, Davis), and Sumi Cho (DePaul University)

1:30 p.m. Concurrent Panel Session I
Queering the National Family
Chair: Rachel Buff, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- Victor Romero, Penn State University, “Asians, Gay Marriage, and Immigration: Family Unification at a Crossroads”
- Paul Lai, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Legislating Queer Sexuality through Asian America”
- Julietta Hua, University of California, San Diego, “Reproduction and the Limits of Race: Subjecting the Asian Female Through China’s One Child Policy”

Genealogies of Legal Doctrine
Chair: Tom Ginsburg, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- Greg Robinson, Université du Québec À Montréal, “Japanese Americans and the Origins of Strict Scrutiny”
- John Torok, University of California, Berkeley, “Towards the History and Theory of Asian American Jurisprudence”

Policing the Homeland Post 9/11
Chair: Nadine Naber, University of Michigan
- Mohar Ray, Rutgers-Newark School of Law, “Can I See Your Papers?”

3:15 p.m. Concurrent Panel Session II
Beyond the Black and White of American (In)justice: Constructing Legal Subjects through Relational Racializations
Chair: Lisa Cacho, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- Victor Bascara, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “The Declining Significance of the Citizen?: The Emergence of Chinese Personhood After the 14th Amendment”
- Helen Jun, University of Illinois, Chicago, “The Open Door and the Colored Entrance: Chinese Exclusion and Discourses of Black Citizenship”
- Grace Kim, University of California, San Diego, “Probationary Legal Subjects: Power, and the Differential Racialization of Asian Americans”

Fictions of Citizenship in Transnational Contexts
Chair: Yoonmee Chang, Indiana University
- Sora Han, Columbia University, “Global Citizenship, the New Immigration, and Asian/America”
- Varun Soni, University of California, Santa Barbara, “Civilizing Bond(age), Saving India(na)”
- Stella Oh, Loyola Marymount University, “Law and the Construction of American Citizens: Disrupting Historiography in Maxine Hong Kinston’s China Men”

Models of Reparation and Redress Justice
Chair: Sundiata Cha-Jua, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- John Tsuchida, California State University, Long Beach, “Tenney V. Mitsui & Co., Ltd.: The U.S. Supreme Court’s Denial Of Claims By Victims Of Japanese War Crimes”
- John Streamas, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “Race and the Regulation of Time and Space”
- Yvonne Lau, DePaul University, “Under Attack: Set-aside Programs and Asian American Minority Business Enterprises”
Dear Friends of Asian American Studies,

There are so many wonderful things to tell you about Asian American Studies but so little space to say them. Since the last Nexus in Spring 2004 much has happened. First, I want to welcome aboard Susan Koshy, Lisa Cacho, and Junaid Rana, all of whom joined us this Fall as new faculty members in Asian American Studies. I also welcome John Streamas and Taro Iwata, our post-doctoral fellows for the year. Welcome to our new Advisory Committee undergraduate student representative Danny Kim and our new lecturer for the year, Victor Mendoza. Welcome back to Manisha Desai and Moon-Kie Jung, both of whom were off campus part of last year. And, welcome to Diem-My Bui, our teaching assistant this year. I want to congratulate members of the Asian American Cultural Center Committee for their outstanding work (the Center is being built north of our building as I write, see page 3). Thanks go out to Interim Chancellor Richard Herman, Interim Provost Jesse Delia, Vice Chancellor Patricia Askew, and Dean of Students Bill Riley for their support for this project. As a result of all of their efforts, the Cultural Center and three new AAS faculty offices are due to be completed in May 2005.

