

Fall 2024 Newsletter

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Message from the Vice Provost



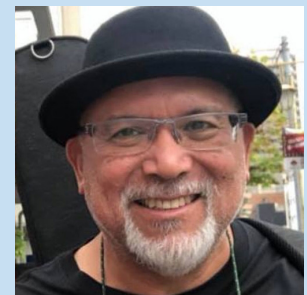
I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well during challenging times. Our centers, borne out of struggle, continue justice work in solidarity with our partners on campus and in our respective communities. We hope that you may be able to join us for the programs listed here, and sending best wishes.

David K. Yoo
Vice Provost & Professor

AISC welcomes Professor Vince Diaz as the Associate Director for Engagement

Originally from the Pacific Island region of Micronesia, Vince brings 30 years of engaged, interdisciplinary scholarship and program/community-building to the center and to the department. He is an award-winning leader in the fields of Pacific Islands Studies and Critical and Comparative Indigenous Studies and comes to UCLA from the University of Minnesota.

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"Asian American Voter Access in LA County: In-language Ballot Use, Voter Experiences and Effectiveness of Voter Outreach"

A new AASC policy initiative report, "Asian American Voter Access in Los Angeles County," co-authored by Professor Natalie Masuoka (UCLA), Professor Nathan Chan (Loyola Marymount University), and Executive Director Nancy Yap (Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment) was released at the CAUSE pre-event Summer Soiree. The study offers insights into what the experience of casting a ballot is like for Asian Americans in Los Angeles County and the extent to which they find voting services useful.

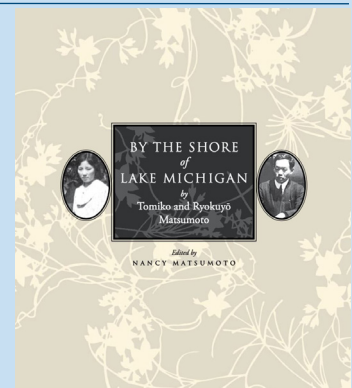
The report is now available: <https://www.aasc.ucla.edu/resources/AAVoterAccessLACounty882024.pdf>
View the report launch presentation at: <https://www.causeusa.org/asian-american-voter-access-report>



By the Shore of Lake Michigan, a translation of WWII-era Japanese concentration camp poetry, recovers the lost voices of Japanese immigrants

By the Shore of Lake Michigan, Tomiko and Ryokuyo Matsumoto's collection of Japanese tanka poetry, is now accessible to English-language readers for the first time. The volume offers a rare look into the inner lives of an often-overlooked generation during the most difficult period of their lives. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.aasc.ucla.edu/news/bytheshoreoflakemichigan.aspx>



Save the date for the UCLA Black Convocation

The UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center, Department of African American Studies, and Black Bruin Resource Center (BBRC) warmly invites you to connect with Black students, professors, staff, and alumni during our annual Black Convocation: **Monday, October 28th from 5:00-7:00pm in UCLA Covel Commons**. Please contact Mike Brown, Interim Director of Black Bruin Resource Center (BBRC) for more information: mbrown@ori.ucla.edu

Thriving Youth Study Data Presented in Oxnard

On October 8, CSRC director Veronica Terriquez presented findings from the CSRC's [Thriving Youth Study](#) to the Oxnard City Council. As documented in [four newly published reports](#), Terriquez shared data highlighting the challenges and barriers facing young adults in Oxnard and argued that addressing these obstacles is not only key to empowering the next generation but also vital for the long-term prosperity of the entire community. [Watch a video of the presentation here.](#)



Latina Lesbian Lineage Exhibition on View

The [Latina Futures 2050 Lab](#) presents [Latina Lesbian Lineage](#), an exhibition highlighting the historical narratives of changemakers Laura M. Esquivel, Elena I. Popp, and Yolanda Retter Vargas. The exhibit utilizes materials from CSRC archival collections and is on display through Fall Quarter in the CSRC Library, 144 Haines, and hallway vitrine.

UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Library
Presents

Latina Lesbian Lineage



144 Haines Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095
Thursday, September 26 - Friday, December 13, 2024

Gold Shield sponsors four summer undergraduate internships

Each of the four ethnic studies center received sponsorship from Gold Shield for an undergraduate student to complete a summer internship with a community partner in advancing equity, inclusion, and social justice. Gold Shield interns for summer 2024 were Vivian Nguyen (AAPI Force - Asian Pacific Network), Anjeliq Pinn (InterTribal Court of Southern California), Divine Oludimu (Community Coalition), and Anthony Cornejo (Imperial Valley Equity Justice Coalition).



IAC Fall Forum on Tuesday, October 22, 3-4 PM (PST) (Zoom)

You are invited to the UCLA Institute of American Cultures (IAC) annual Fall Forum, featuring 2024-25 Postdoctoral Scholars at UCLA's four ethnic studies centers. Featured speakers will be interviewed by faculty experts, followed by a live Q&A.

Topics include:

- Forestry and its Environmental Impacts in Chile: Experiences from the Mapuche Community
- Sikh Media: Sovereignty, Religion, and Race
- Creating Pathways for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education: The Role of Undergraduate Research
- Cultivating Learning Environments for Adolescents' Critical Race Consciousness

Register to receive Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3BqRkxX>