Espiritu & Jung Receive Tenure

AAS is pleased to announce that Augusto Espiritu, Associate Professor of History, and Moon-Kie Jung, Associate Professor of Sociology, have received tenure.


Save the Date!

Our 10-year anniversary program will take place Friday, March 2, 2007. Please check our website at: aasp.uiuc.edu for future updates.

Interview with Viveka Kudaligama

AAS is pleased to welcome Viveka Kudaligama as our new assistant director.

*What is your background?*

I am formally trained in Agricultural Economics, with teaching experience in Sri Lanka and the U.S. I earned a Masters degree from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. As a graduate student at UIUC, I was active with the Sri Lankan Society on campus. Throughout my graduate studies I was also engaged in student organizations in various capacities. Prior to joining AAS, my work at the Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society at UIUC provided an academic orientation to my personal interests in issues of social justice.

*How do you see your role at AAS?*

I am honored and excited to be joining AAS at a time when there are many new happenings taking place. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues so that I not only help continue the tradition of excellence, but also make AAS stronger and more successful in the future. Part of this work involves getting more students to be active participants in our Program. I also appreciate the opportunity to build relationships with AACC and other units across campus engaged in race studies, to better serve the student population.
Dear Friends of Asian American Studies:

Already, this has been an exciting year for Asian American Studies at UIUC. We continue to await the LAS College review of our proposal for a BA major in Asian American Studies, and we hope to hear good news soon! Also this fall, Yutian Wong and Esther Kim Lee organized the highly successful Asian American Performance Conference. We had several other successful events this semester as well [see pages 6-7].

Next semester, we are very excited to be hosting the 10th Anniversary celebration of UIUC’s Asian American Studies Program on March 2, 2007 (Please save the date!). We encourage you to come out for this event and help us to remember the Program’s amazing life thus far and to chart out its future directions.

Four new colleagues have joined us this year in the Program: Fiona Ngô (also in Gender and Women’s Studies), Mimi Nguyen (also in Gender and Women’s Studies), Soo Ah Kwon (also in Human and Community Development), and Lisa Nakamura (also in Speech Communication). Shelley Lee joins us this year as our postdoctoral fellow. Both Lisa and Shelley gave talks this semester.

We welcome Viveka Kudaligama, our new Assistant Director. Viveka works arduously on behalf of the program, and she keeps everyone in the know. Laura Chu, one of our undergraduate research assistants, designed lovely posters and a conference program for the performance conference. Rachel Endo returns as a graduate research assistant. Welcome to Sarah Park, who is heading up the 10th Anniversary celebration event. Sarah Okner is back with us as an undergraduate research assistant and is working diligently with Mary, Viveka, and myself, developing course advertising material and updating our lists of contacts.

Our program members have won so many research awards this year [see page 11 for a list of accomplishments]. We are also pleased to be working with new instructors who are teaching key courses for us. This fall, Kevin Lam is teaching the introduction to Asian American studies course; Hyunhee Kim is teaching the large Asian American cultures class; Shanshan Lan is teaching a course on Chinese Americans; and E.K. Tan is teaching a class in East Asian diaspora literature. Our teaching assistants this semester include: Rachel Endo, Adrian Cruz, and Chuo Li.

This year we are fortunate to be searching for a faculty member to be hired jointly between African American Studies and Asian American Studies. Robin Jarrett and Poshek Fu are kindly co-chairing the search.

Special congratulations to Moon-Kie Jung and Esther Kim Lee for their recent book publications. See p. 3 for more information on their books.

If you do not get a chance to stop by before then, please do come to our March 2nd, 2007, 10th Anniversary Celebration! Until then . . .

Sincerely,

Kent A. Ono
New Faculty Books

Congratulations to Esther Kim Lee and Moon-Kie Jung whose books have been published!