Great progress has been made toward the completion of our “virtual library project,” due to the hard work of Yunchul Yoo, Victor Mendoza, and our good friend and alumnus in New York, Kapila Sankaran. This project took over two years to complete, and at the end of this term a proposal will be submitted requesting library resources that will help to make UIUC a premier site for Asian American Studies research. Thanks also to Kate Peterson for the excellent work she did on our newly revised website, which gives our Program a sense of identity as well as a useful place to learn about us. A half dozen courses were proposed and approved last year; we are slated to offer 16 courses Spring 2005, the largest number of courses our Program has offered! With our new faculty, even more new courses are on the way. Finally, we successfully revised the Program’s By-Laws, and now have a direction that meets the challenges and strengths of our still growing Program.

In addition to those exciting accomplishments, this year a committee has been formed to develop a collaborative doctoral program to serve Asian American Studies, African American Studies, Gender and Women’s Studies, Latina/o Studies, and Native American Studies on campus. We hope to have a proposal completed by the end of this year. Additionally, in conjunction with these units, we hope to submit to the campus a collaboratively produced development plan. With the assistance and generosity of Thomas Nakayama and Lisa Yun who visited us in November, we will formulate a long-term development plan for the Program.

If all of this were not enough, we are in the process of searching for three new faculty members (see page 9 for more details). Thanks to Susan Koshy, Aaron Ebata, and Poshek Fu for chairing search committees.

With the College of Law and with much gratitude for the work of an excellent conference committee and staff, we will be hosting the major conference, “Asian Americans and the Law” on February 3-5. Significant financial support comes from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and its State of the Art Conference funds. With three keynote speakers (Angela Oh, Roger Daniels, and Frank Wu), six plenary speakers (Susan Koshy, Neil Gotanda, Kevin Johnson, Mae Ngai, Leti Volpp, and Sumi Cho), and 36 international experts on Asian Americans and the Law, this promises to be a superb conference.

Some other plans for the coming semester include: beginning the design of a proposal for a major in Asian American Studies, an end-of-the-year banquet to honor recent and soon-to-be retirees of the Program, and support for the creation of an Asian American Alumni Association and an Asian American Faculty and Staff Association in conjunction with the efforts of David Chih and Jeffrey Sichaleune in the Dean of Students Office.

As usual, our Program members have earned a fair share of awards and accolades, speaking at international sites, contributing scholarship, and serving communities broadly (see page 11 for a list of accomplishments).

Whether you are an old friend or a new one, please help us renew ties and grow relationships. Our Program continues to prosper. Much of the thanks to this has to go to our outstanding staff: Sharon Lee, Pia Sengsavanh, and Mary Ellerbe. And, thanks to all of you for supporting our Program so well.

In closing, we are pleased to announce the births of Erin Isabelle Lee, who was born to Esther Kim Lee and Albert Lee, and Ethan Cheng Mok-Chih, who was born to Teresa Mok and David Chih, both of whom came into the world earlier this year. Welcome!

Sincerely, Kent A. Ono
Asian American Culture Center Groundbreaking
by: Linda Luk, Graduate Assistant for APA Affairs

On October 13, 2004, university officials, faculty, staff, and students gathered behind the Asian American Studies Building to break ground for the construction of the new Asian American Cultural Center. Almost 100 people attended the ceremony including Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Patricia Askew, interim Chancellor Richard Herman, and acting Provost Jesse Delia.

The new center is the culmination of 15 years of student activism. In 2002, an ad-hoc campus committee was formed to assess the campus environment for Asian American students. Their top recommendation was the creation of an Asian American Cultural Center. In July 2003, Provost Richard Herman and Vice Chancellor Askew met with the ad-hoc committee to announce the commitment to create the center, and a culture center advisory committee was appointed in August 2004.

The cultural center will consists of three floors. There will be a general commons area, a kitchen, two conference rooms, an open office space, and a basement for storage. Construction began after the groundbreaking and is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2005, with the grand opening in Fall 2005.

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AAS Welcomes Lisa Cacho, Assistant Professor of Latina/Latino Studies and Asian American Studies

Lisa Cacho earned a Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies from the University of California, San Diego.

