

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

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### Message from the Vice Provost

With the start of the spring quarter, new activities are abloom as we advance research for social justice. We hope that you can join us, whether in-person or online, and we thank you for your continuing support and partnership.

David K. Yoo  
Vice Provost & Professor



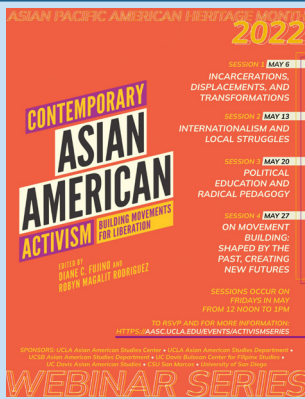
### Professor Kyle Mays, author of “An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States,” (Beacon Press, 2021) was the inaugural speaker of the Celebrate Us Speaker Series.

An assistant professor of History, American Indian Studies, and African American Studies, Mays spoke about the relationship between the Black Power and Red Power movements in the context of settler colonialism and white supremacy. You can watch it in its entirety here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ac2cBefnN4>.



**Left:** Cheryl L. Keyes (Chair, Department of African American Studies)

**Right:** Kyle T. Mays, speaking on “Afro-Indigenous Relations from Black and Red Power to Contemporary Popular Culture,” on February 28, 2022.



### “Contemporary Asian American Activism: Building Movements for Liberation” An Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Webinar Series Fridays in May 2022, 12 Noon to 1:00 PM

Bringing together grassroots organizers and scholar-activists, Contemporary Asian American Activism presents lived experiences of the fight for transformative justice and offers lessons to ensure the longevity and sustainability of organizing and inspire continued mobilization for coming generations.

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### Amerasia Journal publishes special issue on Critical Refugee Studies

The latest special issue of *Amerasia Journal* features the expanding field of Critical Refugee Studies. Guest edited by Yen Lê Espiritu (University of California, San Diego) – one of the co-founders of the Critical Refugee Studies Collective – and Lila Sharif (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), the special issue sheds light on the fundamental interests and questions that the field addresses, while branching out into new avenues of inquiry.

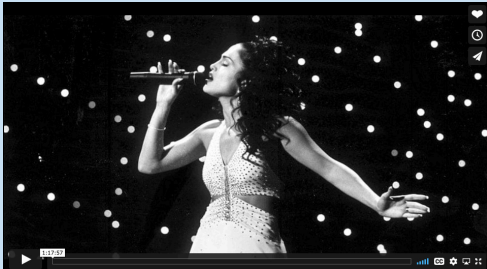
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**California Freedom Summer (CFS) to engage UCLA undergraduate students in understanding and promoting youths’ civic leadership**

Through university-community partnerships, CFS, a research project led by CSRC director Veronica Terriquez, will place trained UCLA students as Summer 2022 interns and action researchers in 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations to mentor other young leaders, conduct voter education, and support grassroots campaigns. The American Indian Studies Center, Asian American Studies Center, and Bunche Center for African American Studies are co-sponsors.

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**Event recording: “Celebrating Bruin Filmmakers: A Conversation with Recent National Film Registry Inductees” (January 18, 2022)**



To celebrate the presence of UCLA Bruins on the 2021 list of National Film Registry inductees, May Hong HaDuong, director of the UCLA Film and Television Archive, and Chon Noriega, distinguished UCLA professor of Film, Television and Digital Media and former director of the CSRC, hosted a virtual conversation with filmmakers and UCLA alumni Moctesuma Esparza, Sylvia Morales, and Gregory Nava, as well as Renee Tajima-Peña, UCLA professor of Asian American Studies.

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**California’s reparations task force in partnership with the Bunche Center for African American Studies**



Dr. Safiya U. Noble, UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry

The California reparations task force in partnership with the Bunche Center will host sessions this summer to hear from Black Californians about how the legacy of slavery has affected their lives and what reparations would be most meaningful. UCLA Gender Studies and African American Studies professor, Safiya U. Noble, previously testified about discrimination in technology to the task force and said, “African American employees are often then subject to racism within their workplace and, in some instances, pushed out for doing the very work they were hired to do.”

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**April 2022 Events**

- AASC Fri., April 8, 12–1:30 PM *Amerasia Journal* Special Issue Celebration on Critical Refugee Studies, [RSVP](#)
- CSRC Wed., April 13, 7–9 PM The Sounds of East LA and the Chicano Movement, [RSVP](#)
- Bunche Mon., April 18, 5–6 PM Thurgood Marshall Lecture: The Honorable Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General, [RSVP](#)
- [AISC](#) Tues., April 19, 2 PM Afternoon talk with Native American Cartoonist: Marty Two-Bulls and Ricardo Cate
- CSRC Thurs., April 21, 3–4 PM L.A. Social Movements: New Research by UCLA Postdoctoral Scholars in Ethnic Studies, [RSVP](#)
- [AISC](#) Tues., April 26, 12 PM Emily Johnson: Land and An Architecture of the Overflow
- AASC Tues., April 26, 4–6 PM “Archipelago of Resettlement: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers and Decolonization across Guam and Israel-Palestine,” Book talk with Eryn Lê Espiritu Gandhi, [RSVP](#)
- AASC Fri & Sat, April 29-30, 9–4 Teaching for Justice Conference for K-12 Educators  
A Spotlight On Teaching Asian American Studies Across the Curriculum, [RSVP](#)
- [AASC](#) Fri., April 29, Time TBA Sa-I-Gu, Los Angeles Riots/Uprising 30 Years Later Program
- [AASC](#) Sat., April 30, 2 PM “Border Less” Book Talk with Namrata Poddar
- AASC Friday’s in May, 12–1 PM “Contemporary Asian American Activism: Building Movements for Liberation,” An Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Webinar Series, [RSVP](#)