In 1965, the first Asian American theatre company, the East West players, was founded by a group of actors who wanted to find better opportunities in the acting industry. Forty years later, Asian American theatre is one of the fastest growing theatre sectors with over thirty active theatre companies and numerous award-winning artists such as Frank Chin, Jessica Hagedorn, Ping Chong, David Henry Hwang, Philip Kan Gotanda, Velina Hasu, and B. D. Wong. Based on over seventy interviews, the book surveys the history of Asian American theatre from 1965 to 2005 with focus on actors, playwrights, companies, audiences, and communities. Emphasizing historical contexts, Lee examines how issues of cultural nationalism, interculturalism, and identity politics affect a racially defined theatre. Addressing issues ranging from actor’s activism to Asian Diaspora, the book documents how Asian American theatre has become an indispensable part of American culture.

Esther Kim Lee is an Assistant Professor of Theatre. Her research areas include Asian American theatre, Asian theatre, ethnic theatre, American theatre, transnational theatre, and performance theory.


In the middle decades of the twentieth century, Hawai`i changed rapidly from a conservative oligarchy firmly controlled by Euro-American elite to arguably the most progressive part of the United States. Spearheading the shift, tens of thousands of sugar, pineapple, and longshore workers eagerly joined the left-led International Longshoremen’s and Warehousemen’s Union (ILWU) and challenged their powerful employers. In this theoretically innovative study, Jung explains how Filipinos, Japanese, Portuguese, and others overcame entrenched racial divisions and successfully mobilized a mass working-class movement. He overturns the unquestioned assumption that this interracial effort traded racial politics for class politics. Instead, he shows how the movement “reworked race” by developing an ideology of class that incorporated and rearticulated racial meanings and practices. Examining a wide range of sources, Reworking Race calls for a radical rethinking of interracial politics in theory and practice.

Moon-Kie Jung is an Associate Professor of Sociology. His research specializations are race/ethnicity, Asian American Studies, class analysis, social inequality, political sociology, nationalism, historical sociology, and labor history.

For more information, visit: [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/catalog/data/023113/0231135343.HTM](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/catalog/data/023113/0231135343.HTM).
Welcome New Faculty!

AAS welcomes new faculty Soo-Ah Kwon, Lisa Nakamura, Fiona Ngô, and Mimi Nguyen.

SOO-AH KWON

Soo-Ah Kwon is an Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies and Human and Community Development. She earned her Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Studies from the University of California, Berkeley’s Graduate School of Education in 2005. Kwon was a Minority Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of International and Transcultural Studies at Columbia University from 2005-2006 year. Her research interests include youth political participation and identity formation, community organizing and community development, popular culture, race and ethnic relations, social movements, and qualitative research including ethnography, participatory action research, and oral histories. She has published on Asian American youthpolitical organizing and popular culture.

FIONA NGÔ

Fiona Ngô is an Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies and Gender and Women’s Studies. She earned her Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Irvine, in 2003. Ngô was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Asian American Studies at UIUC from 2005-2006. Her research interests include comparative ethnic studies, mixed-race and transnational identity, imperialism and U.S. culture, Vietnamese/American and Southeast Asian/American studies, gender studies, queer studies, U.S. cultural and intellectual history, modernisms, musical cultures, performance studies, and critical and cultural theory. Her article “A Chameleon’s Fate: The Uses of Mixed-Race and Transnational Identities in Daughter from Danang” appeared in the September 2005 issue of Amerasia Journal.

LISA NAKAMURA

Lisa Nakamura is an Associate Professor of Speech Communication and Asian American Studies. Before coming to UIUC, she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Department of Communication Arts. She is the author of Cybertypes: Race, Ethnicity, and Identity on the Internet (Routledge, 2002) and a co-editor of Race in Cyberspace (Routledge, 2000). She has published articles on race and the new media in The Iowa Journal of Cultural Studies, Women’s Review of Books, Unspun: Key Terms for the World Wide Web, The Cybercultures Reader, Reload: Rethinking Women and Cyberculture, Domain Errors! Cyberfeminist Practices, and the Visual Culture Reader 2.0. Her book Visual Cultures of the Internet is forthcoming from the University of Minnesota Press.

MIMI NGUYEN

Mimi Nguyen is an Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies and Gender and Women's Studies. Nguyen earned her Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2004 with a designated emphasis on women, gender, and sexuality. She is the author of multiple essays on Asian American, queer, and punk subcultures, digital technologies, and Vietnamese diasporic culture. She was a Mellon Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Rackham School of Graduate Studies from and a Visiting Assistant Professor in Women's Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor from 2004-2006.
Welcome New Staff!