Q: How did you become interested in Asian American Studies and Latina/Latino Studies?
A: The Ethnic Studies Department at U.C. San Diego emphasizes comparative race and ethnic studies. When I began graduate school, California was beginning to pass regressive propositions relating to anti-affirmative action and anti-bilingual education. I was most concerned with the inhumane Proposition 187, at the time, which targeted undocumented immigrant women and children, seeking to deny them health care, social services, and education. The measure, if it had been implemented, would have most affected Latinas and Asians, but Asians were not represented in the debates. I’m interested in this dynamic, how Latinas/os and Asians are represented along different racial and gendered lines, how and why one group’s hyper-visibility works with or necessitates the other’s invisibility.

Q: What research projects are you working on?
A: I am currently researching how illegal immigration has come to have different meanings post September 11, 2001. Specifically, I’m looking at how Latino and South-east Asian men are now offered (limited) inclusion through military service while Middle Eastern / Arab men are racialized as America’s domestic and international enemy.

Q: What courses do you plan to teach?
I hope to develop comparative courses that will enable a diverse group of students to talk about their experiences. In particular, I am hoping to offer courses on immigration and settlement narratives in U.S. Latina/o and Asian American literature as well as interdisciplinary courses that focus on topics like citizenship and militarism.

Lisa will be teaching AAS 100 Introduction to Asian American Studies and AAS 490 Constructing Deviance Through Gendered Racialization in the Fall 2004 semester. She can be reached at lcacho@uiuc.edu.
Law Conference, continued

Friday, February 4, continued

5:00 p.m. Concurrent Panel Session III
Competing Legal Authorities and Global/Local Settings
Chair: Angelo Ancheta, Harvard Law School
- Winifred Poster, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “Transnational Slippage in Diversity Policies: Asian Americans and South Asians and in the Global Workplace”

Chinese Americans and Zoning the Multiracial City
Chair: Nancy Abelmann, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- Shanshan Lan, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “Chinese Americans in Multiracial Chicago: A Story of Overlapping Racializations”
- Sieglinde Lim de Sánchez, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “Before Brown: Race and Ethnic Relations in the Mississippi Delta”

Crossing Borderlines: Contemporary Migration and Legal Narratives and Practices
Chair: Diem-My Bui, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- Hyunhee Kim, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “The Borderline Between Illegality and Legality: Korean American Lawyers, Korean Immigrants, and Citizenship”
- Lisong Liu, University of Minnesota, “Hong Kong Transition, Migration Laws and American Citizenship”
- Chia Youyee Vang, University of Minnesota, “Hmong Refugee Resettlement in Minnesota: A Comparative Analysis of Media Coverage Between the Early 1980s and Summer 2004”

Saturday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Concurrent Panel Session IV
Cultural Citizenship/Political Belonging and the Racialized State
Chair: Roger Daniels, University of Cincinnati
- Michael Chang, Santa Clara University, “An Asian American Interest Convergence Problem”
- Masumi Izumi, Doshisha University, “Inventing ‘Enemy Citizens’: Japanese American Internment, the Emergency Detention Act, and Civil Liberties in Post-WWII America”

Subjects Outside the Law
Chair: Junaid Rana, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- Lisa Cacho, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “Illegal Immigrants After September 11th”

10:15 a.m. Concurrent Panel Session V
State v. Community: Education, Assimilation, and Indigeneity
Chair: Kal Alston, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
- Heekyong Pyon, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “The Issues of Bilingual Education from a Critical Race Theory (CRT) Perspective”
- Christin DePouw, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, “‘Everyone Wants to Speak for Me’: University Policy and Hmong American Students”

Asian American Law and History: Roundtable
Chair: Moon-Kie Jung, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign
Augusto Espiritu (University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign), Judy Wu (Ohio State University), John Cheng (Northwestern University)

1:30 p.m. Plenary session: Feminism, Race, and Legal Frameworks with Susan Koshy (University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign), Mae Ngai (University of Chicago), Leti Volpp (American University)

