



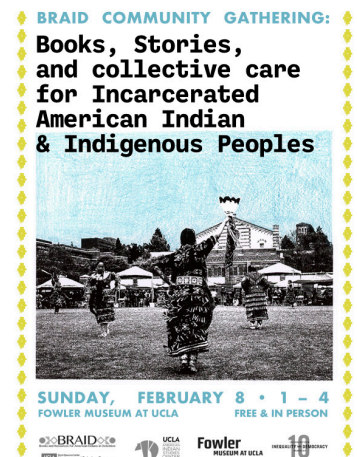
Message from the Vice Provost

During these challenging times for higher education, our centers remained fully engaged, as evidenced by the sample of events taking place during the spring quarter that we hope you will be able to join. It helps that we have been at this work for nearly sixty years, but of course, we go it not alone but with the strength that comes from partnerships with our community-based colleagues, alumni and friends.

Best wishes,
David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor

AISC hosts inaugural BRAID Book Drive

On February 8, 2026, the American Indian Studies Center hosted the inaugural BRAID Book Drive and Fundraiser at the Fowler Museum supporting incarcerated American Indian and Indigenous relatives. The program featured an opening prayer, music and dance, resource booths, and a panel conversation on incarceration of American Indians. 150 people were in attendance and over 800 books were donated.



Reclaiming Our Narrative: Presenting Foundations and Futures

Foundations and Futures is a bold new multimedia textbook that places Asian American and Pacific Islander experiences at the heart of the American story. Developed by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, it is the most comprehensive collection ever published online, freely accessible to high school and college students and the general public. Featuring 50 chapters written by leading scholars, journalists, and community historians, the textbook highlights over 20 AAPI communities across the United States, its territories, and the Pacific. With 1,500+ media assets plus over 250 ready-to-use lesson plans for grades 9–14, it turns classrooms into powerful spaces for empathy, critical thinking, and social transformation.

Register for **Reclaiming Our Narrative: Presenting Foundations and Futures** on May 9, 2026, 10 AM–3 PM, at the UCLA Meyer and Renee Luskin Conference Center. Get your tickets at bit.ly/40LTtT3



Professor Alex Wang Appointment to the Walter & Shirley Wang Endowed Chair in U.S.-China Relations and Communications

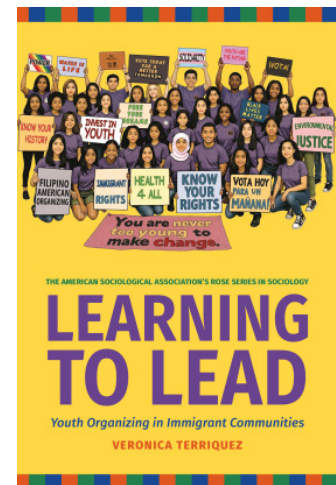
The Walter and Shirley Wang endowed chair focused on both U.S.-China relations and Communications was created through the generosity of philanthropists and business leaders Walter and Shirley Wang in 2008. Walter Wang is president and chief executive officer of JM Eagle, the world's largest plastic pipe manufacturer. Shirley Wang, who graduated from UCLA in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies, is CEO of Plastpro, a leading manufacturer of fiberglass doors and home products. "I am honored to be the next holder of the Wang Endowed Chair. Through their funding of this chair, Walter and Shirley Wang are supporting research and programming in an area – US-China relations – that could not be more important to the future of the globe." - Prof. Wang



L to R: Shirley Wang, Alex Wang, Karen Umemoto

Terriquez releases book on youth organizing in immigrant communities

Learning to Lead: Youth Organizing in Immigrant Communities (Russell Sage Foundation, 2026) by Veronica Terriquez, CSRC director and professor of Chicana/o and Central American studies and urban planning, is now available in print and online. The book examines how nonprofit youth organizing groups strengthen young people's ability to lead grassroots campaigns and mobilize voters. This research helped lay the foundation for the [California Freedom Summer Participatory Action Research Project](#) at the CSRC, which is training more than 150 students across the UC system and select community colleges in data collection and strategies for amplifying the voices of young residents alongside nearly fifty nonpartisan community organizations across California.



Latina Futures participates in Latina History Day conference

In March, the [Latina Futures 2050 Lab](#), a research initiative spearheaded by the CSRC in collaboration with the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Institute, participated in the 35th annual [Latina History Day](#), a conference organized by Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE). This full-day event, which took place in downtown Los Angeles, brought together approximately one thousand women from across the United States and from a wide range of professions. Latina Futures sponsored ["Unlocking Possibility: Care, Labor, and the Pursuit of Wellness,"](#) a panel that explored the invisible labor that Latinas provide, from shouldering essential yet underrecognized work such as caring for families and strengthening communities to providing leadership in workplaces where Latinas are in the minority. CSRC director Veronica Terriquez was a featured speaker.



2026 State of Black California Policy Conference

The UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies hosted the 2026 State of Black California Policy Conference on April 10, 2026, in partnership with the California Legislative Black Caucus. This event convened 230 guests at the UCLA Luskin Conference Center for a day of policy discussions related to Black communities across the State of CA. A mix of community-based organizations, elected officials, policy makers, business leaders, students and faculty were in the audience.



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