AAS welcomes new staff Laura Chu and Sarah Park.

LAURA CHU

Laura Chu joins us as an undergraduate assistant to the program. She is a B.F.A student studying Industrial Design and is also an AAS minor. Her interest in AAS developed after being an active member in the Asian American community both at home and on campus. Chu notes: “Minoring in AAS has allowed me to expand my knowledge about Asian American cultures, histories, and issues.”

She plans to graduate in May 2007.

SARAH PARK

Sarah Park joins us as a graduate assistant. She is a Ph.D. student in Library and Information Science. Her research interests include the representation of Asians and Asian Americans in children’s books, critical multiculturalism, social justice, information services for underserved/underrepresented communities, and Korean/Korean American history. Park holds an M.A. in Asian American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles.

APAGSO Updates

The Asian Pacific American Graduate Student Association (APAGSO) has been active this semester.

On August 31, APAGSO, the Black Graduate Student Association and the Graduate and Professional Students of Color co-hosted a Graduate Students of Color Orientation with the support of the Graduate College. Following the orientation, administrators, faculty, and new and returning graduate students enjoyed dinner and socialized at La Casa. APAGSO’s welcome reception was on September 14, and the first general meeting was on September 21.

APAGSO also co-hosted a Center for Teaching Effectiveness Network “Workshop for Graduate Students Teaching on Issues of Race/Diversity” with several organizations and units.

Members continue to be active in the Asian American Feminisms Reading Group and the new Asian American/Latino Migration Reading Group.

APAGSO is excited to announce the establishment of a new chapter at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The UIC chapter will host the second APAGSO graduate student conference, “Immigration, Transnationalism, Diaspora: Issues for Asian/American Communities,” on March 16-17, 2007.

APAGSO members come from a variety of departments, interests, and geographic and ethnic backgrounds, and the organization exists to develop a sense of community on campus, gather ideas and provide opportunities for socializing and networking. The organization is constantly evolving to meet its members’ needs; thus we welcome new members and new ideas.

For more information about APAGSO, visit: www.apagso.com.
**Fall 2006 Events**

**SEPTEMBER**

**September 7**
Asian American Cultural Center and Asian American Studies Joint Open House.

**September 15**
Larry Shinagawa: “From California to East of California: Observations on Asian American and Ethnic Studies.” Dr. Shinagawa is the Director of Asian American Studies and Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Maryland.

**OCTOBER**

**“Bodies and Spectacles: A Conference on Asian American Performance.”** Co-Organizers: Esther Kim Lee and Yutian Wong. The keynote speaker was Dr. Josephine Lee from the University of Minnesota. Her talk was titled: “New Directions in Asian American Performance.”

**NOVEMBER**

**November 6**

**November 15**
Dr. Lisa Nakamura talk: “Mixedfolks.com: ‘Ethnic Ambiguity,’ Celebrity Outing, and the Internet.” Dr. Nakamura is an Associate Professor of Asian American Studies and Speech Communications.

---

**Shinagawawa Visits Campus**

Larry Shinagawa, Director of Asian American Studies and Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Maryland, visited the UIUC Asian American Studies program on September 15. During his visit Shinagawa met with AAS faculty and staff to discuss program-development issues. He also spoke with staff at AACC and Gender and Women’s Studies about collaborations between their units and AAS.

Shinagawa also had lunch with APAGSO members. Drawing from his wealth of experiences in various positions at Northern Californian universities and colleges, Shinagawa offered advice to the graduate students about job searching, publishing, and tenure.

Shinagawa’s presentation was titled, “From California to East of California: Reflections and Observations on Asian American and Ethnic Studies.” He began by situating himself as a Japanese Californian and traced his academic and administrative career from sites in California to those that are East of California. He highlighted some general differences between California and East of California Asian American and Ethnic Studies programs and concluded by discussing issues and challenges facing 21st-century Asian American and Ethnic Studies programs.