3:30 p.m. Frank Wu, Wayne State University Law School, “Asian Americans at a Crossroads: The Future of Race”

6:30 p.m. Ending banquet at Chancellor hotel

Cosponsors:
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AAS Welcomes Susan Koshy, Associate Professor of English and Asian American Studies

Susan Koshy earned a Ph.D. in English from UCLA and has taught English Literature, Postcolonial Literature, and Asian American Literature and Theory courses at a number of universities. Before coming to Illinois, she was at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She was born and grew up in India and lived and studied for four years in England. After completing a B.A. and M.A. in English from Delhi University in India, she came to the United States to do graduate work.

Susan describes her attraction to the study of literature as due to her “love of language and storytelling.” She said, “What struck me as the immense power of stories to remake a world you thought you knew. Later on, studying postcolonial and minority writers I was fascinated by the way in which histories of colonialism, displacement, and marginalization erupt in these texts. The burden of representation that many minority and postcolonial writers carry is that their narratives cannot assume a knowledge of their cultures or histories in their audience and they have to develop multi-layered narrative strategies to negotiate these problems. So I find that in many of these texts language presses against history with an intensity which is extraordinarily beautiful and powerful.”

Susan will be teaching Globalization and Asian Diasporas in Spring 2004. She is currently working on a collection of essays on the South Asian diaspora and a book on the changing forms of Asian American racial identity. She can be reached at skoshy@uiuc.edu.

AAS Welcomes Junaid Rana, Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies

Junaid Rana earned his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in Anthropology with a research focus on Pakistan and the United States. He has taught Asian American Studies in New York at Hunter College, City University of New York and was the AAS 2003-2004 Post-doctoral fellow.

Junaid’s research addresses the place of Muslims in Asian America, specifically the history of this diverse community and its racialization. His current projects and interests include working class diasporas from South Asia and Pakistan in particular, the racialization of Pakistani and Muslim immigrants in the United States, the ethnography of Muslim American communities, and South Asian American activism.

Junaid will be teaching two advanced Asian American Studies 490 courses in the Spring. “Race and Cultural Critique” will examine recent works in the field of U.S. Cultural Studies that draw from a critical tradition linked to British Cultural Studies and U.S. studies of race and racism. The course will examine the concepts of race and culture as they have critically evolved since the post-war era. The course seeks to examine the complex relationship between race and culture, theoretically and ethnographically, in order to understand how these concepts have shifted in meaning and usage. Junaid’s second class, “Asian American Political Culture,” examines how Asian Americans have fought for social justice and social change. From the Asian American student movement to anti-imperialist, anti-war and anti-racist movements, the course will look at how different groups have forged political communities through their organizing. In particular, the work of queer, women’s, youth, and workers’ organizations in developing strategies and interventions will guide the class toward understanding the vital role of community studies.

Junaid can be reached at jrana@uiuc.edu.
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For more information or to register, contact Sharon Lee, at 244-9530, lee1@uiuc.edu. Pre-requisite: consent of instructor.
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33770 Lecture A 2:00pm-3:50pm T 166 Education Bldg Anderson
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33764 Discussion section B 2:00pm-3:50pm R 389 Education Bldg
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AAS 328 Asian Americans and Social Inequalities
Also SOC 328. Meets Gen Ed requirements for Social Sciences and US Minority Cultures
40240 Lecture/Discussion A 3:00pm-5:50pm R 304 Lincoln Jung
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AAS 435 Commodifying Difference
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40442 Lecture/Discussion CG 4:00pm-6:20pm W 315 Gregory Molina
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AAS 450 Asian American Ethnic Groups: Mixed Race Asian Americans
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AAS 484 Asian Diasporas
Also ANTH 484. Meets With ENGL 461. Prerequisite: ANTH 184 or 284 or consent of instructor.
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AAS 490 Adv Topics in Asian Am Studies- Asian American Political Culture
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AAS 490 Adv Topics in Asian American Studies- Literature and Ethnic Studies
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The Jeffrey S. Tanaka Asian American Studies Graduate Student Research Grant- Spring 2005

The Asian American Studies Program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is pleased to announce the availability of graduate student research grants. The grants are designed to assist graduate students with their research in areas directly relating to Asian American studies. For more information, contact Sharon Lee at lee1@uiuc.edu.

Eligibility/Requirements:
(1) Any UIUC graduate student is eligible to apply, with preference given to dissertation writers.
(2) Grants are to be used to conduct research directly related to and which will contribute to the field of Asian American Studies.
(3) Grants are in the amount of up to $1,000.00 and must be used for direct research expenses, including travel and material purchases. (All expenditures are subject to University guidelines.)
(4) Grants must be expended by 15 August 2005.

Applications:
Application materials (4 copies) must include:
(1) A current scholarly vita.
(2) A two to three page statement describing the research project and how it will contribute to Asian American Studies.
(3) One letter of support from faculty research advisor. (This letter should be sent either directly to the AASP or should be included with the application materials sealed, with the sealed edge signed by the letter writer).
(4) A budget outlining the amount of funds requested, how the grant will be utilized (detailing other sources of support for the project), and expected project completion date.

Completed project and any publications resulting from the project should include acknowledgment of Asian American Studies Program support. Awardees will be encouraged to present their research at an Asian American Studies forum.

Application Deadline: Friday, 21 January 2005
Send application materials to:
Jeffrey S. Tanaka Grant Committee
Asian American Studies Program
1208 W. Nevada, MC-142
Urbana, IL 61801-3818

The Clark Cunningham Undergraduate Essay Award For Undergraduate Students, 2004-2005

In order to encourage undergraduate student research in Asian American Studies, the UIUC Asian American Studies Program is sponsoring an award for the best undergraduate student research paper in Asian American Studies. There are three available awards: $500 for first place; $350 for second; and $150 for third. The Awards committee reserves the right not to grant any awards. Awardees will be recognized at the annual APA Leadership Awards held in the Spring 2005 semester.

Application process:
Applicants must submit the following items. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their applications are complete and submitted correctly:

- an academic research paper on Asian American issues, minimum of 8 pages in length. This can be any academic paper (in any field such as history, ethnography, literary criticism, sociology) which advances the knowledge on Asian Pacific American issues.
- this paper must have been written by the applicant during his/her time as a student at UIUC;
- a brief cover letter detailing when the paper was written and for what course (if applicable);
- applicants must be a current UIUC undergraduate student, or have graduated no earlier than December 2004.
- in addition to the submission, one letter or email of recommendation submitted by any UIUC faculty member. This email can be directed to Sharon Lee, Assistant Director for AAS at lee1@uiuc.edu

*note: in order to ensure an anonymous review, do not have your name or any identifying information on any portion of the paper except for the cover letter

Applications and relevant documents are due February 11, 2005 at the AASP office, 1208 W. Nevada MC 142, Urbana IL 61801. Attn: Mary Ellerbe, Undergraduate Awards Submission.

Applications must be brought or put in campus mail to the AASP office. For more information, contact the AASP at 244-9530.

This award is named in recognition of Dr. Clark Cunningham, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology. Professor Cunningham served as the vice chair of the Asian American Studies Committee from 1997-2000. He taught the first Asian American Studies course on campus, “Asian American Experiences,” in 1992 and is widely regarded on campus as an inspiring teacher, mentor, and colleague.
Three Faculty 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
Asian American Studies Post-doctoral Fellowships, 2005-2006

The Asian American Studies Program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) seeks two post-doctoral fellows for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Applicants should conduct research germane to Asian American studies. Proposed research projects should have the potential to make a significant contribution to the field.