More than fifty faculty, staff, and students attended Shinagawa’s presentation.

---

9/15: Dr. Larry Shinagawa’s Visit Draws a Crowd
2006 Asiantation a Success

On September 7, the Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC) and the Illini Union Board co-hosted the 11th annual Asiantation welcome event for new students at the Illini Union. Featured were presentations by 16 student organizations and campus units, including AACC and AAS.

Over the past 10 years, Asiantation has introduced new freshmen and transfer students to the APA community and opportunities available to them on campus. In addition, the Asiantation booklet, which is also available for campus administrative offices, provides a convenient reference of businesses and services for Asian American students.

According to David Lai, one of this year’s coordinators, Asiantation is important because it focuses on getting incoming APA students involved on campus. As difficult as it already is for an incoming freshman to adjust to life in a big university like UIUC, it may be even harder for an Asian American student to find people who can understand and relate to his or her experiences and background.

“With so many registered student organizations, it can very difficult for freshmen interested in joining an Asian-interest organization to find an APA RSO among all the booths and crowds of people scattered throughout the Quad. Asiantation allows them to have a more intimate conversation with members of different organizations. By having a more involved conversation and personal interaction, APA students are able to make better decisions about which organizations they want to join,” David says.

“By joining an organization, new students will be able to see that this campus is not so big after all,” says Erwin Paderanga who coordinated the 2004 Asiantation.

Coming from a high school of only 300 students where she was the only Asian American, Jennifer Lo was shocked to see so much diversity here at UIUC. “When I joined AAA (Asian American Association), I found that I could really relate to the people in AAA. From freshman year onwards, I have gotten more and more involved in the APA community because it has become something that I really care about. Being in AAA has had such a big impact on my life that I hope to share that experience with more and more Asian Americans on campus,” she says. As a senior, Jennifer is now the president of AAA.

In the future, David hopes Asiantation will be able to reach more of the incoming APA freshmen. “It’s the meaningful conversations you have with people that makes you want to join an organization. By creating the opportunity for more students to speak with APA org members, the population of involved APA students will increase, decreasing the amount of apathy among APAs.”
Fall 2006 Photo Gallery

8/16/06: Annual Program Retreat
Kent Ono and Mimi Nguyen

8/16/06: Annual Program Retreat
Program Members in Discussion

9/7/06: AACC/AAS Open House
Faculty and Students Meet and Greet

9/7/06: AACC/AAS Open House
Laura Chu and Kent Ono

10/6: Betty Lee Sung Visit

10/6: Betty Lee Sung Visit
Fall 2006 Photo Gallery

10/26/06: Bodies and Spectacles Conference
Keynote Dr. Josephine Lee

10/27/06: Bodies and Spectacles Conference
Audience at Plenary Sessions

10/27/06: Bodies and Spectacles Conference
Roundtable on Methodology

10/27/06: Bodies and Spectacles Conference
Erin O’Brien Leads a Workshop
Spring 2007 Courses

Course offerings are subject to change. For updates, visit: http://courses.uiuc.edu/cis/schedule/urbana/2007/Spring/.

*AAS 100: Intro to Asian American Studies (3 hrs)
Students must register for one discussion and one lecture section.
» CRN 30106 lecture 11:00 AM-11:50 AM TR (Koshy, S)
» CRN 30107 discussion-recitation 02:00 PM-02:50 PM R (Lam, K)
» CRN 41729 discussion-recitation 03:30 PM-04:20 PM R (Lam, K)
» CRN 43832 discussion-recitation 09:00 AM-09:50 AM F (Kim, H)

*AAS 120: Intro to Asian American Popular Culture (3 hrs)
» CRN 46336 lecture-discussion 09:00 AM-10:20 AM TR (Ngo, F)

*AAS 199: Undergrad Open Seminar (1-5 hrs)
This course may be repeated to a maximum of 6 credit hours.
» CRN 43718 lecture-discussion (3 hrs) 01:00 PM-02:20 PM MW Topic: Asian American Historical Experiences (Cruz, A)
» CRN 44272 lecture-discussion (3 hrs) 12:00 PM-02:50 PM T Topic: Asian American Communities (Kwon, S)
» CRN 45369 lecture-discussion (3 hrs) 03:00 PM-04:20 PM TR Topic: Muslims in America (Rana, J)