During their stay at UIUC, post-doctoral fellows will be expected to participate in research, teaching, and service. While research is the primary responsibility, fellows will be expected to teach an introductory-level course in Asian American Studies during the second semester in residence. Fellows are expected to give two talks on campus (one for each semester) on their research project. For mentorship purposes, fellows will be assigned to work with an Asian American Studies Program faculty member during their fellowship year.

The stipend for 2005-2006 year will be $42,000. In addition, $5,000 will be provided for research, travel, and related expenses. Full fringe benefits will be available during the 12-month appointment period. The program will provide the fellow with office space and routine office support for photocopying, faxing, mailing, etc.

A doctoral degree, in hand, is required by August 16, 2005. Preference given to applicants who have completed their degrees in the past five years. Both postdoctoral fellowships will begin on August 16, 2005, are for one year, and are non-renewable.

To apply, candidates should submit three collated application packets. Packets should include a curriculum vita, a statement of the research project to be undertaken during the fellowship year, and a sample of scholarly writing (10-25 pages). Official graduate transcripts and three letters of recommendation (including one letter from the dissertation advisor) should be sent directly to the program to complete the file.

Applications should be sent to: Post Doc Review Committee, Asian American Studies Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1208 West Nevada Street, MC 142, Urbana, IL 61801.

To guarantee full consideration, application materials should be submitted to the AASP office by 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2005.

For further information: Contact the Asian American Studies Program at (217) 244-9530 or aasp@uiuc.edu. For further information on the Asian American Studies Program, please visit our web site: http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu

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Program Secretary Mary Ellerbe Acknowledged

In honor of her 15 years of service to the University of Illinois, AASP secretary Mary Ellerbe was recognized at a LAS Humanities Staff Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, December 2, 2004. Mary began working for the Asian American Studies Program (then Committee) in 1998. Before then, she worked in various campus units including Admissions and Records and the Law School. Mary is responsible for so many things in the Program, and her efforts have been critical to the Program’s growth and success. We all recognize her and thank her for all that she does for us.

Mary Ellerbe with AAS Director Kent Ono


Manisha Desai, Associate Professor of Sociology, worked with UNESCO in Spring 2004 and wrote their Gender Strategy for Social and Human Science Sector. She also presented a paper on Transnational Feminist Solidarity at the Transnational Feminist Sociologies Conference at the Univ. of California, Berkeley in conjunction with the American Sociological Association. She co-chaired the Program on South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Symposium in October 2004 on Law, Gender, and Family in the Middle East and South Asia.

Augusto Espiritu, Assistant Professor of History, has a book, Five Faces of Exile: The Nation and Filipino American Intellectuals, which will be contracted by Stanford UP.

Esther Kim Lee, Assistant Professor of Theatre, has a book, Strangers on Stage, which will be contracted by Cambridge UP as part of the Cambridge Studies in American Theatre and Drama series. She also published “Between the Personal and the Universal: Asian American Solo Performance from the 1970s to the 1990s,” Journal of Asian American Studies (October 2003). She and her husband Albert Lee welcomed their first child, Erin Isabelle Lee on March 25th, 2004. Erin weighed 7 lbs, 6.5 oz and was 19 inches long.

Martin Manalansan, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, gave the talk, “Whose Queer Eye?: An Asian American Critique” at the University of California Los Angeles in April 2004. Martin was also awarded a Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society faculty fellowship for 2004-2005 for his project, “A Gay World Transformed?: Towards a Queer of Color Critique.”

Teresa Mok, Clinical Counselor and David Chih, Assistant Dean of Students for Asian Pacific American Affairs, welcomed their second child, Ethan Cheng Mok-Chih on May 6, 2004. Ethan was 7 lbs, 13 oz and 20.5 inches long.


Yoon K. Pak, Assistant Professor of Educational Policy Studies, received a Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society faculty fellowship for 2004-2005 for her project, “Democratic Citizenship Education for Intercultural Relations in the Public Schools, 1930s-1950s.”

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