*AAS 224: Asian American Historical Sociology (3 hrs)
» CRN 44803 lecture 01 11:00 AM-12:20 PM TR (Jeong, D)

*AAS 260: Intro Asian American Theatre (3 hrs)
» CRN 40136 lecture-discussion A 01:00 PM-02:20 PM MW (Lee, E)

*AAS 281: Constructing Race in America (3 hrs)
» CRN 40114 lecture A 10:00 AM-11:20 AM TR (Lang, C; Esch, E)

*AAS 290: Individual Study (2-3 hrs)
Prerequisite: AAS 100.
» CRN 10027 independent study ARRANGED
» CRN 44097 lecture-discussion A1 03:30 PM-04:50 PM MW Topic: Race and Mixed-Race: Changing Racial Classification in the U.S. (Dowl- ing, J)

*AAS 291: Hinduism in the United States (3 hrs)
Prerequisite: RLST 104 or RLST 286 or consent of instructor. This section is for Chancellor’s Scholars; others may only enroll with the permission of the instructor and the Campus Honors Program.
» CRN 46097 lecture-discussion RP 09:00 AM-10:20 AM MW (Pandharipande, R)

*AAS 310: Race and Cultural Diversity (4 hrs)
Prerequisite: Completion of campus Composition I general education requirement. Students must register for one discussion and one lecture section.
» CRN 35069 discussion-recitation 02:00 PM-03:50 PM R (Instructor TBA)
» lecture 02:00 PM-03:50 PM T (Anderson, J)
» CRN 33071 discussion-recitation 02:00 PM - 03:50 PM R (instructor TBA)
» lecture 02:00 PM - 03:50 PM T (Anderson, J)

*AAS 365: Asian American Media and Film (3 hrs)
Prerequisite: Any AAS course at the 100 or 200 level, or consent of instructor.
» CRN 46462 lecture-discussion 09:00 AM-10:20 AM; 05:00 PM-06:20 PM M (Nakamura, L)

*AAS 450: Asian American Ethnic Groups (3 or 4 hrs)
Students may register in more than one section per term if topics vary. Prerequisite: Any AAS course at the 100 or 200 level or consent of instructor.
» CRN 40585 lecture-discussion (4 hrs G) T 09:50 AM-11:00 AM Topic: Korean Americans (Abelmann, N)
» CRN 39533 lecture-discussion (3 hrs U) T 09:50 AM-11:00 AM Topic: Korean Americans (Abelmann, N)
» CRN 46470 lecture-discussion (4 hrs G) MW 03:00 PM-04:20 PM Topic: Japanese Americans (Lee, S)
» CRN 46469 lecture-discussion (3 hrs U) MW 03:00 PM-04:20 PM Topic: Japanese Americans (Lee, S)

*AAS 470: Asian American Psychology (3 hrs)
This course is only open to undergraduates this semester.
» CRN 44233 lecture AU3 09:00 AM-10:15 AM TR (Saw, A)

*AAS 490: Adv Topics in Asian American Studies (3-4 hrs)
Students may register in more than one section per term if topics vary. Prerequisite: AAS 100 or any Asian American Studies course, or consent of instructor.
» CRN 39548 (4 hrs G) lecture-discussion 03:00 PM-05:50 PM W Topic: Trans Bodies and Politics (Ngo, F)
» CRN 40650 (3 hrs U) lecture-discussion 03:00 PM-05:50 PM W Topic: Trans Bodies and Politics (Ngo, F)
» CRN 30109 (4 hrs G) lecture-discussion 04:00 PM-06:50 PM W Topic: Eating the Other: Food, Race & Bodies (Manalansan, M)
» CRN 30110 (4 hrs U) lecture-discussion 04:00 PM-06:50 PM W Topic: Eating the Other: Food, Race & Bodies. (Manalansan, M)

*AAS 590: Asian Am Studies Seminar (4 hrs)
May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.
» CRN 46558 lecture-discussion 05:00 PM - 07:50 PM T Topic: Race and Cultural Critique (Rana, J)
» CRN 46370 lecture-discussion 01:00 PM - 03:50 PM T Topic: Rhetoric, Race, and Media (Ono, K)
» CRN 46476 lecture-discussion 03:30 PM - 06:00 PM W Topic: Women of color feminism (Cacho, L)
» CRN 46476 lecture-discussion 03:30 PM - 06:00 PM W Topic: Women of color feminism (Cacho, L)
» CRN 46471 lecture-discussion 01:00 PM - 03:50 PM R Topic: Asian/ American Cultural Studies (Nguyen, M)
» CRN 46963 lecture-discussion 01:00 PM - 03:50 PM W Topic: Representation and Race in Educational Research (Pak, Y)
» CRN 47022 lecture-discussion 02:00 PM - 04:50 PM M Topic: Race, Gender and Performance (Wong, Y)

* Indicates that course satisfies one or more General Education criteria.
Visit: http://webtools.uiuc.edu/cis/gened/AdvancedSearch for more information.
THE JEFFREY S. TANAKA RESEARCH GRANT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Asian American Studies Program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is pleased to announce the availability of several graduate student research grants. The grants are designed to assist graduate students with their research in areas directly relating to Asian American studies.

Application Deadline: Please submit application by Friday, January 19, 2007.

THE CLARK CUNNINGHAM UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY AWARD

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 Ceremony held during the Spring 2007 semester.

Applications and relevant documents are due February 9, 2007.

Please visit [http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu/newsawards.html](http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu/newsawards.html) for more details about submitting applications.
Position Announcement

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

The African American Studies and Research Program (AASRP) and the Asian American Studies Program (AASP) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) invite applications for a full-time tenure-track assistant professor position in both African American and Asian American Studies.

The successful candidate will be a social scientist conducting comparative and synthetic research across Asian American Studies and the African American Studies areas. AASRP and AASP are particularly interested in candidates who specialize in the area of applied sociology but are also interested in scholars whose research crosses the social sciences more broadly. Possible areas of specialization include: urban studies, applied racialized community research, labor studies, comparative racial studies, social work, action or policy research, and community and political activism.

Applicants will hold a Ph.D. by start date of August 16, 2007. Salary would be competitive within the disciplines.

Applicants should send a cover letter explaining teaching and research interests, a c.v., evidence of teaching excellence, three letters of recommendation, and writing sample to:

African American Studies and Asian American Studies Search Committee
African American Studies and Research Program
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1201 W. Nevada Street
Urbana, IL  61801

Full consideration will be given to applications received by December 1, 2006.

For further information on the African American Studies and Research Program, please visit: http://www.aasrp.uiuc.edu/home/default.html. For further information on the Asian American Studies Program, please visit: http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is an AA/EOE with a strong institutional commitment to achieving excellence through diversity.
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

The Asian American Studies Program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) seeks two post-doctoral fellows for the 2007-2008 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, postdoctoral 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.

The stipend for 2007-2008 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 July 16, 2007. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed their degrees in the past five years. Both postdoctoral fellowships will begin on August 16, 2007, are for one year, and are non-renewable.

To apply, candidates should submit four collated application packets. Each packet 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:

Postdoc 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 2, 2007. For further information, contact the Asian American Studies Program at (217) 244-9530 or http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is an AA/EOE with a strong institutional commitment to achieving excellence through diversity.
Program Accomplishments

Diem-My Bui, Ph.D. Candidate of Communications Research and Graduate Research Assistant of Asian American Studies, presented “Bodies of Experience: Dialogues with Vietnamese American Artists” at the Congress on Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 2006.

Jennifer Chung, Ph.D. Candidate of Educational Policy Studies and Graduate Student Representative of Asian American Studies; and Kevin Lam, Ph.D. Student of Educational Policy Studies and Instructor of Asian American Studies, presented at the American Educational Studies Association (AESA) conference in Spokane, WA, from November 1-5, 2006. They participated on a panel called “Asian American Education.” Chung presented a paper on “Teaching/Learning ‘Culture’ in Student Organizations: A Case Study of the Korean American Student Association” and Lam’s paper was titled “Critical Theory of Racism and Asian Americans.”

Adrian Cruz, Ph.D. Candidate of Sociology, presented “The Ladder of Racial Preferences and Its Function: The Failure to Create Interracial Labor Unionism in California Agriculture, 1933-1939” at the annual conference of the Social Science History Association on November 3, 2006, in Minneapolis. He also presented an earlier version of this paper at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Montreal in August 2006.

Manisha Desai, Associate Professor of Sociology, is President-Elect of Sociologists for Women in Society.

Susan Koshy, Associate Professor of English and Asian American Studies, received the 2005 Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award for her book Sexual Naturalizations: Asian Americans and Miscegenations (2005, Stanford University Press).

Martin F. Manalansan IV, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Asian American Studies, has been elected co-chair of the Society of Gay and Lesbian Anthropologists and as board member of the Association of Feminist Anthropologists.

Sumi Okazaki, Associate Professor of Psychology, has been appointed as an Advisory Board member of the American Psychological Association’s Minority Fellowship Program.

Kent A. Ono, Director and Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of Communications Research, completed his term as Interim Director of the Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society. He gave an invited talk at Purdue University titled “Lessons Learned: Asian American Studies in the Midwest” on November 10, 2006.

Yoon K. Pak, Associate Professor of Educational Policy Studies, is co-editor of the History of Education Quarterly. Visit http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/hes/publications.htm for more information.

Sarah Park, Ph.D. Student of Library and Information Sciences and Graduate Assistant of Asian American Studies, received a scholarship to attend a study abroad program “Information Studies in the Republic of Korea” through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s School of Information Studies at Ewha Women’s University during the summer. She presented “My Family is Forever: Korean Adoptees and the Construction of Multiracial Families” at the Youth Literature Interest Group Allerton Conference: Family, Youth, and Literature at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in October 2006. She was also awarded scholarships from the Korean American Scholarship Foundation and the Korean Embassy.
Contribute to Excellence

The Asian American Studies Program (AAS) at UIUC is primarily funded by public funds provided by the State of Illinois and tuition revenue. AAS relies on alumni, friends, and supporters to maintain its strong and expansive educational mission to work toward future growth. AAS is committed to expanding the traditions of knowledge within academia to address Asian American epistemologies, activities, and experiences.

Financial contributions to AAS support our efforts to fulfill our mission and to complete projects that would otherwise be beyond the means of a public university budget. Two funds in particular help support student work. These are: The Jeffrey S. Tanaka Award, an award supporting graduate student research in Asian American Studies and The Clark Cunningham Undergraduate Essay Award, an award recognizing undergraduate research in Asian American Studies.

We welcome your support and consider any and every contribution an act of generosity helping us to build an enriching environment for students on the UIUC campus. In addition to supporting AAS, each contribution is also counted as a donation to the University of Illinois. Your company may have a matching gift program that could double or even triple the amount of your contribution. Your own generous contribution can have an even greater impact on the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Illinois. Please make all checks payable to: UIF/Asian American Studies Program. Mail checks to: University of Illinois Foundation, P.O. Box 3429, Champaign, IL 61826-9916.

Thank you for your support!

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Asian American Studies Program
University of Illinois Foundation
Harker Hall MC-386
1305 W. Green Street
Urbana, IL 61801
This is a gift from:

Name

Address

City State Zip
e-mail

[ ] This is a joint gift.

YES I would like to support the Asian American Studies Program (330053).

[ ] Enclosed is my gift of:

[ ] $500  [ ] $250  [ ] $100  [ ] Other $______

[ ] I authorize the U of I Foundation to collect my gift of $______ through the credit card checked

[ ] Visa  [ ] Mastercard  [ ] Discover Novus  [ ] American Express

Card #__________________________  Exp. Date__________

Signature___________________________________________

Send to: University of Illinois Foundataion
P.O. Box 3429
Champaign, IL 61826-9916

Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Please return this card with your gift. Thank you!

SM9JF/3303